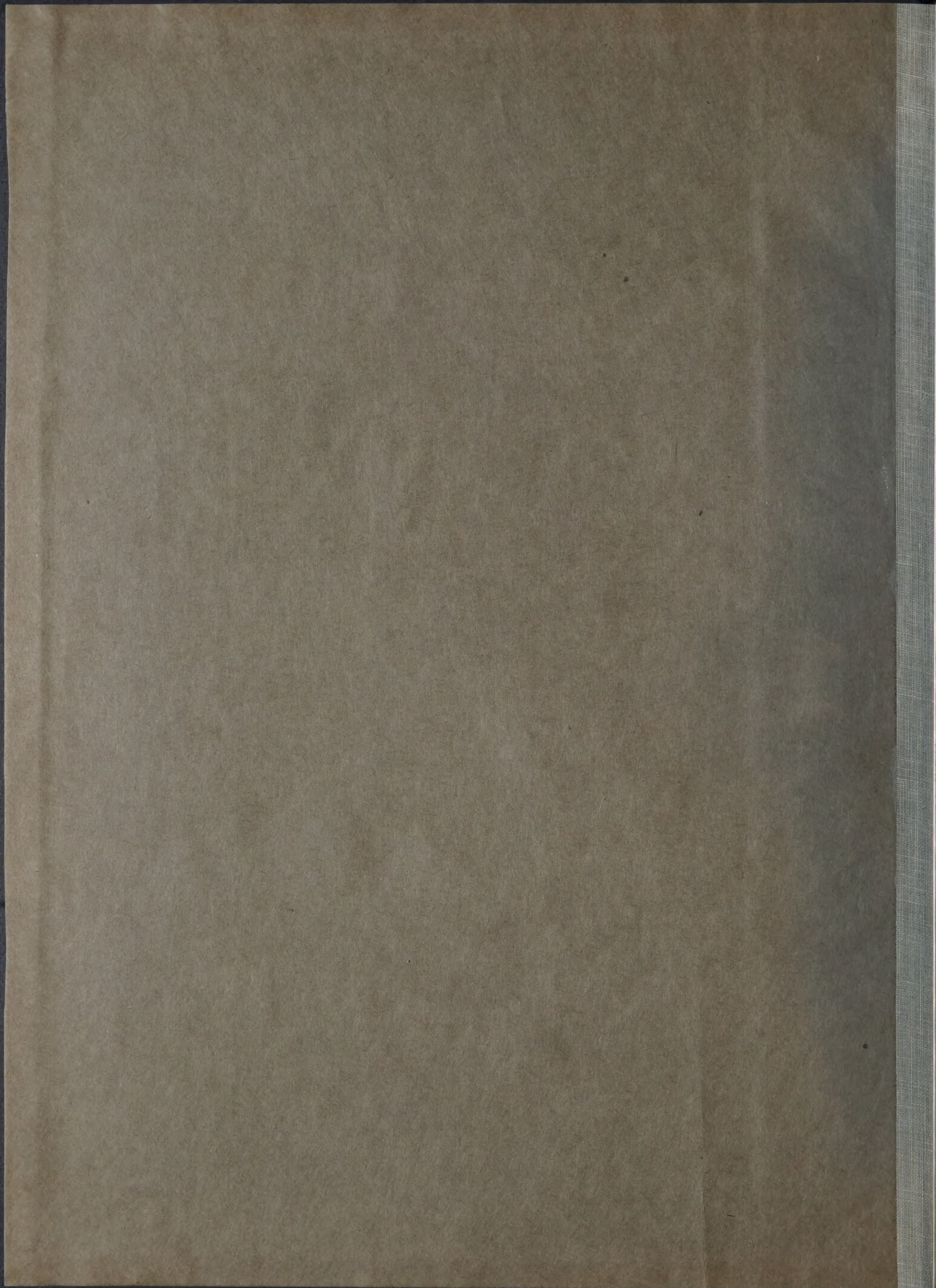
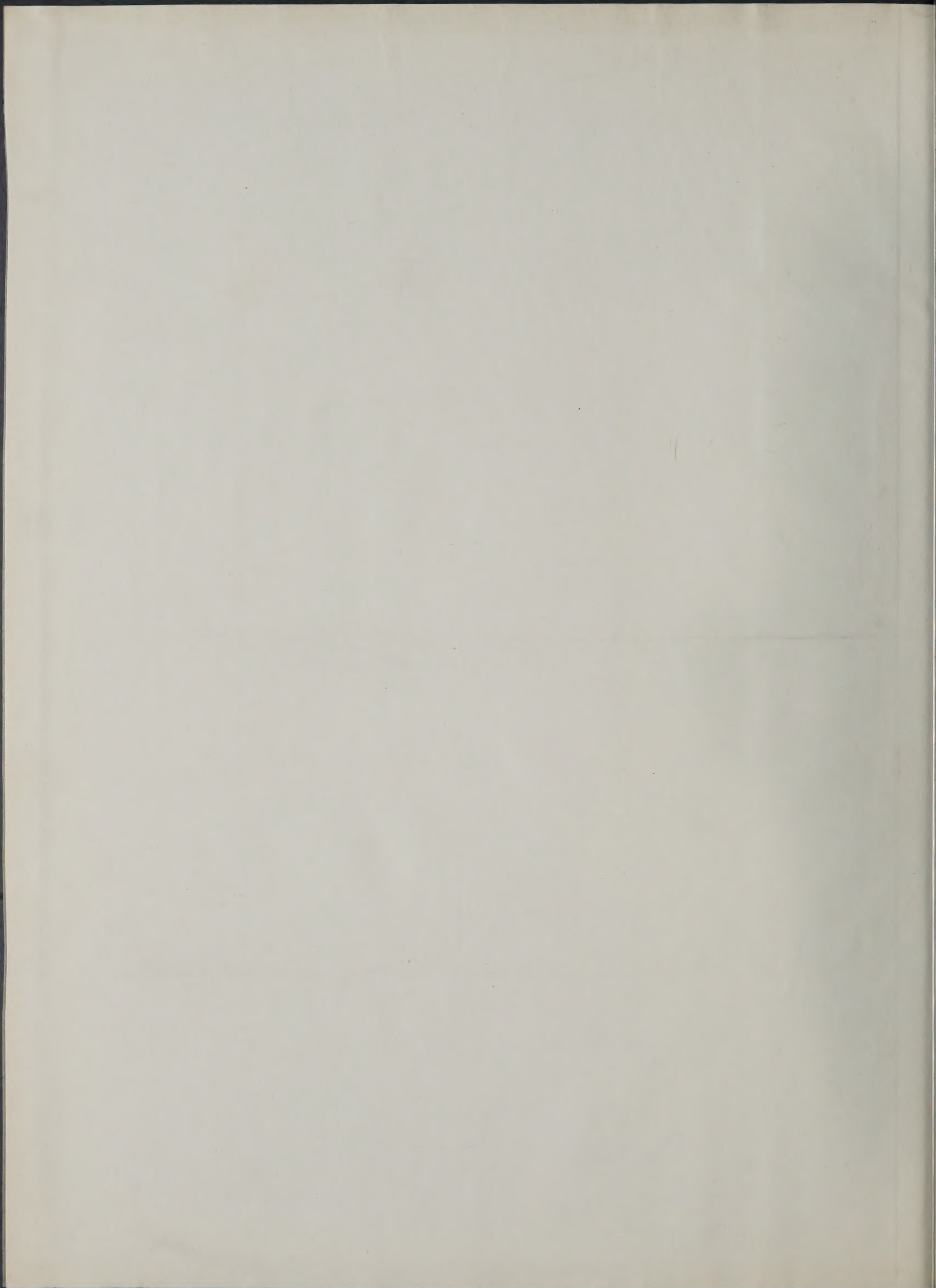


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U. S. CIVIL WAR REVENUES

A Discussion of the Inverted Heads Accompanied By Condensed
Historical and Price Data

By Henry L. Dean, 149 Broadway, New York City.



THE personal responses induced
by my article in the March
22nd issue of MEKEEL'S
dealing with the great rarities
amongst the multiple im-
perforate revenue pieces of
the Civil War Period having indicated
a widespread interest in the general sub-
ject, I am prompted by numerous re-
quests for additional data to extend the
scope of the work, and feel that at the
moment a brief discussion of the invert
errors will be timely and, it is hoped, in-
teresting and instructive.

Twenty-one in number (limiting each
of the 4 values of the Proprietaries to a
single paper variety as will subsequently
be noted in detail), these inverts embrace
ten values of the second issue docu-
mentary revenues, six of the third issue,
one of the fourth issue and four of the
special Proprietaries, all of these bicolor
stamps being engraved and printed by
the firm of Joseph R. Carpenter of
Philadelphia, who, succeeding Butler and
Carpenter, held the Government contracts
for supplying all Revenue stamps up to
August 31, 1875. Two plates were re-
quired for each value, one for the frame,
printed in permanent color, another for
the head, printed in fugitive soluble black,
the resultant stamp in conjunction with
the herringbone or die cancellation being de-
signed to largely eliminate washing and
criminal re-use activities of the period.
Obviously errors chargeable to hurried
production, carelessness or intent are
possible in any of these stamps, but great
care must have been exercised at the
Carpenter establishment if we may judge
by the almost negligible quantity of all
values of the inverts combined.

Almost half of these stamps can, on
the basis of numbers available, imme-
diately be placed in company with the
long recognized classic postage rarities
of the world, such as first type Mauritius,
the Hawaiian Missionaries, early British
Guiana, Moldavia and Cape wood block
"errors" while other desirable items like
the Trinacria, double Geneva, 4c Vaud,
and 12p Canada offer no comparison in
point of scarcity. Consequently it can
be easily understood that as a group
these inverts form by far the most im-
portant section of a Revenue collection,
especially as space is provided for the
stamps in the printed albums of the U. S.
and the true general collector of means

omits nothing. Possibly it is here ap-
propriate to note that an absolutely
complete Revenue collection of the
imperforate and perforate singles of the
Civil War period to 1881 can be formed
at a cost just about 30% of the outlay
necessitated by a fine set of inverts if
the latter could be procured. It seems a
curious fact therefore that no exhaustive
study has been given to this interesting
group; no accurate determination made
of relative rarity of the various values
and apparently no particular interest
shown by the compilers of the standard
catalog for over a quarter of a century.

With this thought in mind the follow-
ing notes and comments are presented
after much research work and compila-
tion of the contents of over twenty-five
collections, although the writer is con-
fident that much remains to be accom-
plished and earnestly solicits information
from any who are in a position to con-
tribute their chapter to a very worthy
but long neglected cause. Meanwhile
thanks are extended to all those Revenue
collectors throughout the country who
have kindly advised concerning their
holdings and to those dealers who have
supplied records of earlier transactions.

Reference herein to the current cata-
log is understood to apply to the 1926
edition, and sale price records as noted
are for fine copies.

Schedule of Rarity and Recent Sales Prices

Degree or Rarity	Invert.	Last Sold by	Price
1	4c Prop. (violet)	E. Stern	\$2,500.
2	3c Prop. (violet)	W. H. Colson	1,500.
3	15c 3rd issue	W. H. Colson	1,250.
4	\$2.50 3rd issue	J. C. Morgenthau	975.
5	\$1.00 2nd issue (unpunched)	No recent record	.....
6	20c 2nd issue	H. L. Dean	775.
7	25c 2nd issue	P. H. Ward	750.
8	2c Prop. (green)	H. L. Dean	440.
9	\$1.00 3rd issue	W. H. Colson	400.
10	5c 3rd issue	H. L. Dean	315.
11	70c 2nd issue	E. Stern	200.
12	1c Prop. (violet)	P. H. Ward	220.
13	5c 2nd issue	W. H. Colson	100.
14	\$5.00 2nd issue	P. G. Doane	150.
15	2c 2nd issue	W. H. Colson	85.
16	10c 2nd issue	J. C. Morgenthau	79.
17	1c 2nd issue		
18	30c 3rd issue		
19	50c 2nd issue		
20	2c (green) 4th issue		
21	2c (violet) 3rd issue		

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#72, fine unused	..	11.00	
Great Britain—1 1/2p lilac-rose	15.00	12.50	
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Serbia—1p, #2a, very fine O. G.	10.00	5.00	
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number of "regular" stamps of each value which were issued is likewise included as an item of general interest, although having no relation whatever to the number of inverts.

The 1c Blue and Black

No. of stamps per sheet,	210
Total number issued,	319,830

Although the total number of regular stamps of this value issued was less than others of the second series of which inverted errors are known, except the 70c and \$5.00, the 1c Invert is far more commonly met with than any except the 50c and it is correctly placed as the fifth commonest of the entire invert group. Originally priced at \$10.00 the quotation advanced from \$15.00 to \$70.00 in the twenty years preceding 1925, being then badly out of line with the 2c, 5c, 10c and 20c Inverts and reduced to the current level which is however, high enough for the finest copy procurable. Still it is more than 20 times as rare as the 1p "Sydney Views" (catalogued at the same level) and actual auction price levels indicate a ratio of about 4½ to 3 in favor of the revenue. The stamp is known in the extra perforation varieties and likewise in pairs, but the latter should not ordinarily command more than a very modest premium.

The 2c Blue and Black

No. of stamps per sheet,	210
Total number issued,	5,643,070

In the short space of the two months of September and October, 1871, over seventeen times as many 2c were issued as of the 1c value in five and one-half months, but inverted errors must have been few or many destroyed in the case of the 2c as it has always been rarer than the 10c of the same series, and very much scarcer than the 1c. For this reason the catalog rating has never been correct as since 1906 it has been priced either the same as or materially lower than the 1c. Many copies are badly off center, others cut or with faded medallions, but a bright perfect centered and uncanceled specimen is a real prize to the student and is worth \$100.

The 5c Blue and Black

No. of stamps per sheet,	170
Total number issued,	2,572,780

This value was issued only for a period of three and one-half months before replacement by the changed color of the third series and inverted errors must have been few judging by scarcity and uniformity in color. All copies seen by the writer have been somewhat off center, but many are not bad in this respect and as the stamp is frequently uncanceled and possesses a bright medallion it is very attractive. Up to 1917 it was priced about the same as the 1c value, although it is several times rarer, a really fine copy being worth \$150.00 today. It has been known in unsevered pairs, the separation of one such being recently recorded.

The 10c Blue and Black

No. of stamps per sheet,	170
Total number issued,	4,802,034

At least two sheets of this invert must have been issued as it consistently

occurs in two very marked shades, with no appreciable difference in relative scarcity. It is moderately common as far as any of these better stamps can be placed in such a class and can be found in any worth while revenue collection, but is rarer than several other revenues priced at about the same level. A superb specimen is worth \$75.00 to \$80.00. Uncanceled copies are not uncommon, although inspection of such specimens is likely to reveal in many cases the usual herringbone of the period. At least one pair is known.

The 20c Blue and Black

No. of stamps per sheet,	170
Total number issued,	628,761

Of all the Revenue inverts this stamp presents the best evidence of the absence of any serious pricing consideration of the revenue group for 20 years or more since it is as rare as either value of the "Post Office" Mauritius and as late as 1924 or 53 years after its issuance was priced at \$80.00. At the time the far commoner \$1.00 3rd issue stood at \$300.00, and the 25c blue and black, which is no rarer at \$600.00. Few revenue collections have ever been made that surpassed those of Jos. Leavy, Hiram Deats, J. R. Stanton and Wm. Washburn and in none of these was the 20c represented, although between them they possessed the 25c blue and black, the 15c and \$2.50 3rd issue, and the 3c and 4c Proprietary. It was during the period of activity of these gentlemen that the stamp ranged in list from \$17.50 to \$35.00. Three copies seen by the writer were all used in N. Y. C. dated Mar. 30, 1872, and are of deep full blue shade. Present values are reflected by the sale this year of the Lapham copy at \$600.00, although slightly thin, and the Ackerman copy at \$775.00.

(To be continued.)

A NEW PARIS STAMP STORY

Stamp collecting is a hobby of some Montmartre policemen, who politely strip the tourists' letters-from-home.

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Cancellations

A big burly elephant tying a 3c '61 to a piece of cover, or a Waterbury bee squarely on a 3c '69, or a New York false-face on a 3c 1871, are merely suggestions of what we have to offer. One of the oddest we have lately acquired is Clifton, Nev. Ter., forming a square around month and year date, all surrounded by a circle. This ties a 3c '61 to a nice cover. If you like County or year dated postmarks on the bank-note issues we have a fine lot of them. Or, if you choose clear-cut dated town cancellations on the 3c stamps of 1851 or 1857 we can send attractive selections. Let us know your wants. We can help to meet them.

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FAR AND NEAR:

W. M. T. KIEPURA, 4510 Manor Circle, Sioux City, Iowa, would like to hear from nearby collectors who desire information concerning the Sioux City Philatelic Society. The club meets once a week at the Public Library. It was organized only two months ago and now has thirteen members.

THROUGH Emil H. Swenson and the Chicago *Scottish Right Magazine*, we are informed that James H. Cook of the Scottish Right, residing in Carmel, Calif., is confined to his bed by reason of injuries received in the World War. He will welcome a shower of stamps from those who wish to extend this cheer.

THE Columbus (Ohio) Philatelic Club has re-elected its entire board of officers. W. R. Wilson is president and Ray Shepard, 809 Kelton Ave., is secretary-treasurer.

IN the Newark, N. J., *Evening News* of Saturday, Dec. 18, is a very fine stamp feature consisting of an interview with Sig. I. Rothschild of Freeport, L. I. The story is finely illustrated and is accompanied by a fine picture of Mr. Rothschild. Mr. Rothschild has made a collection solely from the educational viewpoint. It is alphabetically arranged, beginning with A, under which advertising, art, admirals, authors, agriculture, airport, architecture, astronomy, etc., may be found. Under B we find balloon post, under F fish, under H humor, L carries languages, and so on with varied subjects, such as sports, ships, scenery, mythology, monuments, statues, music, birds, religion.

JACK YOUNG sends us from China a complete set of revenues just issued by the Canton Government. The issue supplanted has been declared obsolete by the Revolutionary forces. Mr. Young advises that the 1½c post cards are not obsolete as was supposed, but it is difficult finding them in the post offices.

O. J. RICHARDSON, Eden, N. Y., is sending out a pricelist of stamps at wholesale. A wide range of offers in lots of ten are quoted at low prices. If you are a dealer send for a copy.

EUGENE KLEIN, 200 S. 13 St., Philadelphia, Pa., favors us with his 1927 pricelist of stamp albums, packets, catalog and supplies. It is a well printed booklet of sixteen pages and will be sent to any address upon request.

"IN reply to Mr. Applegate's query which appeared on the editorial page of December 13th issue, The L. S. Starrett Mfg. Co., of Athol, Mass., or the Brown & Sharpe Mfg. Co., of Providence, R. I., supply millimeter scales of various sizes which can be purchased at any hardware store that handle machinist tools or ordered direct. I have one about four inches long which I think cost less than a dollar. While on the subject, I have often wondered why some one had not taken up the matter of a steel perforation and millimeter scale. I think any manufacturer of machinist tools would

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Then there are the line rubber marks like "U. S. Army Postal Service No. 739," or the postmarks made in France, the 26mm town, with top legend U. S. ARMY POST OFFICE MPES, bottom legend postal number flanked by stars. Three line dating as follows: (1) star (2) day, dash, month number (3) year number, not century date, as 18 for 1918. Several types exist. Another type which one believes was made in England is a double circle townmark, 32mm and 20mm, with legend circling the entire outer ring, U. S. MILITARY POSTAL EXPRESS SERVICE—star. The inner circle is segmented equally, the first segment bearing the postal number, the second segment, the dating as "5 SEP 1918," the third segment is bare. Several machines were used with town legend U. S. ARMY M.P.E.S. and number of station.

Which all reminds one that our check list of A. E. F. postmarks is lost, and the only thing we read is about the Spanish-American War, Philippines Insurrection and Boer War censor marks.

And perhaps our friend collecting New York City postmarks will want to include the 25mm duplex grid with town legends "MILITARY STA. (1) No. 3 (2) GUANTANAMO (3) JUL 12 (4)—CUBA—(5) N. Y. P. O. (6)."

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R. C. FISHER, M. D., sends us a clipping from the Buffalo, N. Y., *Evening News*, giving the particulars of an interesting meeting of the local stamp club held Friday, Dec. 10. Leslie Davenport of Toronto addressed the club with an interesting account of the New York Philatelic Exhibition. Adolph Steeg is president of the club and read a paper on the advantages of stamp collecting.

RECENTLY we announced that Otto Weismann, Rotterdam, Holland, would send the new Charity stamps at 10% commission over face. We should have stated that this offer is confined to dealers only.

WE are indebted to Major Joseph A. Steinmetz for a timetable of the Pan-American flight which was slated for Dec. 15 and to continue through the month of April. We are unable to print the same because of lack of space, much

to our regret. Major General Patrick of the War Department has declined to accept mail, as the organization is not functioning for the carrying of mail matter.

WE thank Benj. Cadbury for two clippings. One gives the particulars of the Steinway-Clark postcard race around the world, while the other describes a Klein auction sale held Dec. 17 in Philadelphia. Special mention is made of the sale of a James M. Buchanan 5c, which brought \$400. A 90c 1869 U. S. brought \$81.50.

THE address of the State Stamp Co. was incorrectly printed Dec. 13 in our subscription record. It appeared "Manor, Pa." and should have read "New Kensington, Pa."

THE Philatelic Society of Pittsburgh with headquarters at the Hotel Henry elected officers for 1927, in connection with a recent banquet. This is the largest philatelic organization in Western Penn. and is one of the pioneer branches of the A. P. S. (organized in 1888). The features of the evening were talks on the great Stamp Exhibition and discussions on government engraving and printing. Officers for 1927: W. B. Hartman, Pres.; Dr. Kenneth M. Day, Vice Pres.; David Hahn, Sec.; Willard J. Reed, Treas.

THE Cincinnati Collectors Club had a splendid Christmas treat for its members Dec. 16. Santa Claus visited us and there were gifts galore for everybody from a fine Christmas tree. Each member receiving a gift was required to read a letter to Santa, who in turn gave over the present with a return letter, which also was read. There were forty-five members and six visitors present.

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(In order that our readers may see the
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British philatelist, we reprint from the "Stamp
Collectors' Fortnightly" the following comment
from Fred J. Melville. The article will be
perused with interest.—Ed.)

New York has made a big success of
its international stamp exhibition; it was
the second of these events held in the
United States, and the first since the war
and since Philately became the plaything
of the millionaires. Postage stamps are
small things for a land of big things, and
to bring them into line with American
ideals, the exhibition had to be on a large
scale. It eclipsed the London show of
1923 in magnitude and value, although
most of the finest exhibits were on view
on both occasions. There were upwards
of 650 separate exhibits, of a value esti-
mated at £2,000,000, and the huge sign
outside the Grand Central Palace an-
nouncing that there were a million stamps
on view was probably an under-estimate.
But in busy New York no one had time
to count them.

The affair was a millionaires' outing.
The biggest exhibits were those of the
kings and princes of finance and com-
merce, but they were just as merry as
schoolboys with their stamps, and worked
like niggers in their shirtsleeves to get
their exhibits set up in the show cases in
time for the opening. The handling of
their precious scraps of paper was not to
be entrusted to deputies. They like to
mount their album leaves in the frames,
and many a millionaire's thumb was sore
for the first time with pushing drawing
pins into hard backboards. I saw a lead-
ing banker carefully polishing the huge
sheets of glass that were destined to rest
ever so lightly on his treasures, fearful
lest the slightest smear should sully the
pristine freshness of his treasures. The
frames were far too large, double the
normal exhibit size, each taking 64 al-
bum leaves, but taxing the eyesight of
the visitor of average height.

SOME PRODIGIOUS COLLECTIONS

The organisers went all out to sell
philately to the plutocrats. They sent
special invitations to the exhibition to the
2,950 New Yorkers classified as million-
aires in "Boyd's List." Of little use to
show these visitors tiny scraps of printed
paper. They were only to be impressed
by big values and prodigious collections.
The predominant feature of the show
was the size of the individual exhibits.
A general collection belonging to Mr. W.
E. Hawkins, of New York, was limited
to four frames in the show, but there
were no fewer than seventy volumes of
the surplus to be inspected by the con-
scientious judges in their private room.
The stamps were unused and in fine con-
dition throughout, and it was well that
the exhibit received the high award of a
palm of honour in an exhibition where
nearly everything was intensively special-

ised. The general collection is still the
foundation of Philately.

At the other extreme was a study of
one stamp, the 3 cents red United States
in circulation from 1851-57. With his
historical collection of this one stamp,
Dr. Carroll Chase filled four frames and
twenty-three albums, supported in the
literature class with a monograph in
typescript—longer than a three-volume
novel—which represents the most elabo-
rate study ever made of a single stamp.
Dr. Chase got a palm of honour for his
collection and a silver-gold medal for his
monograph. A silver-gold medal, by the
way, is a silver medal with a rim of gold.

TRAPS FOR THE JUDGES

With scores of the exhibits running to
30, 60 and 100 volumes, the task before
the jury was a heavy one. Some ex-
hibitors evidently suspected that their al-
bums would not even be opened by the
judges. Hidden away in one of the forty
bulky albums sent in by one collector was
this artful note:

"Kindly read this page and remove this
slip when through judging."

Another had sewn some invisible
thread across the opening of his albums
to trap the judges if they did not con-
scientiously open every one of them.

There was one feature of the judging
which does not conform to British ideas.
Many of the principal awards went to
members of the jury, only the British
judges insisting that their own exhibits
should be classed *hors concours*. In the
result, the Grand Trophy of the Ex-
hibition, seven out of the twelve Palms
of Honour, eleven gold, four silver-gold,
and five silver medals were awarded to
the judges themselves.

THE GRAND TROPHY EXHIBIT

Where so many exhibits were of out-
standing merit it is impossible to enter
into many details. The collection singled
out for the Grand Trophy was Mr. Al-
fred F. Lichtenstein's Uruguay, compris-
ing a surprising store of rare early is-
sues of that country, and displaying much
original philatelic study. In the mysteri-
ous second type of the 60 centavos "Dili-
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stamp and on another were two copies on
entire letters. These two on letters were
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With the beginning of a new year, it is the custom to review the past twelve months and indulge in predictions for the future. One is on safe ground when the survey of the past is made, but when one assumes the role of seer, one flirts with fate. The philatelic prophet is a poor stick if he does not use the most glowing colors in painting the future; and, at times, his enthusiasm is betrayed by fact. We do not suppose that a philatelic editor ever said that a coming year would be other than prosperous for the followers of stamps and we have no quarrel with him, even though time proved that his hopeful words were belied as the months rolled on. If there is one abstract quality that enters largely into the considerations of all who are interested professionally in philately, it is hope; and the philatelic publicists are always dreaming of the time when philately will progress to a degree that will make stamp collecting a pre-eminent pursuit. There is no objection to this because we know that some of the promoters are unselfish in their devotion to stamps and are actuated by a wish to pass a good thing along. However, at times, the basis for complacent comment is intangible and the wish becomes the father of the thought, but notwithstanding all this, we say that the coming year will be the greatest that philately ever has known, based on increased activity in a collecting sense. We rest our case in support of this contention on the fact that the WEEKLY has reached a high-water mark in circulation.

Let us hark back over fifty years and quote from a prospectus that appeared in the *American Journal of Philately* of January 1, 1873, by its able editor, John Walter Scott, New York, who at that time had become well-established as the leading stamp dealer in this country: "We have now published seventy-two numbers, twelve of which were issued weekly, thirty-three have been illustrated with colored engravings of newly issued and scarce stamps. Twelve numbers have been reprinted in England, and all have been made as readable as

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circumstances would admit of. When we commenced to publish the *Journal*, it was our ambition to get a circulation of 10,000 copies, which we are sorry to say has never been realized; the highest number yet reached being 5,737, but with the improvements commenced in this volume, hope to pass the longed-for ten thousand early in the year." It is not necessary to say that the ten thousand circulation continued to be a mirage.

For a good many years, the WEEKLY has been interested in achieving a circulation of ten thousand copies each week; and it is now nearer that goal than ever before. It is true that we have printed over ten thousand copies at times and that the total number of papers for the year when divided by fifty-two would be an average of ten thousand copies a week, but our idea of a circulation of ten thousand is that number of paid-up subscribers on the books. Perhaps we have gone to an extreme in the wish to carry no deadwood, but we want each name on the subscription book to count. While we have never been lax in this regard, in later years close attention has been given to expirations. At the present time, our books are as clean as a whistle, and our subscription total is 9,500, approximately. We are in sight of the ten thousand subscribers and with a little co-operation from readers we shall be boosted over the mark. When that figure is reached, we expect to fortify our position so strongly that even during the summer months, we shall not fall below the number. It is evident to us that the percentage of renewals to the WEEKLY is much greater than that enjoyed by many other publications, but even so, we must attract new readers. We want readers who can conscientiously recommend the WEEKLY to other collectors to act upon the request of our managing editor and send him the names of one or more subscription prospects. While there are business reasons for wishing to attain a list of full ten thousand, yet there is a bit of sentiment in the thought of occupying a height that has never before been reached by a stamp paper in this country.

With a list of ten thousand readers, hundreds of whom are on our five year subscription roll, the WEEKLY must make an impression on the minds of those of practical mind who have no affiliation with stamps. One of the objections that we hear from other publishers to the substantiality of collecting loses its force in the face of these figures which will do more than any words to prove the permanence of philately. The old idea that an interest in stamp collecting must be a

passing one dies hard and is somewhat typical of the opinion that many of the unwashed public, philatelically speaking, have of us. At the pace with which philately is advancing at present, only those in the hinterlands will not know in a few years that stamp collecting is here to stay.

It is not often that we dwell at length on our "circulatory system" and one reason that we do so now is because of the interest that some of our new readers are taking in their paper. They have expressed surprise that our subscription list is not larger and they have made suggestions how it may be increased. We think that our managing editor knows the best manner in which to proceed, which is by establishing direct contact with the prospects by sending sample copies of our paper to them. In order to do this, we must have the names, and if they are forthcoming in good number, it is a certainty that we shall go over the top.

There are scattered references in the foreign stamp press to the activity of the United States in providing special issues in liberal measure and while in some instances the practice is termed antagonistic to the best philatelic sentiment, the observations are fair in almost every case. Say what you will, it is not to be argued that our government is inspired by material motives in its stamp procedure but by a wish to please a large part of the public.

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On our Juniors' Page this week we make special reference to the application for Honor Club membership sent in by John N. Boland. Master Boland for a collector of his years has a notable collection. He is the youngest member of our Club.

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OUR BOOK REVIEW

First Supplement to United States Envelopes—Complete Priced Catalogue of 20th Century Issues—J. M. Bartels Co., N. Y.

Great rejoicing in the camp of the envelope collectors! Not those plutocratic philatelists who revel in rare Reay and Plimpton die varieties—nor yet those well-meaning collectors who cut the corners off their entireties and stick them into albums, imagining they are collecting envelopes! Not at all! We mean by envelope collectors, that small but select coterie of enthusiasts who believe that "envelope" means the whole thing and not just a piece of it. They know that the government now sells six different sizes of envelopes on five different kinds of paper; that the manufacturers use a definite number of different "dies" and "knives" in their envelope machines; that the two paper mills which manufacture stock for envelopes use different watermarks to distinguish their product—these chaps are the real, simon-pure, hundred-percent envelope-collectors, and they are the ones who rejoice over the appearance of the "First Supplement to United States Envelopes. Complete Priced Catalogue of 20th Century Issues—Entire, July, 1926," published by Mr. J. M. Bartels of New York.

As the publisher explains, the "First Supplement" makes corrections in the 1924 catalog, which covers the period from 1903 to August, 1924, and it lists new issues up to July, 1926. The Supplement chronicles 93 varieties of the 1c, 2c and 4c on the 1925-watermarked paper. Then follows a list of over 40 varieties of the 2c die H2, a recut of die H, on the 1921 and 1925 papers; and some 40 varieties of the 1½c brown, in two dies, on the 1925 paper.

The real feature of the catalog is the revalued (1½ on 1c) section. Scott's advance sheets price only a few of the commonest 1½/1's. Mr. Bartels, more venturesome and possibly better informed on the subject, not only gives a full list of the different varieties, but also prices most of them. We note three varieties of errors on 2c; one variety on 1c 1890; three on 1c 1899; 38 on the 1c

1907, and some 180 on the familiar 1c circular die of 1916. Prices range from 10c to \$35.00.

The rest of the catalog is taken up with a few corrections in the text of the 1924 catalog; some revision of prices, upward; and a list of over 100 new varieties of the 1907-1921 issues, brought to light since 1924.

The 1926 Supplement is the result of the efforts of the Bartels Company and several envelope specialists. The co-operation extends, however, only to compiling the list—the publishers undertake to pay the printer. Everybody who collects or handles current United States envelopes certainly should have the new list. To both collector and dealer it is money in pocket to be able to recognize rare envelopes which pass thru his hands.

Some additions and a few corrections to Bartels' new list will be of value to entire collectors—notes by the writer, Mr. R. H. Mason, and Mr. Roy Curran. The following current circular dies, all on the 1925 paper, with the exception of the first item, have been noted since the 1926 supplement went to press. Bartels' numbers 2657e, 2702i, 2708h, 2738h, 2806h, 2886i, 2887i, 2892i, 2994h, 2997i, 3253a, 3271b.

Bartels' No. 3249.—The 2c die H2 is listed as found in watermarks 25 and 27. This is an error, as the lowback envelope in die H2 has not yet been seen.

Bartels' No. 3308, revalued (solid-numeral type) on No. 2469a, is unknown. However, No. 2469b, with the New York overprint, is common enough.

Bartels' No. 3326, 1c size seven revalued, has not been found; it is known without overprint, however—a rare item. The following unlisted varieties of revalued 1c have been found, all double-line overprint:

No. 3387f—size five, low back, blue, wmk. 25—about 150 overprinted at Fitchburg, Mass.

Nos. 2700h and i—size 13, low back, white, wmk. 26 and 27—about 20,000 overprinted at Holyoke, Mass., for a local company.

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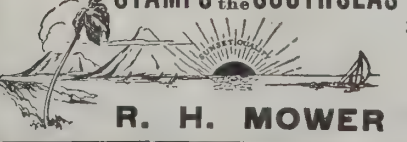
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Gossip

K. M. F.—Your stamp is without a doubt a changeling. Greens, reds and blues may be readily changed to other colors through chemical action occasioned by immersion in salt water, etc. Please read remarks by Mr. Ward on page 670, issue of Dec. 6, headed "Color Changelings."

C. H. Hermann suggests to the juniors that a good way to keep their special cancellations is either to collect them entire or cut in oblong rectangular shape two by four inches. This is the standard set by postmark societies and permits and meters are cut the same size.

One of our juniors has shown his interest in this page by sending us a cartoon which we think worthy of reproducing in our columns. We thank Kazur Sakane for this measure of co-operation in stimulating the interest of boys in this department.

To get an idea of the importance attached by a country to its own domains compare Dominican Republic Scott's type A17 with Hayti A44. In the one case the Dominican Republic shows its small neighbor as a colorless outline. In the other case, Hayti ignores its large neighbor entirely.

Anyone who doesn't like permanent waves, boy bobs, etc., need only turn to the early issues of the stamps of Spain to alter his opinion. Take a good look at Her Majesty Isabella II as shown by Scott's types A3, A6 and especially A4.

On the two pence stamps of New South Wales, issue of 1888, is a picture of an emu. This bird is a native of Australia. Its color is dull brown mixed with gray. There are but few feathers on the neck which gives it an odd appearance. This is a very large bird and it is very powerful; it being said that it can kick hard enough to break a man's leg. It cannot fly but trusts to its speedy legs to carry it from its enemies.

Pen Cancellations

A pen cancellation upon one of our earlier stamps does not indicate that it has been used for revenue purposes, nevertheless such a stamp is not as desirable as one cancelled in the normal way. In the early days, however, many of the smaller postoffices did not have postmarks and used this method in cancelling stamps.—PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

Gobierno

Many have probably had trouble in placing Peruvian stamps surcharged "Gobierno" either with or without a frame line. This word signifies "Government" and the stamps so surcharged are intended for use on official government mail.

Many Mexican stamps of the civil war period 1913-1916 were surcharged "Gobierno Constitucionalista" or abbreviations of the same. This surcharge means "Constitutional government" and was applied to stamps that were used in that part of the country controlled by the regular federal forces as opposed to the area controlled by the rebels.—A. C. LEDUC.

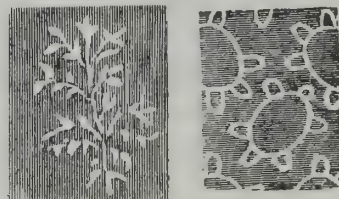
An Educational Feature

By JEROME M. COLTUNE (16).

In the back of most stamp albums there are blank pages. "How shall I fill these pages," Mr. Junior Collector asks. This is one of many answers:—

Search among your old magazines for pictures of foreign countries ("bird's eye views" preferred). Select the most attractive picture or group of pictures of each country. Print or "type" the names of the countries on small strips of paper and paste these alphabetically on the pages leaving room for the pictures. Then paste the pictures in; and if you wish, write the leading productions or an important fact about each country alongside of the name. This will prove an interesting and educational aid to stamp collecting.

Pictorial Watermarks



Why do we always mount our stamps face upwards? Often the back of a stamp is of far greater interest than the face, and in the case of pictorial watermarks quite an attractive page can be made with stamps mounted face downward. If cheap stamps are chosen, the watermarks may be emphasised by outlining in pencil or ink.

All sorts of quaint watermark designs may be included: Animal, such as the elephant of India; the turtles of Tonga, the springbok of South Africa, and the lion of Norway; vegetable, as the pineapple of Jamaica and the thistle of French Congo; symbolic, as the ying-yang of China, the umbrella of Cochinchina, the Conch shell of Travancore, the caduceus of Uruguay, the pyramid and star of Egypt, and the numerous crowns, stars, anchors, etc., of many countries.

Try the effect of a watermark collection arranged on these lines, and you will be surprised to find how attractive it can be made.—Gibbons Monthly Journal.

Did You Know?

Did you know that there are stamps inscribed with the word "grouch"? And they are not angry, either! All the high values of the current series of Turkey are thus inscribed.

Did you know that there is a picture of an electric light on a postage stamp? One such is found at the right of the 12 centavos stamp of the Dominican Republic commemorative series of 1902.

Did you know that Gibbons catalogue lists 15 different styles of trident surcharges for the first issues of Ukraina? Some of these surcharges are much scarcer than others so it is well to look them over carefully.

Did you know that Turkey-in-Asia Scott's type A29 shows a text from the Koran?—A. C. LEDUC.

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3c each: 63, 97, 114*, 118*, 122, 148*-50*, 162*, 164-5, 180*, 186, 195, 200*, 242*-3*, 248, 249*, 260*, 287*-8*, 305*-10*, 341*-4*, 487*-9*, 631*, 640, 642, 669*.
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Stamps in "Tutt and Mr. Tutt"

K. M. Fender of McMinnville, Oregon, calls our attention to the following reference to stamps:

"There is a stamp story in the book 'Tutt and Mr. Tutt' by Arthur Train. It is the fifth story in the book and though it is about stamps I am sure that it does not stick to facts as it talks of a set of Dom Pedro triangles from Brazil. So far as I have ever found out Brazil has never had any stamps that were triangles.

Part Perf. and Imperf. Stamps

Our juniors will often find copies of the earlier United States stamps from 1861 to 1883 apparently either part perforate or in imperforate condition. Many of the perforated stamps may be found with enormous margins that can be trimmed, giving us such varieties. The specialist only recognizes imperforate stamps of these issues when in pairs or better.—PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

Calixto Garcia

The venerable appearing gentleman whose picture is shown on the current 5 centavos stamp of Cuba and the 8 centavos value of 1910-11 is none other than General Calixto Garcia. He was one of the leaders in Cuba against the Spanish government. He was captured and imprisoned several times by the Spanish. In 1895 he escaped to the United States. In 1896 he went to Cuba to assist in the new revolution against Spain and was very active with the native revolutionists and later with the United States troops. He died in 1898 before he was able to see the results of his revolutionary activities fulfilled and his native Cuba become an independent nation.—A. C. LEDUC.

Where "Blued Paper" Is Found

This is paper which has not been intentionally colored but which has turned more or less blue, owing to one of the ingredients of the printing ink running into the paper, which was originally white. Examples of this "bluing" may be found in many of the stamps for Great Britain and its Colonies printed by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co., from line-engraved plates.

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GREAT STAMP EXHIBITION

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exhibition left nothing to chance. In addition to a few regular New York police, there was a squad of forty uniformed private police all armed, and a number of plain clothes men on duty night and day.

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There were many government exhibits, including those of the Austrian Post Office, the Austrian State Printing Office, Canada, Norway, Sweden, and the United States. The postal authorities at Washington lent their fullest support to the exhibition. They set up a fully equipped post office and a branch of their Philatelic Agency, and advanced the issue of the new 2 cents stamp commemorative of the Battle of White Plains so that it could be sold at the Exhibition, with the result that \$50,000 worth, or 2,500,000 of the stamps were sold in a week. Some of these stamps were actually printed in the exhibition on a hand-press operated by employees of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

WITH THE AMERICAN BOYS AND GIRLS

Although I have described the event as a millionaire's outing, crowds of boys from New York schools flocked in to the show in the evenings and on Saturday afternoons. On the final Saturday afternoon when I was giving a lantern lecture especially for school children, the hall was packed to capacity with young folks—and their mothers. There were not many exhibits in the junior class, but one which attracted much attention was the gorgeous album of the young gentleman who figured in the catalogue as Otto II, King of Hungary. The album, a huge example of heavily tooled and decorative bookbinding, was more interesting than its stampic contents. The democratic jury allotted this one royal exhibit a simple bronze medal.

AN EXHIBIT OF SPECIAL BRITISH INTEREST

An exhibit of exceptional interest to English collectors, and which it was a surprise to locate in America, was a little collection of trial proofs in various colours, of the design for the King Ed-

ward stamps of Great Britain. With these was one of the steel dies prepared for the embossed stamps of the late reign. These were shown by the celebrated sculptor, Emil Fuchs, who designed our Edwardian stamps. He was in England for many years, but is now a permanent resident in New York, and was the designer of the beautiful plaque which served for the medals of the New York Stamp Exhibition.

A GREAT ORGANISER

In most respects the organisation of the exhibition was an advance on anything that has been done before. But there were not wanting signs here and there that there were "too many cooks," all very capable ones. The method of checking the valuable exhibits as received and through every process up to the return to senders was exceptionally good, and was devised by that genius for organisation, Mr. Hugh M. Clark, of the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. The lay-out of the great hall was structurally fine, but in arranging the stamps in the cases an old trap familiar to most of us who had much to do with exhibitions, set the exhibits starting off from right to left, that is to say, backwards, and very confusing at times to the spectator. All the more confusing because the frames were of such immense size. The catalogue was a fine and well-produced volume of 288 pages, and the edition of 5,000 was sold right out before the end of the show and a special condensed catalogue was provided for visitors towards the end of the week. The affixing of cards over the exhibits announcing the awards would have added to the public interest in many of the displays, but this feature usually associated with Continental shows was not followed in America.

SIDE SHOWS

If the general exhibition arrangements left little room for improvement, the side shows could have been worked up better. Special lectures were given afternoon and evening by prominent American and visiting philatelists. The lecturers walked in to their tasks mostly unheralded, and their audiences generally assembled in irregular fashion. A bell rung or an announcement made a few minutes be-

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fore the commencement would have got the audience together at the start, and would have reduced the number of interruptions from newcomers entering by a door at the lecturer's side and passing him to get to their seats. On the first occasion that I lectured, there was a constant din of trolleys careering the length of the low ceiling above and making speaking difficult.

Of the other functions, the official banquet of the Exhibition was not so well organised as the several banquets and dinners in connection with the Convention of the American Philatelic Society. The latter were all very bright functions and the speeches and musical programmes at them were entertaining. But to embark upon any details of American hospitality, which was so bountifully showered on all the visitors, would tend to lengthen the present article unduly, and must be left for another occasion. We had nothing but kindness from everyone, and all vied with each other in the effort to make us enjoy every minute of our stay in New York, and indeed in every other city we visited.

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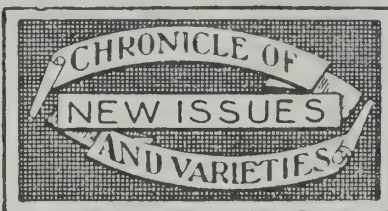
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United States**Report of Bureau Director**

The annual report of the Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, has just come to hand and as usual contains much of interest to the philatelist. We are told that the year upon which the Director reports eclipsed all previous records in the history of the plant. In 1919, when the war peak was reached, deliveries aggregated 447,464,105 sheets, whereas for the year just closed deliveries were made totaling 482,307,106. This included, of course, not only postage and revenue stamps but bonds, notes and other securities. The daily output of stamps if laid end to end would make a strip 915 miles long and the year's output so the report states would reach eleven times around the world. The stamps produced in a year if worked into one piece would make a patch work of over twenty-seven 100-acre farms. If these stamps were equally distributed among every man, woman and child in the United States, each would receive one hundred sixty stamps. The cost of producing these stamps is approximately one cent for every one hundred twenty-five stamps.

Upward of a page is devoted to a new process involved in making book stamps, which results in a considerable saving to the Department.

Of the regular postage stamps, the smallest number of any denomination

delivered to post offices happened to be 1,500 copies of the \$5 green perf. 10. It is noted that of the current \$5, three hundred forty-seven sheets were distributed. The last of the 6c air mail stamps totaling 10,000 were sent to postmasters.

Of the Huguenots 50,000 5c were issued and twice this number of each of the 1c and 2c. The Norse-American deliveries for the 2c and 5c totaled 236,983 and 158,483 respectively. The Ericsson stamps exceeded 20,000,000, while the Sesqui-Centennial amounted to about a quarter of a billion. As is usual, the delivery of the 30c Postage Due was much smaller than any other denomination, only 280,300 making their appearance. The nearest approach is the 50c, of which 2,143,600 reached the postmasters.

In the case of Canal Zone deliveries, there were 100,000 of the 17c, half this quantity of the 20c and 300,000 of the Sesqui-Centennial. Of the Postage Due, 50,000 of each denomination were delivered and as there is one of the 1c "ZONE ZONE" on every sheet of four hundred, this means that there are likely to be five hundred of these errors in existence if some of them have not been destroyed.

Deliveries to the Philippines totaled slightly in excess of 44,000,000 stamps, running from 50,000 of the 4 peso to 30,000,000 of the 2 centavo.

Among the Revenue stamps, I note a variety that I have never seen, namely, the playing card series of 1922 Class A over-printed "Virgin Islands." Ten thousand of these have been issued. It is surprising that in excess of 20,000,000 stock transfer stamps were issued, whereas of the common Future Delivery but 620,540 left the Bureau during 1926. I judge this to be due to the fact that a large number of the small denominations are used in the case of the stock transfer varieties. Documentary stamps exceeded 15,000,000. We must have used a great number of playing cards, for about 42,000,000 stamps were delivered to the manufacturers, which means about two or three packs for every family in the country. A half million cigarette tubes were sold to manufacturers so that quite likely this stamp will be rather common in time.

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Department "Specimens"

In a recent auction sale a 2c Executive overprinted "Specimen" in an imperforate condition was offered. The stamp had excellent margins on all sides. I recently owned a 3c State overprinted in similar condition. I feel that these two varieties are worthy of mention, although it is my personal opinion that they are single copies with trimmed perforations. I have never heard of a pair of any Department in imperforate condition either with or without overprint, with the exception of the 3c War on soft paper, which by the way is an exceedingly rare variety.

BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS.—Mr. L. Meister reports the appearance of the 2sh on script watermarked paper.

CHINA.—We are informed by Tsan Wen Wan of Peking that Chinese stamps have been overprinted with a horizontal line of Chinese characters meaning "Yunnan Province." He advises us that the value of money in Yunnan is so very low that these words are printed upon the stamps to prevent people purchasing in that province in using or selling in other provinces. The values range from 1/2c to \$2 and were placed on sale August 1.

FEDERATED MALAY STATES.—Whitfield King & Co. and Mr. R. Roberts advise of these two new colors on script watermark paper: 4c orange and 6c carmine.

FRANCE.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown us copies of the 1c olive postage due stamp of 1908-10 with the surcharge "60c" in black and the 10c violet of the same series with the overprint "50c" also in black. Two parallel bars obliterate the former value.

PORTUGAL.—Under date of Dec. 3rd last, Messrs. H. & G. H. Jopling advise that the surcharges on the Independence set of Portugal were printed after being authorized by the Portuguese Government in Decree 12,709 for use on the last two days the set is on sale, namely, Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, because the stock in the Mint, of some values (left over from the last issue on Aug. 13th and 14th) was not sufficient for the requirements on the above two days and the following were surcharged: 100,000 \$02 on \$05, 30,000 \$02 on \$46, 30,000 \$02 on \$64, 40,000 \$02 on \$75, 30,000 \$03 on \$75, 50,000 \$03 on \$96, 50,000 \$03 on \$1.00, 20,000 \$04 on

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The Exhibits at the Stamp Exhibition in the Precancel Stamp Society sections were so very fine a brief analysis of what they contained will probably be of interest to precancel collectors.

S. J. Jones, Santa Maria, California: This was an unusual exhibit in that it contained so many items seldom seen. The early commemoratives were striking. Louisiana Purchase stamps from Lowell and Salem, Mass., are scarce and Jones had them there. Chicago on the Jamestown set was another combination of note. The 1902 1 cent triangle of Lexington, Kentucky, was there. So was the Glastonbury, Ct., G. on the 3 cent 1869 but not on cover. Who has the Barre, Ver., on the 10 cent Eagle Registry? His Globe, Arizona 24 cent aeroplane was striking. Jones' exhibit of \$1.00, \$2.00 and \$5.00 of the comparatively modern issues was probably the largest collection of these rare things ever brought together. It was superb. To get an idea of the strength of Jones' high values, there were four of the 1902—\$2.00, five of the 1902—\$5.00, three of the blue \$2.00, 19 of the bi-color \$2.00 and three of the bi-color \$5.00, from as many different post offices.

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Louis Sinise of Altoona, Pa., was represented in a display of late commemoratives, chiefly in blocks of four of Liberty Bells, Ericssons, Hug-Wals and Hales. He has accomplished something remarkable in 1922 30 centers, a feat not as easy as appears at first thought.

President Parker showed from his famous Nebraska collection his extraordinary Lincoln division. This is just about as complete of this city as exists. Such unusual pieces as 1902 13 cent inverted, 1917 1 cent strip of three with two double, 10 cent eagle registry, 15 cent parcel post double and 15 cent and 25 cent parcel post inverted were there. Parker surely is the leading Nebraska specialist of the land.

To J. L. Cooke of Cedar Knolls, N. J., we were indebted for the privilege of viewing two pages of red, purple and blue cancellation, mostly evasions of the postal laws but all these are legitimate evasions. His three pages of double red Chicagos, quite unusual, were excellent. Two odd pieces were in this exhibit: 1 cent New York, N. Y., double horizon-

tal coil and 10 cent Bridgeport, Ct., double coil one right, one left-hand side.

Fred Raff's famous Chicago dated were there. This collection, undoubtedly the best there is anywhere, was practically complete. I suppose fine checking would find a hole here and there but without such checking it would be impossible to detect anything missing in the pages upon pages of major and minor items.

Here for instance could be seen the four cent 1894 Lincoln in the dark brown shade. Also there were three copies of the 3-1 1898 10 cent green Clay inverted, extremely rare.

Walter L. Gates in his exhibit attempted very creditably to present a type of symposium of precancels from 1879 to date. The Glastonbury, Ct., was there off cover, one cent 1887 Burlington, Vt., five cent Calla, O. Columbian, the only one known, 10 cent 1898 Salem, Mass., 10 cent 1894 Northampton, Mass., very scarce, eight cent inverted St. Paul, Minn., Pan American, four cent inverted Providence, R. I., Pan American. For rarities as well as oddities Gates' exhibit was unusual.

The greatest exhibit of dated Binghams in existence was there. It is owned by Allan R. Brown of New Rochelle, N. Y. It lacks less than a dozen of all that the catalog shows and some of those are questioned by the leading authorities as never having existed. Also it has some which aren't yet in the catalog. I doubt if this collection of Brown's could ever be duplicated as he has all that Dr. Mitchell once owned together with what he had before.

V. W. Rotnem's Philadelphia collection was shown. This also is the best there is in existence of a particular city. Mr. Rotnem tells me it is practically complete. To show how good it is, it even contains the five cent error on business label cover. There was a two cent Lincoln block of four containing two varieties of line spacings. The famous broken plate was in evidence in a large assortment of varieties. Mr. Rotnem also showed a miscellaneous array of early bars from many towns.

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In all these exhibits it was surprising how few forgeries there were. These men know their stamps. It is almost a story itself to tell of our experiences in mounting the exhibits and, after the show, in getting them away from New York.

We did nothing about mounting them until John Spaulding arrived the Friday night before the Exhibition opened up. Then my brother, John and I went up to 46th & Lexington. We found nine-tenths of the exhibits up and in place. Guards stood over us while we put our exhibits in place and the frames. Guards watched the carpenters when they placed the glass and screwed down the frame edge. Promptly at 10:30 we were chased out. John finished the mounting Saturday morning.

When the show was over the following Monday morning, Mr. Gates and I officiated over the obsequies. All the exhibits were down and packed in our bin. It was our task to sort, wrap, pack all exhibits in one bundle addressed to Spaulding who was to check them through to destination.

There in an ante room working beside Arthur Hind's secretary, Mr. Lichtenstein, Mr. Konwiser, Mr. Clark and Mr. Bartels, we checked everything out to a sheet and with a \$5,000.00 insurance on the precious package got them all away to New Berlin by noon that day. As Mr. Gates and I went off the exhibition floor and looked across the waste of empty frames and paper debris we both experienced the same reaction,—the passing of something the like of which we will probably never again see, something of peculiar lure and interest to us, a milestone in our philatelic life.

ACCURATE MILLIMETRE SCALE

By H. M. JONES.

Regarding Mr. Applegate's want of an accurate millimetre scale, as mentioned in your issue of Dec. 13th, I have a flexible steel scale 10 c.m. long (about 4 inches) and a trifle under ½ inch wide. One side is plain. The reverse side, on one edge, is graduated in millimetres and the other edge in half mms.

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NUMBER 5 of the *New Jersey Stamp News* has reached us. It is an eight-page monthly published by J. L. Bedell Jr., Branchville, N. J., at 35c per year. A sample copy will no doubt be sent upon request.

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WILLIAM BUTLER, 137 Gillard Av., Toronto 6, Can., has been appointed Secretary of the newly incorporated Canadian Philatelic Society. During the past two years the Society has advanced to the front rank of national philatelic organizations and the future looks rosy. Interested parties should communicate with Mr. Butler.

ACKNOWLEDGED with thanks:

Price lists that can be had on request from R. H. Mower, 12 Geary St., San Fran., Cal.; Stamp Studio, Morris Hts. Sta., N. Y. City, and Edw. Locher, Tegna, Switz. C. E. Nickels, 213 Seaton Pl., N. E., Wash., D. C., is sending out (price 10c) a very useful pamphlet about the Agency at Washington.

THE *Pearl Harbor Weekly* (Near Honolulu) of the 14th Naval District, has recently instituted a section entitled "With the Stamp Collectors." It is edited by Pvt. Allyn H. Wright, of the Marine Corps.

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THE Cincinnati Collectors Club were guests of Dr. and Mrs. Albert E. Hussey and their daughter Helen at an enjoyable Christmas party December 22. Santa distributed appropriate gifts and what with the refreshments and the contesting of the stamp games, a good time was had by all.—F. L. SCHMALZ.

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The first leaf seems to have been intended to follow nature, and resembles somewhat one shown by Mr. Atherton a few weeks ago, as having been used at Waterbury, Conn. Remarks regarding the next four are unnecessary, except to say that the fifth one is conventionalized.

No. 6 is odd, Nos. 7 and 9 are two forms of conventional leaves in their elemental forms. There are many other forms of this character to be found, some of them even simpler than these.

And No. 10 is undoubtedly a conventional flower of very elaborate design. It's a 2c 1883—alas, somewhat injured in one corner. All of the others are on 3c green.

Another red-brown. Postmark, New Lebanon, Ohio, at top, W. A. Weaver, P. M., at bottom, surrounded by a double circle, the outer one with small notches. The date is in the center in three lines, surrounded by a circle. The cancellation is the small shield with bar sinister shown in issue of July 5, No. 5. Color of the two magenta, and one more 2c red-brown postmarked Roaring Brook, Luzerne Co., Pa., in a double circle, with another circle surrounding the date, which is in three lines "4—FEB—1886." The obliterator is a colorless star in a round solid block surrounded by a circle. The stamp is placed so that both the postmark and the obliterator tie it. And the color is pink! Superlatively excellent!

A 3c green on cover postmarked South



Information of places using any of them urgently desirable.

Mr. Paul F. Wentz's solution of the problem of the identification of No. 6, in the issue of Oct. 4, is that it is an old English W, which sounds reasonable. Commenting on No. 6 in the issue of Oct. 18, Mr. E. G. Ham, informs us that there is a Greek Letter Society known as Sigma Chi. Now who can tell us where some member of it was Postmaster in the late 70's and used his Society initials as an obliterator for stamps?

Some more contributions from Mr. H. C. Woodruff. A postal card postmarked Harshaville, Pa., the stamp cancelled by a large U inside which is an eye with the word CURE below it. In the left arm, in colorless letters TRADE MARK.

2c 1883, Hebron, Indiana, green postmark and four ring target.

Same stamp with Kent Island, Md., postmark, and four ring target almost the same shade of brown as the stamp.

Orange, N. J., cancelled 77, No. 3, in the issue of Sept. 13, instead of No. 2, as I reported it a few weeks ago, in error.

A 3c green postmarked Canisteo, N. Y., with a tiny maltese cross on each side, all surrounded by a circle, inside another circle around the date MAR—21—1878 in three lines. The obliterator, a solid five pointed star, which ties the stamp. It's magnificent.

And a 1c 1887 cancelled by two heavy horizontal bars, evidently precancelled. No postmark but has the ad of a firm at Mansfield, Ohio. What about it, precancellites?

L. A. Heilman sends a 3c green from Walden, N. Y., cancelled by a wheel with eight heavy cogs, and a hollow center. Another of his items is a 3c green Continental cancelled BEAR in a circle and postmarked Erie & Pitts R. R., both in purple. Who can tell the significance of the cancellation? Another stamp of the same issue is cancelled by a bull's eye and postmarked Ft. Madison, Iowa

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Next there is Greencastle, Ind., in purple, with a pair of 3c Continental cancelled by three bars and a K, one stamp damaged. Clinton, Ind., on a 3c buff stamped envelope has an octagonal postmark, in magenta, dated 1878, and another dated 1879 is black, and two 3c Continental from Sagerstown, Pa., have octagonal postmarks dated 1877.

Besides these there are some new R. R. covers for the next list, and some pre-stamp covers which are interesting. One of the R. R.'s is MI—& ST. P. R. R. which I take to be Milwaukee & St. Paul. Any objection to that?

One of the pre-stamp covers has a large "3—CENTS" in two lines in upper left and the regular N. YORK AM. PKT postmark with the figures 24 at the top. On the back is a Liverpool postmark dated No 11 1857. Very late for a letter without a stamp.

There are three covers with the word INDIA in a rectangular frame in red. One of these is dated in 1848. A large red 12 is stamped on the face and a red postmark which is not to be read. On the back are two Liverpool postmarks, one blue with A at the bottom, the other

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BITS OF NEWS:—

black with G instead of A. Both dated Ju 3 1848. In a small black oval is the date Ju 3, above which is L and below it M., and besides these a round postmark in red. At the top is R. R., in the center 1 Ju 1, and at the bottom 1848. An interesting collection of markings.

On the face of the second one is the regular New York postmark. On the back in a red rectangle GPO and below this some letters not decipherable, with a line separating the two. A red postmark has at the top Z N separated by a design, below this 23 SE 23, and at the bottom 1852.

The third also has the regular New York postmark, and in the upper left corner the figures 65. On the back a red postmark, and a large red rectangle reading CALCUTTA G. P. O. SHIP LETTER 7 JAN 7 1852 in five lines.

Then there is a cover postmarked Perrys Landing, Tex., in ink, which has a pale brownish color and certainly was not printers' ink. It is dated 1879. Doubtless the postmaster was compelled to furnish his own ink, and used what he could get.

"I WROTE you on Nov. 17, telling you of the difficulty I was then experiencing in securing the filling of an order sent by me on Sept. 24 to the Philatelic Agency in Ottawa. You published my letter in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS on Dec. 13. In the meantime, on Nov. 27, I received the stamps ordered with a letter explaining the delay, which has been due to greatly increased activity in the Ottawa office due to radical changes in the Canadian postal rates. In justice to the Canadian Post Office Department, will you kindly give as much publicity to this letter as you did to my former one."—COL. ARTHUR P. S. HYDE.

"YOU might be interested to know that Mr. Philip Ward, Jr., has offered his services in making up the First Day Cover section of the new Air Mail Catalog. The Air Mail data is being checked by Mr. George W. Angers and Rev. Thatcher Kimball and others. It would be difficult to find three enthusiasts more qualified to handle these departments."—HOLCOMB YORK.

THE "GEORGE WALCOTT" COLLECTION

The following are now priced and approval books can be sent to collectors known to me or after usual references.
20th Century stamps are priced 30% to 50% under catalogue prices to clear them out of my stock and all issues will be found priced very reasonably in order to effect quick sales. All are unused unless otherwise noted.

PARAGUAY

1870-1918. All unused and include a few of the scarce Provisionals of 1878 and many scarce stamps in the issues of 1908.

PERU

1857-1917. The early issues include the Pacific Steam Navigation Co.'s stamps on blue paper. The 1858, 1 peseta, unused very fine. The error Medio Peso rose, used, and the Medio yellow, and a good general lot of the Provisionals of 1880-1883.

PORTUGAL

1853-1920. Practically complete in straight varieties in unused state with the exception of the 100 reis of 1853. Exceptionally fine copies.

ROUMANIA

1858-1919. All unused, good sets of the 1859 to 1862 on laid and wove paper, and the later issues practically complete in straight varieties.

RUSSIA

1857-1915. In the early issues there is the imperf. with gum and the set of the three stamps with watermark of 1858 all unused. Later issues almost complete in straight varieties.

SERVIA

1866-1918. A good general collection.

SPAIN

1850-1910. Here a number of the rarer stamps are used but the great bulk of the collection is unused. There are such scarce items as the 2 reales of 1852 and 1853. The 3 cuartos of 1853 both unused and used, 1 real light blue of 1854. Inverted centers of the 1865 both imperf. and perf. and a good general lot of later issues nearly all of which are unused.

SWEDEN

1853-1916. A remarkably nice lot of the Skillings Banco including the 3 green unused and three unused shades of the 24 red. The "Tretio" error used and most other issues unused in fine shades.

SWITZERLAND

1845-1920. In the Cantonal stamps there are the Basle unused and used, Zurich 4 rappen both with horizontal and vertical lines, the Vaud 4c and several copies of most of the other scarce varieties. The issues from the silk threads onwards are nearly all unused.

URUGUAY

1850-1912. A nice lot of these popular stamps. In the first issue "Diligencia" we have the 60c pale and indigo blue and several copies of the other values. In the 1858 there are three shades of the scarce 120c blue. The later issues are practically all unused in fine shape.

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We feel under great obligations to our many friends who thus favored us at the Christmas season.

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ribbed gum has a tendency to curl and
in some cases, crack the gum. We have
seen a sheet almost in ribbons—like the
lanterns we cut in Froebel days of kin-
dergarten.

The 15c Air Mail stamp is A. W. O.
L. on our mail both coming and going.
Two copies have been counted since their
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"Any collector knows why there are
three different triangles on the 2c 1894"
addressed a stamp annoyer one meeting,
to which sixty collectors nodded their
heads in assent. Oh! yes-yes-yes-yes!
He also said that any fool knew the Ro-
man X on the 10c 1847 was changed to the
Arabic ten in 1861. Platonic logic was
well worth knowledge—to comprehend!

And revenues used as postage! Who
hasn't been offered one, especially the
Battleships on cover? They are usually
the 1c or 2c revenues. We have the last
issue of revenues postally used, of course,
in connection with insured parcels, and
as such are quite interesting, with ovals,
registered, etc., neatly cancelled over
them. At times, these revenues were
used for postage too, thru error. We
recall only one case when they were ab-
solutely used for postage by reason of
the paucity of postage stamps. The his-
torical value of a cover like that is only
the knowledge, or recollection of the
influenza epidemic of 1919-1920. What
history is not portrayed in stamp collect-
ing?

And someone always shows an oddity
in a bisect! We have picked up quite a
few that others have cast away, bisects
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was asked. In many cases the duplex
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tors. His collection of Mexico is un-
doubtedly one of the most extensive and
finest ever made, and his Bolivia, which
secured the philatelic research award
at the 1913 New York Exhibition, is
without an equal. Mr. Taylor was
chiefly interested in American stamps
and at various times amassed wonderful
collections of Paraguay, Nicaragua, Co-
lombia Republic, Canal Zone, Danish
West Indies and Panama. His United
States and Hawaiians, dispersed some
years ago, were also a remarkable lot
and included many rarities of the first
water. He was also interested in Mon-
tenegro, and his collection of these could
hardly be duplicated. Mr. Taylor came
of good old Quaker stock and was great-
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of knowing him. Personally his loss
is a severe blow to me for we had been
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name is a very familiar one with many
of our readers. In the days when the
Managing Editor conducted the new is-
sues department he had no correspon-
dent more faithful than Mr. Focke, and
from that time to this our subscribers
have been edified by frequent contribu-
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EDITORIAL

The remarks recently in this column by Mr. Applegate who told of his unsatisfactory experiences with some of the millimeter scales have not passed unheeded; and we have several letters. Mr. Hayden Palmer, Reno, Nevada, writes as follows: "Mr. Applegate raises the question of accuracy in millimeter scales. Mechanically no scale is or ever can be exact but must vary with physical conditions, such as temperature, humidity, etc.; and consequently, no absolute degree of accuracy can be expected from the ordinary cheap paper or celluloid variety. However, such scales as are manufactured for usage by engineers are calibrated with care under physical conditions approximating those under which the meter is standard. Any concern, such as Keuffel & Esser Company, 30 Second Street, San Francisco, California, can furnish a six-inch millimeter scale in a leather case for about two dollars which will be more accurate under conditions found in a stamp collector's den than any other that can be obtained outside of a physicist's laboratory. It will be noted that stamps printed from the same plate will often give different measurements due to paper shrinkage, plate expansion or contraction and other mechanical variations."

In a letter, Mr. H. S. Warburton, Detroit, submits a drawing of a Mexican label that bears a full-face portrait of the ill-fated Emperor Maximilian; and he wishes to know what classification it falls under. Further, he asks if such a stamp is known. The sketch in question takes us back many years when these stamps were seen much oftener than they are today. There are two varieties of these Maximilian issues, one of which shows the emperor in an oval frame and the other "in oblong erect ornamental frame." It may be added that we quote from Dr. Gray's catalogue, fourth edition, 1866. These labels truly come under the head of essays or stamps prepared for use but never issued under competent authority. It is noticed that the "empire" issues of Mexico have the word, "postes" above the head and they are listed in the

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Mr. Jack Young, Hankow, China, sends the *Central China Post* of November 15, 1926, with the following paragraph marked: "Six hundred designs have been submitted to the Australian Government for the Canberra commemorative stamp to be issued during the Duke of York's visit. Designs were sent from England, Scotland, Canada, United States and New Zealand. The prize winners are two Australians."

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Mrs. Anita Fordyce writes from Hamilton, Bermuda, as follows: "If by any chance you have not seen *Harpers' Magazine* for November, I call your attention to 'Occupation: Journalist,' a south sea episode by James Norman Hall that was one of its attractions that month. On pages 682 and 683 are the words: 'I supposed that we should see no more of the captain . . . and having nothing better to do, I had been writing letters, to be posted at Hopéaroa with the curious island stamp.' The Polynesian name is Hopéaroa which means, 'The Farthest Land,' or more literally, 'The Very Last.' If this stamp exists in the realm of the imagination only, I cannot say but some of your readers may be able to identify it."

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In 1911, the Philatelic Literature Society, London, published the Catalogue of the Philatelic Library of the Earl of Crawford, K. T., compiled by E. D. Bacon. The work was a monumental one of nearly one thousand pages double column and was accepted at once as a standard reference book that covered in an exhaustive way, its field in all its immensity. The acquisition of the library formed by John K. Tiffany of St. Louis by the Earl of Crawford with its wealth of detail bearing on the fugitive or unconsidered issues of stamp papers that were published up to the year of 1896, inspired the generous resolution of the Earl of Crawford to offer to the society permission to arrange for the publication of a special issue of the catalogue, after the original compilation which was circulated privately. Thus, the great volume became available and while the circulation of this "ponderous tome" was never general in this country, we do know that a number of discriminating collectors here obtained the book. They, as well as others, will be interested to know that the Provisional Council of the Philatelic Literature Society has re-

cently published a Supplement to the Catalogue which has seventy-two pages, printed in double column, uniform with the original work. The Supplement may be obtained from Mr. H. F. Johnson, 44 Fleet Street, London, E. C. 4, England, for thirteen shillings, six pence, post free.

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A complaint has been received from a dealer who describes a bit of sharp practice at the expense of one of his inexperienced customers. He says that in his opinion one or more swindlers is or are "planting" old collections that in various ways are brought to the attention of victims who are wheedled into buying under "high pressure" conditions. In view of the fact that many of the best stamps are repaired specimens, or worse, the bargain is a sorry one for the buyer. We suppose that the only comment to be made on a dodge of this kind is that the collector who buys from sources that are not readily identified must have his philatelic eye-teeth cut. While the right of anyone to sell a stamp collection is granted, the wise buyer should take the usual business precautions before parting with his money.

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From Mr. Emil H. Swenson, Chicago, we have an envelope that was received by a business house in that city, from Ecuador that bears on the upper right corner, the following inscription, instead of a postage stamp: "Postmaster. According to Act of Congress, all mail from Ecuador Oriente goes free." Our correspondent wonders about this circumstance of "free postage" and he would like to know under what regulations it originates.

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So many clippings are being received on the subject of stamps and collecting from outside newspapers and other publications that it is a formidable task to list them all. It is a source of gratification to find that in the editorial columns of several newspapers, mention is being made of collecting in approving words and it is seen with half an eye that these editors are well versed in the essentials of our specialty. A scrap-book containing a full representation of the notices that have been received during the past decade would be a most interesting and impressive volume and we trust that something of the kind is in existence as the possession of an astute collector.

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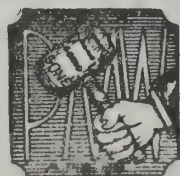
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Mr. J. Rausch, San Francisco, writes: "I have just discovered that the 3c purple Lincoln of the present issue has a white cap on left and right figure 3."

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In the United Stamp Company *Herald* received recently, we find Liechtenstein given thorough treatment, with prices for the different issues and with a wealth of illustrations.

Here is an interesting example of editorial exploitation of "Postage Stamp

Collecting" in a recent number of the influential *Indianapolis Star*:

"If the small boy collector of postage stamps needs arguments with which to convince his parents of the importance of his collection, and the need for funds with which to keep it up, he might have found them in plenty during the recent international philatelic exhibition in New York. Millions of dollars' worth of stamps were on exhibition. The United States Post Office Department has recognized the educational value of stamp collections and has established a bureau known as the philatelic agency, where collectors may obtain perfect specimens of postage stamps. This department also has issued from time to time commemorative series of stamps on the anniversaries of important events in American history, the most recent of these commemorating the 150th anniversary of the battle of White Plains having been issued just at the time of the international philatelic exhibition in New York.

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When it is recalled that the collector studies the minutest detail of the stamp for any defect or peculiarity, it is understood that he must become familiar with the subject thereon portrayed. No further argument as to the educational value of stamp collecting should be needed. Enthusiastic collectors point out other information to be acquired. Geography, of course, is to be learned through collecting the stamps of other nations, but who would suppose that ornithology could also be studied in this way? Several countries, it seems, adorn their stamps with pictures of native birds; the Somali ostrich is found on the stamp of Abyssinia, the emu on that of New South Wales, the cassowary on North Borneo's stamp and the kiwi on that of New Zealand. The young collector may earn valuable lessons in art from the frequent discussions by connoisseurs on the most beautiful postage stamp designs. In fact, it would seem that there is no limit to the educational value of stamp collecting."

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Gossip

Karl Ebers of Rhinebeck, N. Y., sends us four West Virginia postmarkings in violet ink, and suggests that a list of them be chronicled. We can hardly take the space to do this, as they are so numerous, but commend Karl's enterprise in making this a sideline of his collection. In the same mail our office received a violet cancellation from Center Belpre, Ohio.

G. E. Hopkins, Jr.—Your study of the cancellations on the 3c green is very commendable. Buy a hundred or more and get a taste of the pleasure of specialism.

Morris Bennett, aged 13, sends us a poem not quite suited for our use. However, Morris likes the junior page so much that just for good fellowship we sent him a stamp award.

See if you can organize a stamp club in your vicinity, and write us the details. We want the boys and girls of every community to talk stamps and stamp collecting.

Juniors, this page belongs to you, and we shall be very glad to have you take advantage of it in any way that will lend interest to it.

Jerome L. Selig writes:—"I am glad to know the juniors are to be duly considered." Mr. Selig is president of the newly formed Fort Washington (N. Y. City) Junior Stamp Club, which meets Fridays from 3 to 5.30 at the local branch of the Public Library.

L. E. B.—The purpose of the grill was to prevent stamp cleaning. The embossing weakened the fibre of the paper, making it susceptible to the cancelling ink. The method was found cumbersome and soon given up by the P. O. Department.

Frank Terryman, 74 W. 68 St., N. Y. City, is trying to form a stamp club in his school. Good luck, Frank.

The 2c Pan-American invert at the New York Exhibition gave Leonard Sheiff, N. Y. City, a real thrill. Leonard was not the only one who feasted his eyes upon these stamps.

Some time ago we printed "The Why of the 13c Stamp" and gave thirteen reasons for this odd value. Wm. S. K. Jenkins, Methuen, Mass., sends us a reprint of the article which we therefore cannot use.

F. E. Kaplan of Philadelphia sends us a German local and asks us to identify it. We were very pleased to do so.

John F. Halleran, aged 15, South Portland, Me., has been collecting since he was a kid of five. He writes:—"I am the proud possessor of a fine 10c 1847."

Correspondents should note that it is the custom to enclose a stamped and addressed envelope where a personal reply is expected.

John Skrab, Sioux City, Iowa, and Seymour Rose, Chicago, Ill., both select Liberia as a favorite country, due to the varied and handsome stamps issued. Thanks, juniors, for your letters.

We received six entries in our Fiume contest. Naturally they are quite similar in make-up and we shall print but two, as submitted by Russell Hoff and Lyle Beal. We extend thanks to Boyd Higginson, F. B. MacMahon, Frank C. Smith and David C. Van Voorhis, Jr.

Edgar Welch, aged 16, sends us a specimen of the current 2c envelope in which Washington's eye is a tiny red dot. This is not new, but we thank Edgar for submitting it for our inspection.

James McH. Corbin, Schenectady, N. Y., wants information in regard to the Australian stamps that are perforated with initial letters, such as OS. These letters mean "On Service" and the stamps are intended for official use. While stamps regularly surcharged with these letters are listed in the catalog, those with perforated initials are not, and

the latter possess no real financial value, though they do have a philatelic value.

Crosby Gray 3rd.—The 1c yellow King George Canada is current, and the parallel bars indicate a form of precancellation. It is an interesting variety but of no particular value. The specimen submitted by you is of the so-called coil variety.

Max Meire.—Your questions are of general interest, and we answer them as follows:—(1) Cut cancellations as such have no special interest to collectors. The smaller the cut the better collectors like it. (2) Perforated initials in stamps do decrease the value of the stamps. (3) We will cover "rouletted" soon in a special article. (4) The market value of a stamp is supposed to be the actual selling price. This may be but a fraction of the catalog price.

Wm. Felpnecht sends us the following program of the meetings of the stamp club at the Morris High School, N. Y. City:—1. Opening; 2. Attendance record; 3. Reading of records; 4. Reading of articles; 5. Trading in stamps; 6. Stamp auction. Meetings are held every Wednesday afternoon.

"Famous Germans Set"



Correspondence from Germany is now being franked with the new stamps, two of which are pictured above. On this set such notables as Kant, Goethe, Schiller, Lessing, Bach and Frederick the Great are shown.

United States Watermarks

The U. S. issues of 1908 and 1910 differ in the watermark only, the former having a double line USPS, while the latter have the single line watermark. When the catalogue describes these stamps as having these watermarks, it does not mean that each and every stamp shows the entire watermark. As a matter of fact, these letters are so spaced in horizontal rows across the sheet either normally or inverted, so that either one letter or parts of two or more letters usually fall upon a stamp. The double line watermark as a rule is most distinct and can be readily noted by means of benzine or carbons. When you have a stamp that shows little or no watermark, it is quite likely to be the single line variety.—PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

Tarrytown's Exhibition

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D'Annunzio Commemoratives

(Designs printed Dec. 13 issue)

By LYLE E. BEAL.

D'Annunzio was a warrior poet who captured and held the city of Fiume while negotiations were going on in neighboring countries as to who should possess it. These stamps were issued to commemorate D'Annunzio's occupation of the city.

The designs represent: 1. D'Annunzio's sword cutting the Gordian Knot. 2. A flowing jar of water (the word Fiume means streams). 3. A personification of Fiume wearing a crown of thorns. 4. A group of hands grasping daggers, a tribute to D'Annunzio's volunteers.

Russell Hoff on Fiume

(Set illustrated Dec. 13)

This set of Fiume stamps was issued under D'Annunzio who captured Fiume in November, 1919. On September 12, 1920, these stamps were put in use. They are Scott's Nos. 100 to 103. The first stamp represents D'Annunzio's sword cutting the Gordian Knot. The second, the arms of Fiume: a flowing jar of water (the word Fiume means streams). The third stamp is a personification of Fiume wearing a crown of thorns. The fourth shows a group of hands grasping daggers, a tribute to D'Annunzio's volunteers who helped him capture Fiume. Many other sets followed and this became one of the many sets issued during Fiume's checkered Philatelic career.



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*Uruguay 2197-8, cat. 1.35	.50
*Uruguay 2211-13, cat. 75c	.50
*Venezuela 2245-7, cat. 26c	.10
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By H. C. FLIERL.

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On one of the "Doc's" rambles in and around Buffalo, and believe me he is some rambler, he happened to stop at the proverbial old farm house, and casually asked for any old letters with stamps on. "Old stamps" said the farmer, "I dunno, but I reckon I might have. Lem-me see, I think there's part of a sheet around here, but they hain't ever been cut apart yet, so I guess them aint the kind you want."

By this time "Doc's" heart was hitting on all six, as visions of New Yorks, 5- and 10-cent 47s, and all the 51's went flashing by, and he said he would be glad to look at the "sheet" anyway.

So, after some delay, the old farmer invited our hero into the house and after fumbling around an old desk in the parlor, returned with the family Bible and, carefully opening it, took out a folded paper, yellow with age, and handed it to the doctor. Doc opened it up very carefully and, lo and behold, before his astonished gaze lay a beautiful block of eight 5-cent 47s. Think of it, two vertical rows of four, four horizontal pairs! Fine color, grand margins, o.g., superb, grand, and glorious! Was Doc surprised? Ask him!

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By A Girl of '73.

It is over fifty years since I gave a jolly licking to a brand-new U. S. Executive Department stamp and pasted it flat in an old copy book. It had been given me by a very young but very ardent admirer who was then page in the Senate. It was my very first stamp, and never in the years that have passed in joys and sorrows since, has my enthusiasm abated, nor my stamp album left behind in my travels. A day later I pasted another at its side—a Blood's Penny Post, which first had to be washed and ironed to smooth out the creases made by being in a boy's pocket along with top and marbles. Those were the days when girls did not collect stamps—they begged and swapped buttons for their "charm string." So my source of supply was from my brother's boy-friends, all of whom, to me, were awfully stingy with their old stamps.

How lovingly we spelled out "Hungary" and "Grease" above the page that might hold some single specimen, torn, worn, dirty perhaps, but oh my! a stamp from so far away, we had to go to the geography to place the treasure. The boys and girls of today cannot imagine what "European" attached to things added to their value. Africa was a black spot in the mind, Asia an uncharted country, and people just getting courage enough to go by train for California over the Union Pacific.

You will smile when I tell you that my girl-chum, a collector by my force, insisted in writing a black "R" with good ink on the middle of every one of her stamps. I remember she rather marred a pretty good row she had of grilled square U. S. issue of 1869. But no one cribbed her stamps! And we pasted everything tight, with mucilage—oh, the pleasure we took in pasting them. For no one at that date, save the rich dilettante, thought of buying a stamp!

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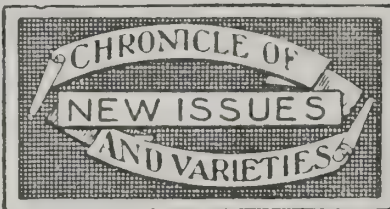
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United States

2c Rotary, Perf. 11 x 10 1/2

In further reference to the new 2c rotary print stamps recently described and perforated 11 x 10 1/2, I have just had an opportunity of inspecting a number of panes of one hundred. As previously stated, the pane of one hundred stamps is entirely surrounded by margins and differs from the previous issue in that the vertical perforations cut through the margins at both the top and bottom, although they are still imperforate at the sides as heretofore. The plate numbers that I have seen so far are numbers 18589 and 18763, although there are dozens of others in the large stock of twenty million sent to New York.

Over the Christmas Holidays, there was considerable complaint as to the rotary stamps. One of the Philadelphia papers carried a whole column devoted to criticisms from patrons of the post-office, who claimed that the stamps failed to properly adhere to letters and packages. The Department has been receiving complaints for many months and it is really a question as to whether the new perforation is going to produce a satisfactory stamp.

The complaint as to tearing is not so general as the one that the stamp curls in damp weather and does not properly stick to a package without a great amount of trouble. Large mail order houses using thousands find that it takes much more time to place these upon their circular letters than is necessary with the flat plate stamp. There is little doubt but what the Department would discontinue the rotary stamps if there was not such an enormous difference in the cost of production.

I have noticed both a light and dark shade in this variety. Mr. John N. Luff calls my attention to the fact that the design measures 19 1/4 x 22 3/4, whereas the

previous perf. 11 from the rotary coil waste measures 19 3/4 x 22 1/4. These two stamps, which are quite similar in The difference in size, of course, is due perforations may, therefore, be distinguished by size as well as by perforation. To the fact that the old perf. 11 was a coil waste stamp and was curved differently in the production of the plate than is the stamp delivered in sheets of one hundred.

Air Mail Notes

On December 22nd the Second Assistant Postmaster-General announced that effective December 31st, service over contract air mail route No. 10, from Atlanta to Miami and return, will be temporarily suspended. This route has proven to be a losing proposition both to the Department and the contractor but it is expected that the service will be resumed just as soon as Atlanta is connected with New York via air.

On December 23rd the Postmaster-General announced that bids will be opened February 23rd next for the proposed New York to Atlanta commercial air mail route. The route finally selected by the Department from the three previously mentioned in this column is the New York via Philadelphia, Washington, Richmond and Greensboro to Atlanta. The Department has reserved the right to increase or decrease the number of intermediate stops or the number of round trips per week and to change the terminal of the route by agreement with the contractors. Flying will be entirely at night and planes leaving New York at 9.00 P.M. each evening will reach Atlanta at 6.00 A.M. the next morning. The distance is approximately 773 miles and the contractors will be paid 10c per ounce for carrying the mail.

The Postal Bulletin of December 28th contains a notice from the Postmaster-General dated December 23rd making the new rate of postage on air mail effective February 1, 1927. The new postal order No. 4961 gives a flat rate of 10c for each half ounce or fraction thereof. This applies on either the Government operated or contract air mail routes regardless of distance. Such postage further includes the transportation of the mail to and from the air mail routes. This order sounds the death knell of the 15c air mail stamp and those already printed are likely to be the last.

Santaclaus, Ind. Cover

One of the most curious postmarked communications to reach me here of late is one from Mr. Le Grand Payne, mailed and postmarked SANTACLAUS, IND., DEC. 25, 1926. Upon consulting the Postal

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130	1.50 1.00	144	.85 .25
130a	.50 .50	145	1.15 .25
130b	.50 .50	146	.05 .03
131	.65 .65	148	.50 .20
132	.15 .03	152	.06 .01
133	.15 .06	153	.08 .02
134	.40 .04	154	.50 .15
135	.75 .06	155	.25 .02
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Revenues, Inverted Centers

Among the most popular Revenues of our Civil War period are those with inverted centers and here of late increased interest has been taken in these emissions, resulting in materially increased prices. The Scott catalogue for 1927 lists and their latest album provides spaces for Proprietaries 1871 1c, 2c, 3c and 4c on both violet and green paper with inverted medallions. In recently discussing these stamps with Mr. H. L. Dean, who is possibly as well posted on our Revenue issues as any of our students today, he informs me that the 2c only is known on green paper, while the 1c, 3c and 4c are known on but violet paper. To date, the 2c on violet and the 1c, 3c and 4c on green have never been seen with centers inverted. All of these stamps are exceptionally scarce and the two high values may be classed as real rarities of which but few are known.

BELGIUM.—Mr. Henry Hooreman sends for chronicle the following new issues of this country: Type of Scott's A58, 1fr yellow and 1fr50c bright blue, Tuberculosis issue, 5c+5c brown; 20c+5c red brown and 50c+5c violet. The latter stamps have "Belgium" at the top and "Belgie" at the bottom, while in the centre is the usual double bar cross and the Belgian lion at the right. Beneath is the inscription "Pro Tuberculis Belii" in three lines.

BERMUDA.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown us the 2 1/2p blue and 3p purple on yellow, script watermark.

BULGARIA.—Mr. R. Roberts in sending the new 2L stone, perf. 11 1/2, no watermark and the 10L sepia and dull red, perf. 11, no watermark, offers the following information:

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There are a number of printing flaws noticeable on the sheets of the 2L, especially on the left vertical row, but this I think is more due to bad printing or rather bad workmanship in making ready, rather than actual plate varieties.

CANADA.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown us the current 3c stamp with the surcharge "2 cents" in one line in black and the same stamp with the same surcharge but in two lines. The one line overprint was printed at the Government Printing Bureau while the two line surcharge was the work of the Canadian Bank Note Co.

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ECUADOR.—The railway line between Quito and Esmeralda, which will give the capital access to the sea, will soon be completed. and a special issue of the current stamps, suitably overprinted, will celebrate the event.—Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal.

EGYPT.—Mr. R. Roberts sends for note a 20m deep olive green. Express stamp of the motor bicycle design. Perf. is 13 1/2.

FRANCE.—Rev. J. Dreyer, S. M., writing to us under date of December 16th last advises that the 7 1/2c lilac, "Blanc" type, precancelled, was at first printed in insufficient quantities, hence permission was given to various French business concerns in Paris to use the 15c brown halved diagonally. The 90c on 1fr05c and the 1fr10c on 1fr40c are to be replaced by permanent stamps again, warning having been given that the rates might be revised. In fact, from notices appearing in the French papers one may conclude that the year 1927 is likely to be prolific in French issues.

ITALY.—We have received from Mr. R. Roberts a copy of the 2L50c "Express" stamp in blue and carmine in the type of Scott's SD2.

MALTA.—Mr. L. W. Brummitt, of Banbury, shows us the 10s "Postage" provisional in two distinct shades, which he calls "grey-black and brown" and "slate-grey and yellow-brown" respectively. Mr. W. E. Gerrish also shows us copies. It is doubtful whether the 10s Melita has been seen in any shade but the slate-grey without the overprint.—Stamp Collecting.

NETHERLANDS.—From Mr. Roberts comes the set of four values of the Children's Welfare series, in mysterious designs peculiar to the Dutch philatelic art. Values and colors are: 2c+2c silver and vermilion, 5c+3c green and blue, 10c+3c scarlet and olive and 15c+3c blue and yellow.

ST. VINCENT.—We learn from Mr. R. Roberts that the 3p has been changed back to the purple on yellow, line engraved script watermark.

TRANSJORDANIA.—Messrs. Bright & Son inform us that they have received from Transjordan the current 10 piastre stamp with error "EFF." No. 111 in the sheet, corrected. This now reads "EEF," as on all the other values of the set. Moreover, the stamp is in a much brighter blue than the original, and has perf. 15 x 14 instead of 14.—Stamp Collecting.

YEMEN.—Mr. N. N. Marino gives us information about some stamps which may eventually have to appear in the catalogue. These stamps were printed at Sahana, he states, for use in the interior of the Yemen (Arabia). There are two values in the design, the 5 bucksha, black on orange, and the 10 bucksha, black on white. The Yemen currency is the dollar of Maria Theresa, divided into 80 bucksha. The inscriptions are, at top "Sanaa"; in the circle "Government of Yemen by the will of God"; in the left blade the value, and in the right "Postage"; while at the foot appears the name of the present ruler, "Yahya, God save him."

Our informant, writing from Aden, adds that letters for foreign countries, generally posted at Hodeidah, do not usually bear any stamp at all, but sometimes stamps of India are used, especially when letters are addressed to Aden.—Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal.

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The Arabian who sat up all night thinking about the systematic progression of the numbers from one on, never collected duplex handstamp numbers. Anyone so joyously employed wonders wherein sequence lies? Our first number ten on the current series came along today from New Orleans, which makes the gap between 7 and 15 less discordant. Such neighborly feeling between 15, 19, 33, 39 and 59 impresses one that the chap who picks out the sequence of our handstamp numbers surely must be the missing culprit in the Mills case in Jersey.

Worse still are the vertical grid handstamp numbers which fit like a thrice shot at duck. They progress without rhyme or reason, as if rhyme had anything whatever to do with philately beyond the alleged A. P. S. poet laureate.

Machine town die numbers are very respectable in this regard, except in Chicago, where even the die numbers are held up at times. But Chicago gave up its old town die machines some three years ago, and now have the wave break die numbers—the only town using such machines. Collecting these numbers, which usually hit the stamp every time is fascinating, except when some Massachusetts American machine comes along with a postal district number. Hudson Terminal Station, New York, has a number 17 in its townmark for die mark, which is the highest die number we have noted outside of a general post office.

Collecting handstamp letters, is suggestive of slow motion pictures. Relatively easy is one's task finding letters from block corks, circular corks and some of the first duplex handstamps on the 3c 1879, 2c brown and green. The 2c 1890 sees the handstamp letter to the fore. We often wish that our data on these were presentable for ex-cathedra remarks. Perhaps some negligent phase of our hobby will thus receive an urge which may be fruitful beyond pleasures.

Foreign reading matter contains many allusions to a schematic cataloging of cancellations. In fact, one may hear of the category into which a certain impression falls. In speaking of cancels, one refers entirely to the obliteration on a stamp cancelling the contractual intent of the adhesive postage stamp or postal authorization, as on a post card or government envelope.

Last summer, a London collector, who also is a doctor, diagnosed all obliterations as of three types (a) the townmark (b) the auxiliary mark (c) dispatch marks. Feeling for flaws, we found none, even to the pen cancel, the precancel, the machine mark, kicking mules, stars, M. O. B.'s, R. F. D.'s, C. O. D.'s, ovals, meters, box permits, or the M. C. franks. We thought of this classification when we received a special delivery letter whereon the townmark was a 25mm handstamp circle, the auxiliary a duplex number, and the dispatch mark, a rubber stamp line, SPECIAL DELIVERY. The cancel itself was the handstamp number. Such an arrangement becomes excusable under in vino veritas, for say the editors of the Forum, the Parthenon and the Pantheon, permit dormant canines recumbency.

BRITISH CONGRESS BULLETIN

Following on the resolutions carried at Liverpool, the Executive is now arranging the material at its disposal relating to past Congresses. When the collection is completed and suitably bound it will be housed at the Royal Philatelic Society's Headquarters through the kindness of the Council of the Society. Arrangements in connection with the next Congress, to be held at Nottingham early in June, 1927, are proceeding apace. Details at present to hand indicate that there will be no falling off either as regards the importance of the papers read or in the entertainment provided. The Executive has decided that two names shall be added to the list of those inscribed on the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists; one at least of these being British. The Affiliated Societies will receive their nomination papers in due course.

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A Discussion of the Inverted Heads Accompanied By Condensed Historical and Price Data

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(Continued from page 2)

The 25c Blue and Black

No. of stamps per sheet, 102
Total number issued, 4,972,322

While an exact determination of the number of inverts of this value which may exist is practically impossible, there is the surety of little difference between the 20c and 25c values with the strong probability that the former is somewhat the better stamp. The latter however, has for some years been recognized as an outstanding item and has been surrounded by a glamor, which while not at all unwarranted, has been disproportionate to the values placed on other inverts of equal or superior merit. For instance, as recent as 1923, the list for the 25c shows \$500, just balancing the quotation for the \$2.50 third issue and double the \$1.00 blue and black, unpunched, and the 3c Proprietary. Concerning early pricing it seems sufficient to note that the nominal figure of \$10.00 rose to \$40.00 in 1904, incidentally equaling the list at the time of the \$5.00 value of the same series.

From 1905 onward for many years, no price appeared, although values were evidenced by the sale of the unused copy from the Stanton collection at \$126.00 in 1911, and the magnificent Washburn copy at \$535.00 in 1918. Of outstanding interest in connection with this invert is the almost incredible discovery by Mr. E. Stern within the past two years of a beautiful unused O. G. copy in Russia where it had previously remained undetected in a job lot of material; presumably it is the finest specimen known and naturally is highly prized by its New York owner.

The 50c Blue and Black

No. of stamps per sheet, 85
Total number issued, 3,236,101

Used over a period of almost four years, there were several printings of this stamp and positively two sheets at least of inverted errors and quite probably more. This invert is by far the commonest of the second issue group and while the writer has rated it as the third commonest of all it seems about as easy to secure as a fine copy of the 2c orange and black on green paper. Many specimens, however, have punch hole cancellations expertly repaired, and a perfect well centered and bright copy is worth \$25.00. Pairs are scarce although not unduly so, but an exceptional item, originally in the Wm. Morgan collection, is a magnificent strip of five, uncut, and lightly cancelled on the original document.

The 70c Blue and Black

No. of stamps per sheet, 85
Total number issued, 95,455

Listed as a cheaper stamp than the \$5.00 value, inverted, since they were both first catalogued, this condition should be remedied, as the 70c is much more difficult to find in very fine condition, although there is quite likely not the same difference in total numbers available. The bulk of the 70c are heringboned, many are off center, some badly so, while others are thin, torn, or have pinholes, thus making a superb copy a real rarity worth \$225.00. Judging by shades and scarcity apparently but one sheet of inverts was ever issued as against positively two for the \$5.00.

The \$1.00 Blue and Black

No. of stamps per sheet, 90
Total number issued, 517,950

While this stamp was used but four months and replaced on Jan. 3, 1872 by the green and black stamp of the third series, there were at least two sheets of inverts issued, since the total number known exceeds 90. However, the vast majority of them were cancelled by a triangular punch, about 85 copies thus mutilated being recovered from the N. Y. Custom House about twenty years ago as against but one unpunched example. This latter sold for \$100 at the time although unpriced in the catalog. Expertly repaired many of these punched inverts have practically defied detection in view of which it seems most unfortunate that the catalog failed to mention them until last year, many uninformed collectors meanwhile having purchased at high percentages of the list for a perfect specimen. Concerning the number of the latter which may exist it is certain that no one can speak with assurance for very close inspection is usually required to distinguish the good from the poor and the most important single depositary of these stamps is now inaccessible. Priced at \$12.00 in the middle 90's the list rose rather steadily to \$75.00 in 1903, but at this level was distinctly out of line with the equally rare 20c and 25c inverts quoted as they were at \$25.00 and \$40.00 respectively. No price subsequently appeared for the \$1.00 invert for sixteen years or until 1919 when it was set at \$250.00, while today a fine perfect copy might bring \$500.00 or even \$600.00, although the stamp will always be affected by the easily obtainable punched specimen which is worth around \$50.00.

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The 2c Orange and Black (Violet Paper)

No. of stamps per sheet, 210
 Total number issued, 91,861,158

Priced now at the level maintained prior to 1900, and by far the commonest of all the inverted revenues, these stamps still occasionally come to light in quantities on accumulations of checks of the period, hence comment will be restricted to recording the existence of at least two blocks of four and one block of six, unused, and with full original gum. Unusual pieces such as these are worth \$75.00 to \$100.00. Another fine piece is an unused O. G. strip of five with plate number.

The 5c Orange and Black

No. of stamps per sheet, 170
 Total number issued, 5,453,292

This stamp presents another instance in the invert group of long and decided unappreciation of real rarity, this fact being best evidenced by its constant listing prior to 1919 at less than the 30c value of the same series. Actually the lower value has always been worth around five times as much as the 30c, the latter invariably showing in any worth while collection and the 5c now lacking in several of the largest. Evidence points to it being somewhat better than the 70c blue and black, but not as rare as the \$1.00 third issue, hence, this adjusts it at position ten in the list of twenty-one revenue inverts. Several copies of the 5c occur with extra vertical perforations at least one such example being uncanceled while two normal perforation varieties examined by the writer showed bad pin holes.

The 15c Brown and Black

No. of stamps per sheet, 170
 Total number issued, 257,150

Rarer than the 2c Hawaiian Missionary stamp, the 15c Invert was unknown to cataloguers for over 25 years following its issuance and was the last of these errors to be listed. This action occurred but with price omitted in 1900, the same year Mr. H. Deats' copy was sold

at auction, although the compilers of the Boston Revenue Book authenticated two other specimens in 1899, one being in the very important collection of Mr. J. E. Burton. The price of \$75.00 established in 1901 stood through 1904, the stamp then remaining unquoted for 15 years when it was reopened at a figure of \$500.00 and in the interim three additional copies had been located. Against this tremendous advance in the 15c and an even greater one in the case of the 25c blue and black, the \$2.50 invert only doubled in the same time showing at once the unjustified initial price inequalities. Transfer of the 15c are obviously very infrequent, although the writer fortunately secured a magnificent specimen when Mr. W. S. White's fourth collection was dispersed in 1925, while an equally fine copy from the Lapham collection sold last spring for \$1250.00 and, if available, could be placed today at a substantial advance.

The 30c Orange and Black

No. of stamps per sheet, 102
 Total number issued, 205,119

Rated as one of the commoner inverts and as previously noted, always found in most collections that contain stamps of equivalent standing, this variety occupies a position of no particular importance in the group as a whole. Not all of those available are fine however, for many have the characteristic herringbone cancellation of the period while others have faded medallions or frames. Still a fine copy is decidedly easier to secure than an equally good 6c Proprietary or particularly a genuine \$2.50 Inland Exchange. Imperforate, all of these items being listed alike at \$85.00.

The \$1.00 Green and Black

No. of stamps per sheet, 90
 Total number issued, 998,800

While this beautiful invert is somewhat rarer than the Brattleboro Provisional and stands in about eighth or ninth position in scarcity in its own group, for some unexplained reason it carried for many years a price entirely disproportionate to those borne by at least five rarer items in the invert list. Eleven or twelve copies were found in N. Y. C. about thirty years ago, followed incidentally later on by 5 from Georgia, but as late as 1904, which is the last time all of the inverts have been priced, the \$1.00 green stood at \$150.00 against the same figure for the 4c Proprietary, of which but 4 copies are known today; \$75.00 for the 3c Proprietary, the 15c and the \$1.00 blue and black; \$40.00 for the 25c and \$25.00 for the 20c second issue. As might be suspected by the widely separated points of usage, there were clearly two sheets of these errors and marked shades likewise offer confirmation. Concerning present day values, the writer has purchased two very fine specimens within a year at full catalog and would welcome others at the same rate.

The \$2.50 Claret and Black

No. of stamps per sheet, 72
 Total number issued, 76,466

Probably the most attractive of the inverts and standing fourth in degree of scarcity, this stamp now sells somewhat higher than a superb 12p Canada, although the revenue is over twenty times as rare. First appearing in Sterling's list as early as 1888, it apparently was generally unknown until 1897, when a copy was sold by Bogert & Durbin for \$191.00, and while the standard catalog

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2c Orange and Black (Green Paper)

No. of stamps per sheet, 210
Total number issued, 44,160,675

This stamp, first issued Oct. 16, 1874, was printed upon the green tinted paper used for the Proprietary stamps but otherwise is identical with the 2c third issue, using the same plate (A. 9.) together with a new plate (B. 9.). The inverted error is a nice stamp in fine condition and while catalogued at \$5.00 for over twenty-five years collectors have more recently recognized the real hidden value as compared with the stamp on violet paper, and auction prices up to \$9.00 have been noted. Such figures are still low but the list has surely acted as a depressing factor as the Invert should be around \$15.00 if very fine.

The 1c Green and Black Proprietary

No. of stamps per sheet, 210
Total number issued, 100,676,957
(on violet)

Considering the tremendous volume of regular stamps of this value issued it might be suspected that the invert would be moderately common, but such is not the case, although it is present in all revenue collections of any importance. At least two sheets were issued, proven by distinct shades and paper, but regarding this latter consideration the writer has been unable to verify the actual existence of "green." The stamp, so described, has been sold at auction, large collections have contained it, thus marked, but in every case examined, comparisons with the true green of the period have invariably shown the inverted specimen to be "violet." For 23 years this invert has been priced on both papers but presentation of this subject to the compilers of the catalogue brings the information that no records are available to substantiate the position taken. Over 21 million of the regular stamp were issued on "green," hence the corresponding invert may possibly exist, although such an example would now invite some suspicion of a changeling as in the case of the dollar values of this issue on green paper. At the current (1926) quotation this invert is badly underpriced for a superb copy.

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The 2c Green and Black Proprietary

No. of stamps per sheet, 210
Total number issued, 6,927,148
(on green)

This invert, contrary to the 1c of the series, apparently exists on green paper only, at least all of the investigations of the writer confirm such a statement although the stamp is so rare that few are available for examination. It has been known for many years, being listed by Sterling, "on green," in 1888 and in common with the 20c blue and black has been woefully underpriced since that time. A sale occurred in recent months at a figure more than double the current catalog quotation, and the writer doubts if another copy.

The 3c Green and Black Proprietary

No. of stamps per sheet, 170
Total number issued, 14,699,300
(on violet)

The earliest mention of the invert which the studies of the writer have disclosed is the very fine copy sold from the J. B. Leavy collection in 1897, the same year it initially appeared in the catalog, although unquoted. First priced in 1900 "on green" at \$75.00, no change whatever was made until 1916, when "violet" paper was added to the list and given a higher ranking at \$125. Quotations were dropped in 1925, but the year prior thereto, the list showed \$325.00 and \$225.00 for the "violet" and "green" respectively. Now there is no evidence whatever to support this invert on green paper and the stamp was on the other hand definitely and early recorded as violet by the Committee of the Boston Philatelic Society who in 1899 had access to practically all of the revenue material in the country. Also the Dionian copy sold in 1900 was positively "violet" and both the White and Colson examples disposed of recently bear out the writer's belief that green on this rarity is a myth of twenty-five years' standing. The pricing has been equally misleading, resulting in one instance in a jump of \$1700.00 between sales of the same stamp within two years. The recent transfer of the former Gibson copy was at \$1500 and this appears to be the outside figure which the majority of really informed students will entertain, as it is probably only slightly rarer, if any, than the 15c Brown & Black. Three copies examined by the writer all showed small defects, but at least three others have also been located and reports may be available later.

The 4c Green and Black Proprietary

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A collector showed us a 2c perf, 10 which had four different scales of perforation along its sides, 11, 10 1/2, 10 and 9 1/2. There is no doubt that the paper shrinkage along with the thick and ruled gum, causes a variation on perf scales for used copies. One feels like singing the old song about The Briary Bush when one considers the current 2c stamp in its many phases of coil, booklet, rotary press and flat plate perforations.

Perf. initials were a tell-tale for those who swiped the company's stamps to mail their Christmas cards.

Service de luxe surprised us for Christmas when a Brooklyn department store sent us a package with precancelled stamps on it. When we soaked the stamps, we found hinges already affixed. The Brooklyn office has taken kindly to our gentle hint to avoid this service.

One hears a collector say that he collects "everything" yet what does "every-

thing" include? J. Delano Bartlett, of whom one has heard surely, lists what he considers "everything in the stamp line", to wit: postage stamps, stamped envelopes, official seals, registered labels, cancellations, precancelled postage, officials, revenues, match and medicine, tax paid, stamped paper, state revenues, telegraphs, savings bank, lock seals, precancelled revenues, hydrometer, locals, proofs, essays, printer's waste, reprints, counterfeits, stamped tin-foils, cotton stamps, inspection, trading, posters, metered mail and permits. That is just about everything, yet one finds in advertising and auctions, many of these items listed for sale, and it is well to keep aware of what is salable before one calls it junk. Which calls to mind the old philatelic adage "Collect as you please."

The man who once most wisely said,
"Be sure you're right, then go ahead,"
Might well have added this, to wit:
"Be sure you're wrong before you quit."

We wonder if demand in economics means the number of times one has to ask for the book he loaned to get it back again. Right now, one can say there is a great demand for another edition of Luff's book on United States stamps. Three copies have strayed from our hands. Another book we simply have to demand back is Bartels' Stamped Envelopes. Our scrap book copy of

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DEATH OF H. N. MUDGE

The news of the death of Henry N. Mudge, Chicago, on the morning of Wednesday, January 5, 1927, at his home, 6620 Lowe Avenue, at the age of 72 years will be received with sorrow, particularly by those who were in contact with him personally or by correspondence during his days of philatelic activity. For several years, Mr. Mudge had been incapacitated for business duties as a result of injuries from an automobile that struck him after he had alighted from a street-car near his home. While afterward, he was able to move about at times, he had been practically bedridden since last July. Some time ago, he had a stroke that foreboded the end. When once Mr. Mudge entered the public life of philately, his intelligent enthusiasm for the cause soon made him prominent. Becoming affiliated with the Chicago Philatelic Society, he exerted his beneficial influence in furtherance of the organization and in the course of time became its president for successive terms. His administrations were successful and he had the faculty of imparting his spirit of endeavor to his fellows, thereby securing hearty co-operation and placing the society on a high plane.

Mr. Mudge was elected to the chairmanship of the Board of Vice-Presidents of the American Philatelic Society and while occupying that berth, it fell to his lot to preside at several of the annual conventions. He was elevated to the presidency and served two terms in a competent and whole-hearted manner, relinquishing his office to General Coolidge at the silver anniversary convention at Chicago in 1911. That year the convention badge had for its pendant a medal bearing Mr. Mudge's likeness on the obverse side. Later, he served as a director-at-large of the national body, in which he had an unshaken interest for so many years.

As a collector, Mr. Mudge did not despise the ordinary stamp and as he had the instincts of the general collector, his accumulations were large. While scarce stamps were not lacking in his store, they were not given first place, necessarily. He was interested in stamp printing processes and on one occasion he brought lithographic stones to illustrate the mysteries of lithography, as applied to stamp printing, in a lecture before the Chicago society. He emphasized the instructive value of collecting and was really a student who would have contributed largely to philatelic research had he not been so busy a man. His U. S. stamp booklet investigations will be remembered and not a few other philatelic credits are to be given him. However, he may be said to have glorified the common things in collecting and in that sense he was a true philatelist. On one occasion, he conducted a contest based on suggestions submitted by readers, how the WEEKLY could be improved and his findings were presented in a masterly manner.

Mr. Mudge was descended on his father's side from a line of divines distinguished in the church annals of New England, his grandfather having been widely known. Mr. Mudge's father was a polished churchman of high attainments, and as a writer had many books to leave as a heritage; his juvenile works were numerous and were received with

favor in their day. Henry N. Mudge was a man of real charm of manner whose disposition was friendly, even though he was inclined to be discriminating in his choice of companions. He was a tireless worker and was always engaged in constructive work of some kind, although he had a lighter side that made him a delightful associate. He proceeded slowly but surely in his tasks and he bestowed an unusual degree of care on anything that he undertook. While Mr. Mudge was an advertising manager of a large railroad for many years, he was essentially of a literary turn of mind and many articles were contributed by him to various publications. The exit of this kindly man from the world of reality leaves a void in our hearts, but we have tender memories of him to endure through life.

The burial services were held in Chicago on January 6th, but interment will be made in Marblehead, Mass. Mr. Mudge was born in Worcester, Mass., and survived his wife, who died some years ago.

MELANGE:—

DEALERS will be interested in a wholesale list just issued by Anton Huber, 48 Nordendstrasse, Munich, Germany. It is well worth writing for.

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THE PRECANCEL REVIEW

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Some of you Bureau Print specialists have been wondering why I haven't been more active in reporting the new varieties. I plead for leniency, for I have been hard at work revising the Gossip Bureau catalogue. This will be out sometime in latter January, and will contain all the new issues, with many of the old ones repriced. Here's a little tip! The Frenchtown and New Britain 1c coils are in such demand that they now command a fancy price, and are going to receive a big boost. I am surprised at the slow rate in which the number of new items is increasing. The only new ones ordered in November were the 7c New Orleans, 3c Muncie, and 1½c coil New Rochelle. The other varieties that have not been reported in this column are as follows:

Birmingham 5 and 10c ordinary. These will be pretty scarce. Providence 10c ordinary. The Providence Bureaus are coming through freely now and should be common enough later on. Albany, N. Y., 1½c ordinary. Albany used a lot of the coils and the stamps in sheet form should not be difficult to secure. Boston 9c ordinary, which completes the set to 10c. Wheeling 1½c ordinary, a new town to receive Bureau precancels. Milton, Wis., 1½c coils. They are being offered freely at the time of writing. Fifteen cents is about right for them. Atchison, Kansas, 1½c coil. Has not been seen as yet. Tonawanda, N. Y., 1½c coil. St. Louis 3c coil. Should be plentiful. Have had about ten copies to date. Berkeley, Calif., has received both the 1½ and 3c coils. Los Angeles has also been issued the 3c coil.

Of timely interest is the following excerpt from a letter at hand from a collector of Bureau issues, who is considered a reliable authority:—

"I note in the philatelic press that the 11c and 12c will be printed by the Bureau from the rotary plates. Several years ago this rumor started up. It was when the first rotary 400's came out. There is nothing to it I am sure. You see they can't start at the Bureau and make a change of any kind in the product without authorization of the P. O. Dept. And to get authorization means the going through of various channels, all of which means a long delay. When the Bureau desired to increase the spacing vertically between stamps on the flat plates by one hundredth of an inch they probably had to receive authorization from the P. O. Dept. although that change did not affect the design or perforation. It took six months to have the changed allowed in the Bureau. So you see that the change from flat to rotary plates would not take place this year in any event as they have all the flat plate work for the year printed. If any further denominations were to be printed on the rotary plates they would pick out the values of which the most are used. These would be probably the 15c, 20c, and 30c. There are not many 12c used, and fewer 11c."

It may be seen from this that there is little likelihood of the 11c and 12c rotary press printings, appearing before the 15c or 20c stamps.

The new perforation, 10½x11, will complicate matters for the collector of Bureau precancels. Perhaps agreeably in most cases, for they should be easy to tell at sight. December 10th was the date this perforation made its appearance. Being in the nature of an experiment, nothing definite can be said about its future life.

Bureau precancel issues have now been extended to revenues. This side-line may well be taken up by the specialist in the postal issues. Although it has been commented upon in another department of this paper, I shall summarize the chief points of interest.

The stamp is the 10c Playing Cards issued in coil form. The printing is done from 170 subject plates, the stamps perforated sideways, and overprinted in the same manner as the regular postal coils issued to various cities, but with initials

representing the name of the firm for whom they are made. Cancelling rolls have been made for the following: A. D. Co. (A. Dougherty Co.), R. P. Co. (Russell Playing Card Co.), S. P. C. Co. (Standard Playing Card Co.), U. S. P. C. Co. (United States Playing Card Co.), N. Y. C. C. Co. (New York Consolidated Card Co.).

Most noteworthy has been the growth of the Precancel Stamp Society during the past year. Approximately four hundred is the active membership. The New York Exhibition brought many in contact who had not been personally acquainted and this has served as a binding link that will mean a great deal to the progress of the Society. So inspiring a convention did the Precancel Stamp Society enjoy, that N. R. Hoover felt it safe to rise and make the significant statement "Gentlemen, the precancel hobby has advanced ten years." Every person present carried away that thought.

The center of precancel activity now lies in the East. Upon the Pacific Coast, once a stronghold for precancel collectors, the interest at present is not what it has been in former years. I believe this lessening of interest to be due to an overabundance of speculation in precancels in that section of the country, as well as inaccurate catalog prices on large eastern cities' issues, which are, especially the high values, to be found in large quantities on the west coast.

There will be drastic price changes in the 1927 Standard Catalog. Mr. Rotnem assures me that every effort will be made to reflect the comparative values, and serious study shall be made to attain this end.

The most urgent need that the hobby now feels, is for a handbook dealing with the various ways in which precancel collections may be mounted, in which a discussion of important collections should be embodied. The problem of what to collect must likewise be solved if the hobby is to progress. I have in mind a treatise entitled "The Collection and Mounting of United States Precancels." Such a work would have to be the result of serious and comprehensive study and thought.

The Precancel Review may be looked for with greater regularity. While we have certain definite articles in mind for inclusion in this department, suggestions will be welcomed and accorded consideration by the editor.

POLICE STAMP COLLECTORS

Clipping from E. J. Meehan.

Stamp collecting having become a hobby among Paris policemen, these guardians of the peace now stop visitors from other countries on the public highway and politely request the used stamps on their letters from home.

The practice does not seem to have shocked the officials in that city, but picture what would happen if a policeman in this city—say the traffic officer at Fulton and Broadway—should become a philatelist and stop pedestrians until they gave him the stamps on the letter they carried in their pockets. The public outcry would be loud enough to force Police Commissioner McLaughlin to bring the policeman to immediate trial, and the unhappy stamp collector would be griled for hours.

While it is a small matter, such an instance would be characteristic of our way of treating small offenses. We make so much of little things that when we have a trial for a serious violation of the law its importance is lessened through the public's having already been fed up on minor trials and investigations. New inquiries, however trivial, command instant attention from the public—the subsequent court trials for the offenses, big or little, become "old stuff" and are dismissed with an impatient "I don't want to read all that again."

Fewer investigations and quicker trial for serious offenses would be better.—New York Post.

AUCTION of PERFECT STAMPS

Superb British Colonies

Lot No.	Description.	Cat.	Lot No.	Description.	Cat.
1	*Antigua 2, no gum.	\$3.00	133	62	2.00
2	2	2.00	134	63	5.00
3	5-7	2.75	135	64	6.00
4	6	3.00	136	65	6.00
5	7	1.50	137	66 to 73	3.03
6	10	2.00	138	69-70-77, block 4	2.00
7	15, fine used blk.	9.00	139	71, block four	3.00
8	16	2.00	140	72, block four	2.40
9	12-13-18-19	1.35	141	74 to 81	4.23
10	21-2-3-4	1.50	142	96 to 103, block 4	14.12
11	25	1.00	143	254	6.00
12	26	1.50	144	Cape Good Hope, 1, trifling thin spot.	11.00
13	*Australia 109 to 113	1.95	145	3, very good	10.00
14	140 to 146	1.58	146	5, good	10.00
15	*Bahamas, 32	2.50	147	12	10.00
16	36	1.00	148	26	2.50
17	35 to 38	6.50	149	19-25-28-31	2.65
18	39	6.00	150	41 to 46	2.02
19	39	5.00	151	66 to 70	4.25
20	41	1.50	152	71	6.00
21	42	2.50	153	*Cayman Is., 1 to 5	2.60
22	*Barbados, 6	2.50	154	6	3.00
23	15, good	2.00	155	7	5.00
24	17, very good	3.00	156	9-10	3.00
25	50-1-5	2.35	157	11	3.00
26	52	6.00	158	12	4.00
27	63-5	1.75	159	13	4.00
28	66	2.50	160	14	4.00
29	67	3.00	161	17	4.00
30	74-5-6-7	4.00	162	19	13.50
31	79-80-2-8	2.02	163	27	1.50
32	83	2.00	164	another, same	1.50
33	84	1.50	165	30	12.50
34	85	1.50	166	Ceylon, 3	3.00
35	86	4.00	167	4	6.00
36	87	4.00	168	14	17.50
37	89	6.00	169	17	10.00
38	90 to 94	1.47	170	20	6.00
39	95	3.00	171	23	7.50
40	97	3.50	172	33, perfs. touch at L & B, fine copy	25.00
41	99	5.00	173	46	1.00
42	another, same	5.00	174	47	5.00
43	100 to 104	2.47	175	49	5.00
44	105	2.50	176	50	3.50
45	106	2.50	177	52	4.50
46	another, same	1.25	178	53	6.00
47	110	2.00	179	53, another copy	6.00
48	115	2.00	180	56	5.00
49	201-201b	1.50	181	57	3.50
50	*Bermuda, 4	2.25	182	127	6.00
51	6	3.00	183	151	5.00
52	16-17-18	2.20	184	154	10.00
53	24	1.50	185	155-7-8-9-60	2.10
54	3a-15-16-19-21-23	2.70	186	163	5.00
55	25 to 28	1.50	187	169 to 175	6.68
56	29-30	2.15	188	175, block four	8.00
57	31-2-4	2.25	189	178 to 188	7.48
58	37-8-9	1.50	190	195	2.00
59	*Br. Bechuanaland, 1	3.00	191	196	5.00
60	4-5-6	4.25	192	313-321	3.25
61	6	1.75	193	*Cyprus, 1	3.00
62	7	2.50	194	3-4	1.40
63	8	7.00	195	24	1.50
64	10-13-14	2.62	196	25	5.00
65	15	4.00	197	26	5.00
66	16	1.50	198	30	6.00
67	17	4.00	199	31 to 35	1.78
68	18	5.00	200	37	1.75
69	20	11.00	201	40-1-2	7.75
70	23-29	2.00	202	43-44	5.50
71	33-5-7-8-40	2.75	203	52 to 56	7.25
72	39 to 74	4.05	204	57	5.00
73	75-6-7-8	1.75	205	Dominica, 3	7.50
74	*Br. Cent. Africa, 4-5-6	3.00	206	4	1.50
75	9	4.00	207	15	1.75
76	18	2.00	208	20	1.00
77	19	2.50	209	22	2.50
78	21 to 24	7.00	210	23	3.25
79	36	3.25	211	25 to 29	3.25
80	43-6-53	1.40	212	31	2.50
81	55	1.00	213	*East Africa & Uganda, 3 to 6	5.75
82	60 to 64	5.35	214	7	4.00
83	65	4.00	215	8	4.00
84	another, same	4.00	216	9	2.00
85	66	0.00	217	10	4.00
86	14 to 21-3	1.95	218	20-2-3-4-5	5.75
87	25 to 28	4.00	219	26	3.00
88	*Br. Guiana, 20	8.50	220	*Falkland Is., 1, no gum, perfs. touch at T & R	13.50
89	24	5.00	221	3	1.75
90	27	4.00	222	4	1.50
91	33	6.00	223	5	3.00
92	49	0.00	224	6	1.00
93	51-53	3.60	225	7, no gum	3.00
94	68, very good	2.00	226	8	3.00
95	75	3.50	227	9	5.00
96	78	3.00	228	10	1.25
97	101	7.00	229	12, on piece	7.50
98	120	1.50	230	13 to 17	3.40
99	121	2.25	231	18	2.00
100	122	4.00	232	19	1.25
101	123	3.00	233	20	15.00
102	151	2.75	234	21	10.00
103	165	3.00	235	22-3-5	1.70
104	166-7	2.35	236	*Fiji Is., 59 to 64	3.35
105	170	4.50	237	67	2.50
106	173 to 177	2.30	238	*Gambia, 5-6	2.00
107	307	2.50	239	7	3.00
108	*Br. Honduras, 4	3.00	240	7, used	3.00
109	9	10.00	241	8	2.00
110	11	5.00	242	9	3.00
111	14	1.50	243	10	7.50
112	32	4.00	244	12 to 16-18-19	4.10
113	28-33-5-6-7	2.15	245	20 to 23	2.20
114	38-9-41-4	1.97	246	25	2.50
115	46	2.50	247	26	2.50
116	57 to 61	4.00	248	29-31-2-3-4	6.00
117	*Br. Solomon Ids. 1-7	14.85	249	35	8.00
118	16	2.00	250	36	3.00
119	17	3.00	251	37	5.00
120	18	5.00	252	38	5.00
121	*Brunel, 1-2-4 to 8	7.85	253	39	2.50
122	13 to 20	7.95	254	43-5-6	6.50
123	Canada, 16	2.00	255	47-48	6.50
124	27-39	2.50	256	49	4.00
125	36-44-45	3.25	257	50	7.00
126	50 to 54	2.05	258	58 to 61	4.25
127	55	3.00			
128	56-57	2.25			
129	58	1.75			
130	59	1.50			
131	60	1.00			
132	61	2.50			

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Sale will be held before the Columbus Philatelic Club at Southern Hotel, Friday Evening, 8 P. M.

FEBRUARY FOURTH

Lot No.	Description.	Cat.	Lot No.	Description.	Cat.
259	62-3-4	5.00	373	*Newfoundland, 1, no gum	7.00
260	65	3.00	374	3	5.00
261	66	3.50	375	5	5.00
262	67	3.50	376	18-20-23	3.75
263	68	4.00	377	22	6.00
264	69	6.00	378	26	3.50
265	*Gibraltar, 1-8-9	2.05	379	28	2.00
266	3	7.00	380	another, same	2.00
267	4	3.00	381	37	1.00
268	13	7.50	382	39-44-45-50-53	2.00
269	15-16-17-18	3.75	383	49	2.00
270	19	2.50	384	53, block four	3.00
271	20	2.50	385	54	1.50
272	21	4.00	386	47-60	3.00
273	26-27	1.80	387	75	1.50
274	28	2.50	388	61 to 74	8.75
275	29	3.00	389	78 to 85	1.51
276	40-2-3	5.25	390	87 to 97	14.70
277	44	10.00	391	104 to 114	7.88
278	45	8.00	392	New So. Wales, 29	8.50
279	48-50-60-61	2.35	393	87	1.50
280	62	3.00	394	101	1.50
281	63	8.00	395	*New Zealand, 70 to 78	3.73
282	64	13.50	396	79-80-81	2.75
283	201-2-7	1.50	397	77a	3.50
284	219-21-22	1.55	398	78	1.25
285	Gold Coast, 10	5.00	399	122 to 125	6.00
286	12 to 15-17 to 20	3.42	400	130 to 138	3.18
287	22	3.00	401	134 to 138	2.60
288	31-32	3.00	402	260-266, good	1.50
289	33	5.00	403	Niger Coast, 1 to 4	3.15
290	34	4.00	404	5-6	3.75
291	41-2-3-4	6.00	405	55 to 60	3.62
292	45	4.50	406	*Penrhyn Is., 4-5-6	3.38
293	63	1.50	407	8-9-10	3.00
294	*Grenada, 25	3.00	408	*Northern Nigeria, 6	3.00
295	44-5-6	5.25	409	7	5.00
296	48 to 53	5.15	410	14-15-16	4.50
297	54	2.50	411	18	10.00
298	55	4.50	412	21-2-3-4	5.50
299	68 to 71	4.20	413	25	3.00
300	78	10.00	414	26	6.00
301	*Hong Kong, 42	1.25	415	Nova Scotia, 2, beauty	9.00
302	53	1.50	416	9-11	2.25
303	54-5-8	1.20	417	12	2.50
304	64 to 68	3.10	418	*Orange River Col., 64-67-68	2.75
305	69	3.00	419	*Papua, 11-12-13-14	3.35
306	71	7.50	420	14	1.00
307	97	6.00	421	34-5-6-7-9-40	3.40
308	India, 50-1-2	3.75	422	34-36	.90
309	655 to 664	4.79	423	42-3-4-6	2.50
310	Nabha, 27 to 36, without 30a	4.13	424	48a, type I	3.00
311	*Ionian Is., 1, no gum	4.00	425	49	3.00
312	3	7.50	426	*Prince Edward Is., 42	2.50
313	*Jamaica, 15	2.00	427	*Queensland, 125 and 125a in pair	1.75
314	23-28	2.25	428	136-8	1.50
315	29	4.00	429	140	3.00
316	39	3.00	430	*Rhodesia, 1-2-3-27	1.95
317	another, same	3.00	431	38	2.50
318	40-43	1.20	432	43-53-4-5-61-2	2.65
319	40-43-52-53	2.25	433	72 to 77	7.80
320	49	3.00	434	101 to 111	6.70
321	53-55	1.60	435	113	3.50
322	54	4.00	436	114	3.50
323	56-57	3.75	437	115	3.50
324	65-6-7-8	2.45	438	*St. Christopher, 8	1.20
325	*Labuan, 25	1.50	439	16	1.75
326	*Lagos, 7, no gum	3.00	440	19	3.00
327	14	4.00	441	St. Helena, 6	5.00
328	26-8-9	2.60	442	48 to 52	1.99
329	31-37	2.75	443	53-54	2.25
330	39	2.50	444	55	2.50
331	40-2-3-4	6.00	445	*St. Kitts-Nevis, 7	2.50
332	46	10.00	446	8	2.00
333	50 to 55	3.70	447	9	2.00
334	56	2.50	448	10	6.00
335	57	5.00	449	11	3.00
336	58	6.00	450	12-13-15-18-19-20	4.55
337	*Leeward Is., 4	2.00	451	St. Lucia, 13	5.00
338	5	1.00	452	30-4-6	2.65
339	6	2.00	453	43-50-1-2	2.15
340	7	2.00	454	50 to 53	3.35
341	9-10	2.50	455	54	1.75
342	17-18-19	2.75	456	55	3.50
343	21 to 26	5.37	457	57 to 60	1.80
344	27	2.50	458	61	3.00
345	32	5.00	459	62	2.50
346	33	2.00	460	St. Vincent, 45	1.25
347	35	7.00	461	50	4.00
348	*Maldives, 1	1.50	462	55	1.75
349	*Malta, 7 to 12	2.52	463	57-8-9	1.75
350	15-16	2.50	464	64	3.00
351	21 to 27	7.15	465	68	3.00
352	25-34-37	2.15	466	71 to 75	3.75
353	20-30-1-2-4-5	4.67	467	76	2.50
354	30-40-42-46	1.82	468	77	3.50
355	48	6.00	469	78	5.00
356	Mauritius, 38	4.00	470	79	9.00
357	83-4-5-6-7-9	1.91	471	80-1-2	2.05
358	117	5.20	472	another lot, same	2.05
359	137 to 148	5.27	473	85	2.00
360	149	4.00	474	86	2.50
361	*Montserrat, 5-6	1.65	475	another, same	2.50
362	7	9.00	476	90-1-3-4	5.10
363	8-9	2.75	477	102-3	1.75
364	33-5-6-7	3.25	478	*Sarawak, 9-18-21-2-5	2.10
365	Natal, 12	2.50	479	*Seychelles, 1-5 mint, 2-3-4-6, used	2.65
366	38-39	2.50	480	7	3.00
367	57	2.50	481	9-10-11	3.00
368	69-73-5-8-9	1.60		12	3.00
369	81-2-8-9	1.70			
370	91	4.00			
371	*New Brunswick, 8-10	2.00			
372	*Nevis, 14, no gum, perfs. cut design at L.	3.00			

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A big stamp story has broken in Germany, particulars of which are appearing in the foreign press and we shall review them somewhat briefly. *Svensk Filatelistisk Tidskrift*, December, prints a translation by W. Nilsson covering the circumstances of the fall of the corporation, Marken und Ganzsachenhaus, as affecting the internationally known Rudolf Siegel, the owner, who has been arrested by the Berlin police for the alleged forgery of rare stamps. Our Stockholm contemporary says that Mr. Siegel has been under suspicion for a long time, but that only recently had the State's Attorney of Berlin, Mr. Lehman, succeeded in gathering sufficient evidence to warrant an arrest. It seems that Mr. Siegel made a specialty of applying forged cancellations, copied from originals, on unused Thurn & Taxis, Hamburg, Baden, Heligoland, etc., and also of other manipulations, such as treating imperforate Brunswick to the scarce roulettes, for instance. In order to give these dubious specimens the air of genuineness, it is claimed that he forged the signature of Thiers, the great expert, whose inscription in characteristic letters on the back of a rarity had been accepted as a full guarantee of reliability by collectors and dealers. It was late last year that the Siegel firm was forced into bankruptcy and it has been apparent that conditions have not been such as to militate in Mr. Siegel's favor. We learn that Mr. Siegel's health is such as to mitigate any rigor of prosecution and in defense he has said that such was the press of business at times that irregularities occurred without his knowledge of them as such. The Berlin corporation was known in this country through its distribution here of elaborate illustrated auction catalogues and pricelists.

The Chicago Tribune Press Service correspondent at Shanghai, John Powell, is represented in the Chicago Tribune of January 3, 1927, by a long despatch dated the day before at the Chinese city, wherein he tells of a philatelic conspiracy and its denouement as affecting a French banker, seven White Russians

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and several Shanghai postal officers. According to Mr. Powell, certain Russian stamps were forged, among which were stamps that were disposed of to Americans at the Philadelphia Sesqui-centennial. According to revelations just made, the printing shop where the frauds were made was financed by an official of the French Banque L'Indo-Chine, "upon guarantee of two prominent officials of the French concession in Shanghai." On the face of the story, the purpose of the issue of these fraudulent stamps was not so much to impose upon philatelists as to discredit the soviet government and aid the White Russians in their designs on Siberia. It is said that the evidence disclosed that more than one hundred thousand dollars, face value, of the late provisional government, Siberian stamps, were uttered for secret circulation in soviet Russia, "the purpose being to create the impression" among the Russians that an administration, antagonistic to the soviet government had been established in Siberia.

Mr. Harry H. Garton sends the following letter that he has just received from the postmaster at Balboa Heights, Canal Zone: "The two cent White Plains (and the Ericsson 5c) will not be surcharged for use in the Canal Zone."

From Mr. N. B. Paulson, we have received an envelope bearing a three cent of 1869, duly cancelled, and on the cover is the postmark in black, "Potomac Postal Cars" with the name of the month indecipherable. The letter is addressed to a point in Maryland, and the present owner wishes to know what the significance of this marking is.

The following particulars have been sent by Mr. P. J. Drossos, Athens: "A special delivery stamp has just been issued by Egypt, depicting an Egyptian postman, wearing a fez, riding a motorcycle; denomination, 20 milliemmes. The International Navigation Congress set, Egypt, appeared on December 9th in three values, 5, 10 and 15 mm. Colors, brown and black, red and black and blue and black, respectively. The design is effective, with the central theme of the old galley boat. The stamps will be used

until March 8, 1927, but I am unable to inform you how many were issued." Readers have seen in the newspapers recently an account of the fatal casualties attending the sale of stamps for the first time at the new Port Fuad, due to the crush of people eager to secure the stamps celebrating the occasion. Mr. Drossos writes that Port Fuad is a new port that has been inaugurated on the Suez Canal that has been given the king's name; and according to information that he has received, the following commemoratives have been issued. Scott number 114, 50 piasters, surcharged Port Fuad, 2,400 stamps only and also 2,400 sets of the navigation issue, of which the king was given sixty sets while the rest were to be distributed over the counter; and it is evident that the demand for these issues, restricted in number, was truly an unprecedented one.

In our special exhibition issue dated October 4, 1926, we published an article describing the Nansen relief label, which was illustrated with a cut of the "international stamp" in question. When at the New York Exhibition we had a most interesting call from Mr. Robert J. Caldwell, New York, who certainly is in a position to speak with authority about the issue, which has attracted no little attention. He told that Dr. Nansen had repatriated several millions of refugees, including the Greeks expelled from Turkey, among others, and provided for the reception by several nations of Europe of something like two million Russians who had to flee Russia. He induced European nations, such as Germany and France, Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria, spent by the drain of war, to render great aid to these refugees, after receiving them in their own countries where the populations were in excess of the abilities of the countries to provide for them. Through Mr. Hoover, Dr. Nansen arranged with Mr. Caldwell to organize the Russian Refugee Relief Society of America, to take some of the surplusage here, and the result of the generous efforts of Mr. Caldwell is that 6,500 refugees from Constantinople are now in America. The American society through the co-operation of the Canadian government, established two hundred Russian families from China, in

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We have received many holiday greetings from readers whose kindness has gladdened our season. One of the most original messages was from Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Diamant, St. Louis, whose token consisted of a sheet of paper, bordered by Christmas bells, containing six of the beautiful Syrian stamps and six from Lebanon. The significance of the stamps in the light of their places of origin is a happy one. From LeGrand Payne, Indianapolis, we have had word: "I am trying to prove that Christmas comes on January 1, and I hope the proof is positive. The letter is enclosed in an envelope bearing a White Plains stamp and the postmark beautifully placed: 'Christmas, Jan. 1927. Ky.'"



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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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SEVERAL of our subscribers have sent us the particulars of what is called a stamp forgery case involving counterfeit stamps which were sold to some U. S. dealers and collectors at the Philadelphia Exposition. The clipping goes on to say that the counterfeiters were produced or financed by an official of the French Bank of Indo-China. Mr. Klein advises us that he has no knowledge of any such case and we await confirmation before printing any further details.

WE have mentioned the Christmas greetings sent us by Herman W. Boers, but we must supplement that word with our thanks for a New Year's greeting in the form of a calendar for 1927. Mr. Boers attaches a chestnut to a card upon which is the inscription:—"Wishing you the same old Chestnut, A Happy New Year 1927."

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Gossip

Sam Bernard sends us this joke:

"What is the difference between a clock and a stamp album?"

"The former reminds us of the hours, the latter helps us to forget them."

"I cannot say which part of the paper appeals to us most but we all enjoy the junior section. My mother is a subscriber to your paper and we eagerly look forward to our weekly copy." This is from Charlotte Martindale who sends us an essay on Fiume. We quote a sentence: "Among d'Annunzio's spectacular exploits was the bombing of Vienna with leaflets bidding the people to rise against their military masters."

Thanks, Miss Charlotte, for your letter.

Don't hesitate to renew your subscription for less than a year. Yes, we will gladly accept 25c for a three months period. You will want our Mid-Winter Special surely.

Milton Howell sends us a story on India. It is strong on geography, but a little weak on the stamp end. However, Milton gets a stamp award.

Chas. S. Latham has our thanks and a prize for his entry in our Fiume contest.

What do you want to know about U. S. stamps? Mr. Ward has promised to help us out. G. Harrison Townsend says that the Juniors are hungry for U. S. information. Fire away, Juniors, with your questions.

Richard K. Butler.—It is unwise for one to attempt to buy new stamps from the country of issue. There is too much worry and expense connected therewith. Buy your new issues from some dealer. You may be able to find a new issue service at 10% over face.

In reply to Henry E. Altheimer:—We cannot make any lower rate on adlets than 30c per line. Were we to attempt this feature on the junior page and quote a lower price numerous difficulties would confront us.

There is published by the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences a monthly magazine known as the *Children's Museum News*. The December number is especially interesting because it pictures a meeting of the junior section of the stamp club. We are indebted to A. T. Shorey for a copy of the magazine. A stamp exhibition is to be held at the Museum in February.

Yemen and Buckshas

Stanley Gibbons *Monthly Journal* announces some stamps from Yemen and the currency is in buckshas. We quote:—

These stamps were printed at Sahana, he states, for use in the interior of the Yemen (Arabia). There are two values in the design, of which a rough sketch appears above, the 5 bucksha, black on orange, and the 10 bucksha, black on white. The Yemen currency is the dollar of Maria Theresa, divided into 80 bucksha. The inscriptions are, at top "Sanaa"; in the circle "Government of Yemen by the will of God"; in the left blade the value, and in the right "Postage"; while at the foot appears the name of the present ruler, "Yahya, God save him."

Envelope Stamps

The new collector is often at a loss in mounting his envelope stamps as they come to him in their entire condition. It is customary to cut these about two inches square. Under no circumstances should an envelope be cut to shape for one treated in this manner loses the greater portion, if not all, of its value.

—PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

Robert and His Limerick

Robert Prescott sends in a Limerick and we print it gladly. If you can write one that we can print your stamp collection will be the gainer. Try one, Juniors. Call dad in:—

I will write concerning a lad
Who lived in a place called Chad,
With the boat quite handy,
At the dance a dandy,
But his stamps were really his fad.



Master John Boland

We are glad to picture one of our Juniors, John Boland of the Naval Operating Base, Hampton Roads, Va. Master Boland is a fitting representative of several thousand boys on our mailing list whose interest we covet and desire to promote. We quote from a recent letter:—

"I am now thirteen years old. When I first became interested in stamps seriously I was living in Port au Prince, Republic of Haiti. I lived there from 1922 to 1925. I have about 2500 in my specialized collection of United States, British Colonials and Haiti. One of the most prized possessions in my Haitian collection is the two stamps of the 1924 set bearing the portrait of President Borno autographed by him. As I knew him personally he autographed two sets, one for my father and one for me.

Another is an "Avion" first flight cover between Port au Prince and Cape Haitian. So far as I know there were only fifty of them flown. The 19th Century part of my Haitian collection is complete."

Well done, John! We are proud of you.

A British Junior Contest

The Junior Philatelic Society of London will hold annually during the next five years a competition for juniors in which the prizes will be silver cups, one for boys and one for girls. We cannot take the space to publish all the conditions of the 1927 competition, but interested parties should write to Major R. J. S. Gold, 44 Fleet St., London, E. C. 4, England, who will no doubt be glad to furnish anyone with the rules of the competition. The essays which are to be submitted must be received by Nov. 10, 1927. This competition will be open to all who shall not have attained the nineteenth anniversary of their birth, Jan. 1, 1928.

Liechtenstein—Toy Like Nation

By MORTON GOLDFINE (aged 12).

One of the least known countries of Europe is the Grand Duchy of Liechtenstein tucked in between Switzerland and Austria. While she is larger than Monaco and San Marino she is no giant as her area is 65 square miles. Her capital, Vaduz, has a population of 1500, while the whole country has a total of

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A Letter from Florence Lyons

Miss Florence writes us a nice essay on Fiume and also sends in a letter that we publish in full. Here it is:—

"I am a girl thirteen years old and have been collecting stamps about two years. I have taken MEKEEL'S nearly a year and always have liked it, but never as much as I do now that you have started the Junior department.

Most people seem to think that only boys and men collect stamps, and as haven't seen any letters from girls, I thought I would write and tell you the lots of girls 'save' too.

I go to a private school and there are five girls in my class, and two in the or below. Every one of us collect stamps. We have a stamp club which we call the 'Junior Stamp Club.'

I am sending a story for the contest but couldn't tell much in seventy-five words."

Space in the WEEKLY is pretty valuable and when we quote this letter from Miss Florence in full you may know how much we prized it.

What is Meant by Rouletted?

In answer to a question sent in by Ma Meire we offer the following in regard to rouletted stamps:—

This is a form of perforation in which small slits are cut into the paper between the stamps instead of holes being punched as in ordinary perforation. The cuts may be straight, curved, or zigzag, and they are usually made by number of small wheels or discs properly spaced so that a whole sheet, or any rate several rows can be rouletted at once.

Sometimes the cuts are colored, the form being known as "rouletting in colored lines". Though this is not true rouletting, as the slits are not made with a wheel, its effect is the same. This style of separation can only be used in the case of stamps printed from separate blocks or cliches. Between each row of cliches thin strips of metal "printer's rule" are placed, these metal strips being the merest trifle higher than the surface of the stamp plate. Thus, when the stamps are printed the edges of the metal strips also receive a film of ink, and as they are slightly raised, they at the same time cut small slits in the paper.

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EAST ORANGE (N. J.) JUNIORS

By CHAS. E. RIEDELL.

I am a reader of your Junior Page of your wonderfully interesting paper. Seeing that several boys have written and told you about stamp clubs that they belong to, I will try to tell you something about the East Orange High School Stamp Club.

The club is composed of about 25 members. It is under the direction of Mr. Charles Collins, a member of the faculty and an ardent collector himself. The club elected its officers, among whom are, Richard Knapp, president; Robert Kugler, secretary.

One of the features of the meetings is a stamp auction held at the bi-weekly meetings. Mr. Collins has worked out, with the help of several members, an auction system that has proved very satisfactory. The stamps submitted for auction by the members of the club are to be not less than 15c 1927 catalogue value. The club also charges a commission of 10% which goes into the general treasury. This fee also helps to defray expenses of auctioning the stamp off.

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several years. During the time of the Exhibition the club on Wednesday was excused at 12.30 and went to see it. It was enjoyed by all. This inspired all the members, especially the ones who had never seen a collection of an older person. I personally believe the Exhibition was a boom for Philately.

NOTES ON NEW ISSUES

Albania.—There is likely to be a heavy fall in the prices of old issues of this country. There exists in the Post Office at Tirane, a stock of obsolete stamps, 12 different issues, of a total face value of about 4,500,000 gold francs which the Government wishes to dispose of, and they have been offered to us for less than one-twentieth of the face value. As we have declined this tempting offer, there is still a chance for some bold speculator.

France.—The "War Orphans" stamps have been withdrawn from sale, and are no longer available for postage. Used copies are comparatively scarce and should appreciate in value.

Greece.—An air mail service has been established by a private company for conveyance of letters between Athens and Brindisi and between Athens and Constantinople. Four denominations of stamps have been issued, 2, 3, 5 and 10 drachmae, which are sold at the Post Offices and as the whole of the proceeds go to the Air Mail Company, the ordinary postage on letters has to be paid by means of Greek stamps in addition to the air mail fee.

Guatemala.—The new stamps in gold currency, referred to in our last, will be in centavos and quetzales (not pesos), 100 centavos = 1 quetzale = about 4s2d. The stamps will be dated "1926."

India.—The following stamps of the King George issue have been overprinted "SERVICE ONE ANNA" in block type:—
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2½ annas blue. Full supplies have been received and they are being included in this month's new issue distribution.

Luxembourg.—The new series, with portrait of Grand Duchess Charlotte, are now to hand and are being included in this month's distribution. List of values will be found on page seven.

Mexico.—A set of eight stamps has been issued for use only during the session of the Pan-American Postal Congress, from October 15th to November 8th, the sale terminating on the latter date. The 2c and 5c values show a tablet in centre inscribed "Segundo Congreso Postal Panamericano 1926." A map of the American Continent appears on the 4c and 10c, a portrait of Dr. Francisco Garcia y Santos on the 20c, 30c and 40c, and a view of the G. P. O. Mexico on the 1 peso.

South Africa.—We are officially informed that the 5d Postage Due stamp will be abolished when the present stock is exhausted, as this denomination is now in little demand, owing to raising of the foreign unit rate of letter postage from 2½d to 3d.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin.*

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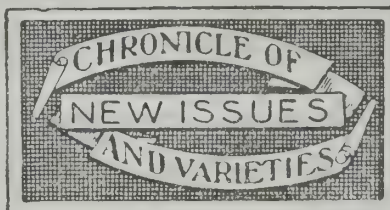
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The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa., who will also be pleased to pass on oddities and varieties of all U. S. stamps from 1900 to date. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 75 Electric Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States

Washington Notes

Mention was made in this column several months back that the Postmaster General had prepared a report with recommendations to be submitted to Congress for their action. Under date of December 20th, five bills were passed by the House of Representatives which are of interest to the philatelist and several of them if later passed by the Senate and approved by the President will result in new stamps.

House Bill No. 13445 provides for special handling fees ranging from 15c to 35c, to be prepaid on packages in accordance with their weight. Packages not over two pounds will be charged 15c, two to ten pounds, 25c, and in excess of ten pounds, 35c. This will require new 15c and 35c Special Handling stamps, the 25c value being at present available.

House Bill No. 13446 reduces the postage on private mailing cards from 2c to 1c as formerly. Such a bill would greatly decrease the number of 1 1/2c stamps now being used, and would result in a greater use of the 1c denomination.

House Bill No. 13447 provides for the collection of postage due. Heretofore the exact amount of shortage has been collected. In the new bill, where the short paid postage amounts to 2c, there would be an additional charge by way of penalty of a like amount, and if the postage short paid amounts to more than 2c, there would be a penalty in addition to the postage due to be collected, of 1c for each ounce or fraction thereof of the short paid weight. Such a bill would necessitate a 4c Postage Due stamp, which would possibly become the commonest of the series.

House Bill No. 13448 authorizes the use of business reply cards, wherein 2c would be collected on each return reply upon delivery of the card. Such cards when sent out by a business firm would have to be in quantities in accordance with conditions which the Postmaster General is given authority to prescribe. Such an act would no doubt result in a reply postal in which the sending card would contain a postal card stamp, whereas the reply would contain what practically amounts to a postage due stamp.

House Bill No. 13449 prescribes a more equitable rate for transient second-class mail matter. At the present time the charge on such mail is 2c for each two ounces up to eight ounces, and above that at the Parcel Post zone rate. The new bill reduces the rate to 1c for each two ounces, and removes the eight ounce limitation, so that heavier second-class mail would not be forced into the fourth classification as is at present the case.

Air Mail Notes

Our readers are aware that on February 1st next, a new flat rate on air mail of 10c becomes effective instead of the varying rates as are at present the case. The Department has been considering for sometime the advisability of furnishing stations on the air mail routes with special cancellers for this date. They have now definitely decided that such cancellers will not be used. Mr. Warren Irving Glover, the Second Assistant Postmaster General in charge of air mail matters writes under date of December 31st that—

"After giving the matter very careful consideration, it has been decided not to use a special cancellation on February 1. In connection with the use of a special cancellation, an effort has been made to retain the value and importance of the same to the philatelist and others interested. The Department has received several requests for the use of a special cancellation at different times during the past year to commemorate different events concerning air mail, but its use, as you will recall, has been confined to the starting date of new routes.

We want to confine the use of the special cancellation to these occasions as far as possible and although we all appreciate the fact that the new flat rate on air mail is quite an outstanding feature, yet I am sure you will appreciate the attitude of this office in the matter."

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Through the courtesy of Mr. A. W. Hall, Director of the Bureau of Engraving & Printing, we are enabled to bring our list of plate numbers up to and including December 29th. It will be noted in this list that for the first time every plate laid down is of the rotary curved type. As previously mentioned, plates from 1c to 10c of the flat bed type were discontinued on June 30th last, so that in the future with the exception of the higher denominations and commemoratives, we are likely to have the rotary stamps. I might, however, put a proviso by saying that this will be the case if the new rotary stamps turn out to be successful. At the present time there is considerable complaint and there is a great possibility of the Department reverting to the flat plate variety if the present unsatisfactory conditions cannot be eliminated. Naturally, with the excessive costs of the flat plate stamps, this is not desired. The new plates laid down since our last list are as follows:

Plate No.	Denom.	Class.	Series.	Subj.
18789-790	5c	Ordinary	1922	400
18791-792	3c	"	"	"
18793-794	4c	"	"	"
18795-798	2c	"	"	"
18799-800	3c	"	"	170
18801-802	2c	"	"	400
18803-804	3c	"	"	"
18805-806	4c	"	"	"
18807-808	3c	"	"	170
18809-816	2c	"	"	400
18817-818	1 1/2c	"	1925	170
18819-820	4c	"	1922	"
18821-824	1 1/2c	"	1925	"
18825-	1 1/2c	"	"	400
18826-829	2c	"	1922	"
18830-833	3c	"	"	"
18834-837	2c	"	"	"
18838-841	3c	"	"	170
18842-845	2c Book	"	"	360
18846-849	10c	"	"	400
18850-851	5c	"	"	"
18852-853	2c	"	"	"
18854-855	5c	"	"	"
18856-859	2c	"	"	"
18860-861	6c	"	"	"
18862-865	2c	"	"	"
18866-867	6c	"	"	"
18868-881	2c	"	"	"

BELGIUM.—In addition to the 75c and 2fr current "Houyoux" type listed this month, we are told by Mr. P. Massez that the 50c in the same type is to be expected shortly, and from another source

Twentieth Century, Mint More Scarce British Colonials

Jamaica 1901-03, 1/2d-2 1/2d, #32-36 4.2	Leeward Is. 1905, 2 1/2d, #32 \$1.50 to 2.75
1903, 5d, #39 1.60	1905, 3d, #33 ..... .60 to 1.15
1/2d-2 1/2d, "Seriet" 3.25	6d, #34 1.35
Same in strips 3 w. normal 4.00	1907, 1/2d-6d, #36-42 2.50
1905, 1/2d-3d, #40-43 1.20	6d, #42 1.00
4d, #44 4.00	1sh, #43 1.00
5d, #45 4.00	2s 6d, #44 2.00
6d, #46 1.80	5sh, #45 3.75
1sh, #47 ..... .75	1912, 1/2d-1sh, #46-53 1.00
2sh, #48 8.00	2s 6d, #54 1.10
5sh, #49 2.00	5sh, #55 3.00
1906, 1/2d-3d, #50-53 2.25	1sh, W. B., #57 5.75
4d, #54 2.25	1921, 4d, #59 ..... .20
6d, #55 ..... .40	2sh, #60 1.20
1sh, #56 1.10	1d, #63 ..... .08
2sh, #57 1.00	2 1/2d, #76 ..... .40
1911, 2d, #58 ..... .20	3d, #77 ..... .20
4d, #59 ..... .20	Montserrat 1903, 1/2d-6d, #12-17 2.70
6d, #60 ..... .40	1903, 1sh, #18 1.60
1912, 1d-1sh, #61-68 1.70	1904, 1/2d-2d-1sh, #22, 24-28 2.50
2sh, #69 1.25	1d, #23 2.80
5sh, #70 2.60	2s 6d, #30 4.00
3d, W. B., #71 ..... .20	5sh, #31 7.60
4d, W. B., #72 ..... .30	1908, 5sh, #40 6.00
1sh, W. B., #73 ..... .70	1913, 5sh, #41 7.75
2sh, #83 ..... .65	1916, 1/2d-1sh, #43-49 1.00
5sh, #84 ..... .95	2sh, #50 1.00
10sh, #85 2.00	2s 6d, #51 1.10
1921, 10sh, #87 6.75	5sh, #52 2.30
1d, #101 3.30	1922, 1/2d-5d, #53-57 ..... .50
1916, 1/2d, #301c ..... .20	2sh, #58 ..... .65
Leeward Is. 1902, 1d/4d, #17 ..... .60	3sh, #59 1.00
1902, 1d/6d, #18 ..... .20	4sh, #60 1.30
pair #17 & 18a 2.25	4d, #61 ..... .25
pair #18 & 18a 2.50	1923, 1/2d-1sh, #62-69 1.15
1d/7d, #19 ..... .45	2 1/2d, #65 ..... .35
1/2d-1sh, #20-26 2.70	3d, #66 ..... .25
2s 6d, #27 1.25	2s 6d, #7080
5sh, #28 2.50	5sh, #71 1.65
1905, 1/2d-2d, #29-31 1.00	

(Watch MEKEEL'S for continuation.)

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it appears that the 1fr denomination is due on December 1st.

The question of an Air set is receiving consideration and a Charity set comprising three values will shortly be forthcoming. We have reason to suppose that the new stamps will be required to conform to the new currency recently introduced into this country.—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*.

Mr. Henry Hooreman sends for chronicle the 1fr50c+25 of the recently issued set of Charity stamps. This value is of oblong format bearing the portraits of the King and Queen within an oval frame. Above is a drapery with the name of the country in the centre while below in the corners are the figures of value. The usual double bar cross with "Pro Tuberculatis Belli" below and "Belgie" at the bottom completes the stamp. It bears the imprint of J. Debast. The color is blue.

Belgian Congo.—Three new stamps, viz. 45c violet, 75c rose and 1fr 25 blue, are promised in the "long-horned Congo cattle" type.—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*.

Belgian Occupation of German East Africa.—Three stamps similar in value and design to the last mentioned are to be issued overprinted "RUANDA-URUNDI." The overprint in this case is to be repeated in order to cover the name plates at the top and bottom of the stamps.—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*.

ALAOUITES.—Whitfield King & Co. report the following surcharged stamps have been placed on sale: 4p 50 on 75c brown red, 2p 50 on 2p 50 light blue and 15p on 25p bright blue.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.—Mr. R. Roberts sends for note a copy of 1 1/2p rose, with details as follows:

1 1/2d rose, new wmk. multiple small A & crown very close together. Printed from a new die of which the small figures "2" in the fraction differ appreciably from the former, also the lettering of the words "Three Halfpence" appear to be thicker. Sheets of 120 (2 panes 60) plain gutter between. Thick frame line round the sheet exactly the length and breadth of each pane, not meeting at the corners, the bottom and right lines being continuous, the top and left hand lines being syncopeated, the syncopeations being exactly opposite each stamp, viz.:—10 at left and 12 along the top. Inscription at the foot outside the frame line and between the two panes:—"A. J. Mullett, Australian Note & Stamp Printer" in red. The paper is thin and hard and difficult to tear. Perforated 14.

BULGARIA.—Mr. R. Roberts submits for chronicle a set of three values of Sunday Delivery stamps which he advises are inscribed "Sanitorium Fund" in Bulgarian lettering. Their use is exactly that of an Express Sunday Delivery. The 1 leva brown, being used for letters, the 2 leva blue green for registered mail and the 5 leva blue for parcels. If a postal packet for internal delivery does not bear one of these stamps it remains in the post office over the week end. Mr. Roberts further adds that the 5 leva is already exhausted.

CUBA.—M. Champion is informed that the Cuban Postal Authorities are about to issue a set of five stamps from 2c to 20c, to commemorate the opening of the House of Parliament of Cuba.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

EGYPT.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the appearance of a set of three values to commemorate the Navigation Congress. They were issued December 9th, last and will be available until March 1st, of this year. They are all of the same design with a view of an old galley ship in the centre. Beneath the central figure is "Le Caire 1926." The name of the country is at the top while at the bottom is one line of native characters with the words "Congres International De Navigation" beneath. The figure of value is in the lower left corner and the words of value in English are on the left panel. Colors are 5m brown and black; 10m terra cotta and black and 15m blue and black. Perf. 13 1/2 and watermarked multiple Crown and Crescent.

FINLAND.—*L'Exchangiste Universel* reports that a new series, similar in design to those of Sweden, is under consideration.

GREAT BRITAIN.—*Offices in Morocco.*—Mr. R. Roberts advises that he has received the 25 centimos on the 2 1/2p, new watermark.

HEDJAZ.—Having regard to the paragraph appearing on page 101 of our issue for October 30th re the supposed illegitimacy of the 1925 overprints of Hedjaz, the following information, kindly contributed by Mr. D. F. Warin (of the firm of D. Field), should be of interest to our readers. Up to the beginning of March of this year, says Mr. Warin, it was generally believed that all the Hedjaz stamps issued under the direction of the Hachemite Government, during the reign of King Aly, were overprinted at Jeddah. Since then it has been discovered that a separate printing was made at Cairo, by order of the Hachemite Government, and under the direction of the Minister of Finance and Abdul Raouff

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Eff. Sabban, supplier of war and other material to the same Government. The overprint, in this instance, has an entirely different appearance from those printed at Jeddah, the tablets being more uniform in size, the Arabic figures in the year date having a blunter finish, and the lines between these figures being longer and more regular, whilst the ink, in the case of the black overprints, has a greyer appearance than on those overprinted at Jeddah. There are other minor differences, but the ones enumerated are quite

sufficient to enable one to judge to which issue these belong.—*Stamp Collecting*.

JAPAN.—Mr. R. Roberts sends us the following information regarding the new issue of stamps mentioned in issue No. 1874.

The 2s stamp is printed in green and shows Mount Fuji as seen from the South, the 6s is printed in light carmine, and shows the Yomeimon (Yomei) Gate at Nikko famous for its grandiose temple plant. This gate is called sometimes

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LEBANON.—Whitfield King & Co. send us the information that provisionals of the same values as noted under Alaouites have been issued for this colony.

LUXEMBURG.—We have received from Mr. W. T. Wilson copies of the new issue of Charity stamps. They are all of the same design with the portrait of Prince Jean within a circle and the Coat of Arms of the country beneath. In the two upper corners are the figures of value with "Caritas" between. At the bottom of the stamp is the name of the country. Values and colors are 5c—5c black and lilac, 40c—10c black and green, 50c—15c black and yellow, 75c—20c black and red orange and 1fr50c—30c black and blue.

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NORTH BORNEO.—We are informed by Mr. Oswald Marsh that the 1c, 3c, 5c, 10c, 25c, and 50c, also the Postage 1c, 3c, 4c, 5c and 10c have all appeared perforated 12 1/2 instead of the former 14.—Philatelic Magazine.

PERSIA.—Mr. Bikhori is informed by the Director-General of the Persian Post Office that only three more values (9, 10 and 12ch) will be issued in the "Riza" design. This issue will shortly be replaced by the regular issue now being printed in Holland.—Philatelic Magazine.

SYRIA.—Whitfield King & Co. send on chronicle three provisionals. The brown-red has been surcharged "4p" and native characters in black: the 2p light blue bears the overprint "7p50" and the 25p bright blue, "15p." The former values have been obliterated by two parallel bars.

URUGUAY.—Whitfield King & Co. send for chronicle the 3c grey green and the 9c on 10c blue, imperforate stamps of the A100 design, with the surcharge "Prensa" in red.

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That year, 1896, when the writer was a comparatively young man, and new in philately, he lived in a brand new little town, which had sprung up some two years before, where a new railroad crossed another comparatively new one. The writer was the only stamp collector in that little town or anywhere near there; and with the *Daily Stamp Item*, born that year, everything connected seemed to be in its infancy.

The little town was situated in South Carolina, near the Georgia border, and had direct mail connection with Atlanta and Columbia. A train from the east and one from the west usually met there about the middle of the afternoon bringing mail from both Atlanta and Columbia, among which were the daily papers from those two towns, and last but not least my *Daily Stamp Item* came along with the bunch of big dailies.

The writer with his father-in-law ran the hotel of the little town, also one of two stores which were on the ground floor under the hotel. A long portico sheltered the front of these two stores. On the arrival of the afternoon mail which brought in the daily papers, business seemed arranged so as to automatically have a lull. Proprietors and head clerks all repaired to the portico, and each one with his chair tilted back against one of the several posts, began eagerly to devour the daily news, social, political and otherwise; all excepting your correspondent, who, tilted back in his chair like the others, with his little *Daily Stamp Item* spread out devouring with the avidity of a hungry wolf the latest news in the stamp world. In a sense, you might say with the poet, "Alone, alone; all, all alone; alone on a wide, wide sea;" but Oh, boy, how he enjoyed his situation! how grand he felt there, all by his lone self!

The writer begs the indulgence of his readers for this rather sudden burst of feeling, but he really believes that the year 1926 should not be allowed to pass into the unchanging past without some notice being given that dandy little daily which made such a brave effort for existence thirty years ago. If in that early stage of philatelic growth it received sufficient support to keep it going for nine months, what could it do now, when nations and rulers of nations have taken up the standard with us? The writer suggests a revival of that dandy little sheet. What say you, Mr. Editor?

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Hand-stamped pre-cancelling is found on United States stamps issued many years ago, but it was not until 1916 that our Government made any attempt to supply printed cancellations to meet the demands at local postoffices. In that year approximately 12,000,000 stamps of sixteen denominations then current were supplied from Washington. To-day the Government recognizes the widespread philatelic interest in these stamps and recently an arrangement was made so that official announcements will be made as to which denominations are pre-cancelled, and for which cities.

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Modern Used French Colonials A STUDY IN VALUES

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IN a previous short article I summarized my own ideas of the comparative merits and values of the used and unused stamps of ten colonies. It might be of some interest to go over in more detail those colonies whose stamps are of equal or greater value used than in mint condition. It must be remembered, however, that such statements as are made below, except for statistics, are merely the result of my own experiences and impressions, and are to that extent subject to correction from better informed sources.

Alaouites—Essentially the same used as unused. The first (1921) issue may be a trifle scarcer used, but the difference is hardly noticeable.

Cameroun—Slightly rarer in used condition, in spite of the two million population of the colony. Scarcity is more pronounced in the lower values, which is true to some extent of almost all the modern French colonials.

China—All issues of all post-offices (including Kouang-Tcheou, which is politically part of Indo-China) seem to be a great deal rarer used than is indicated by catalog prices. With the exception of the general "Chine" issues, a fair approximation seems to be 25% higher for used; with a probability that the issues for "Pak-Hoi" and "Tchong-King" are scarcer yet.

Cilicia—While a large number of these stamps are undoubtedly rarer used, there are also many whose value used is much less than unused. Values on the whole seem to follow the Y&T catalog very closely.

Dahomey—Is rather hard to classify. Issues before 1906 are invariably rarer unused. 1906 issue varies considerably, though why this should be I have no idea. Logically it would seem that all issues should be rarer unused, for although Dahomey is smaller and has less population than Cameroun (less than a million altogether; with 850 whites), it is much more highly developed in the way of commerce and transportation. Latest issues are generally a trifle scarcer used, but there are many exceptions.

Egypt—Alexandria is about the same in either condition. Port Said generally rarer used, with only a very few exceptions. Port Said stamps used in Abyssinia are of considerable scarcity in the earlier issues. Later issues so used are

"hard to get" but not in the rarity class.

French Congo—Previous to the permanent 1892 issue, stamps are scarcer unused. From 1892 on, used stamps are better, with a few exceptions.

French Guiana—Exactly the reverse of French Congo, due probably to the greater development of this colony in recent years.

French Guinea—In somewhat the same position as Dahomey. This colony has twice the population (both white and black) of Dahomey, as well as eight more post-offices, which ought to reduce somewhat the comparative value of its used stamps—but it doesn't!

French India—Approximately the same as French Guiana. Of the used stamps, those used in Pondicherry are commonest, the order of scarcity being in exact agreement with the size of the various towns, viz.: Pondicherry, Chandernagor, Karikal, Mahe, and Yanaon (omitting the smaller towns, such as Oulgaret, Bahour, Tiroubouvane, etc., of the above five districts).

French Oceania—Very little difference in any of the stamps. Later issues may be a trifle scarcer used. Used stamps with postmarks other than those of the islands of Tahiti and Moorea are quite scarce; Rapa and Ravava, in the Tubuai Islands, and Mangareva in the Gambiers are exceedingly difficult to find.

French Soudan—1894 issues are better unused. All others without exception are preferable used, although the difference in many cases is very little. It is probable that in a short time the later issues will become more plentiful used—which is mere speculation on my part, based on the importance of French Soudan commercially compared with its neighbors.

Gabon—Prior to 1910, unused are always better; from 1910 to date, used. The 1910 issue itself averages something like 25% better used. Later issues almost as much.

Indo-China—A very few stamps are better used, but the majority are scarcer unused, as would be expected.

Ivory Coast—Previous to 1913, all stamps are approximately the same used and unused. From 1913 on, used are slightly preferable, with two exceptions (Scott's 46 and 49). Postage due stamps used are seldom met with; I believe their scarcity is greater than Y&T catalog indicates.

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Martinique—Are definitely better unused, with the single exception of Scott's type A18, which are about the same either way.

Mauritania—All stamps are rarer used, the 1907 postage dues very much so. On some of the stamps the difference is considerable, amounting to as much as 250%. Mauritania has a white population of only 200, which may account for it.

Middle Congo—Slightly better unused, except the most recent issues, due perhaps to the considerable time the permanent issue has been current. Used stamps with postmarks other than Brazzaville are uncommon.

New Caledonia—Stamps issued before 1903 are better unused. From 1903 to date used and unused are about the same, with slight variations. Here again the dues, particularly those of 1903, are quite a little better used.

New Hebrides—Earlier issues (before permanent 1911 issue) are a bit oftener found used. The recent provisionals are better used than unused, to a small extent. The intermediate stamps (1911-1912 issues) seem to be about the same, except that the franc values may be slightly better used. The fact that both British and French issues are used indiscriminately, both being sometimes put on the same letter, complicates matters.

Niger Territory—Used are much better property than unused. Stamps with postmarks other than Zinder are not often seen.

Reunion—With a very few exceptions unused are better.

St. Pierre and Miquelon—There is a sharp dividing line here. Scott's Nos. 1-86 inclusive are either of equal value or better unused. Number 87 and following are usually slightly better used.

Senegal—Unused are equal to or better than used. The postage dues are about the same in either condition.

Somali Coast—With the exception of Scott's Nos. 21, 27b, and 49-63, all issues seem to be slightly better used. The 1903 issue seems to be about the same either way—perhaps a trifle rarer unused, if anything, though why this one issue should be different from the others I am unable to explain. Somali Coast stamps used in the French post-offices in Abyssinia are quite uncommon, as far as the earlier issues are concerned. Later issues are more often found so used.

Syria—Unused are equal to or better than used, with a few minor exceptions.

Togo—First French (occupation) issue is better unused. Second issue, no difference between used and unused. Following issues are definitely better used—sometimes considerably better. The 1921 dues I should rate at one-third better.

Ubangi-Chari—Very hard to find used, particularly with postmarks other than Bangui. Rates about the same as Mauritania, although logically it would seem that the used should not be so scarce. But if you have any, keep 'em!

Upper Senegal and Niger—With the

exception of Scott's No. 5 and No. 8, used are a trifle better.

Upper Volta—All are better used, but on some stamps the difference is slight.

Wallis and Futuna Islands—The scarcest of any modern French colonials in legitimately used condition—that is, with postmarks dated during the time the particular stamp or stamps were current. I have been unable to find out definitely, but I believe there are at most but three post-offices in the group, which is a French protectorate. The total population is only 6,000; compare this with over two and a half million population for French Soudan, with fifty post-offices!

The French colonies which I have not mentioned are in the same class with France—the stamps are practically all worth more unused. Algeria, Tunis, Indo-China, etc., are in this class. I find, however, that I have omitted any mention of Chad, which most certainly is not in the same class with France. Its stamps are all scarcer used, and about on a par with Ubangi-Chari. The Fort Lamy postmark is the only one found to any extent.

CANAL ZONE—CURRENT ISSUE

By CLINTON L. CHALFANT

Alert collectors, it would seem, who consider the pleasure of collecting to include increased value in their collections as well as beauty and historical interest, should turn their attention to the Panama Canal Zone as the stamps soon will be changed according to information published in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

While it is always easy to criticize yet it seems that in this instance Scott's catalogue is not a safe guide. Some months back according to MEKEEL'S the first printing of the Canal Zone stamps, present issue, showed one million 1c, one and a half million 2c, half a million 5c, 100,000 10c, 50,000 12c, 25,000 15c, 40,000 30c, 5,000 50c and 10,000 of the \$1. value. Now Scott arbitrarily doubles the "catalogue value" on the higher denominations 15c to \$1. inclusive. On the 1c he trebles the face value to 3c. In other words the value is trebled on the 1c, of which one and a half million were printed and only doubled on the 50c, of which only 5,000 were printed. The writer believes that collectors are interested in the number of stamps printed. If there has been a second printing of the denominations mentioned, a report on this would be interesting.

Another interesting thing. In the 1927 catalogue although the 1/2 cent, 1 1/2, and 3c have been in use for more than a year there are not enough used copies for Scott to catalogue them used, yet unused the 1/2c while raised four times its value to 2c appears undervalued, and the 1 1/2 is advanced only 2 1/2c over face unused. The 3c Lincoln is listed at 8c which appears to be undervalued.

Many U. S. colonial collectors have not forgotten that the 50c Shanghai was greatly underpriced and the 50c Canal Zone appears to be in the same class.

The writer believes a check list on the number of U. S. colonial stamps printed in the Philippines, Shanghai and Canal Zone of recent issues, would be of interest as well as a reprinting of the check list on U. S. surcharges of Cuba, Guam, Porto Rico, Philippines and Canal Zone printed in MEKEEL'S some 20 to 25 years ago.

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From the American Tree Association, the *Forestry Primer* has been received. It contains a remarkable article by Charles Lathrop Pack, the president, whose knowledge of trees is such as to stamp him a foremost authority on the subject.

The annual of the United Stamp Societies made its appearance some time ago; and mention should be made of the interesting publication of over fifty pages, which includes the proceedings of the eighth yearly convention, held in Hackensack, N. J., last summer. The object of this organization is a worthy one as it encourages the inter-relation of various societies. The list of member societies shows eighteen local bodies. The president is Mr. H. Fred Christensen, Emerson, N. J.; and the year book may be had from the secretary, Mr. Elmer L. Clark, Lynn, Mass., for 25c. The next convention will be held at Boston, May 30, 1927.

Dr. C. W. Hennan, Chicago, shows us an envelope bearing the four new charity stamps of Netherlands, indicating the "first hour" use of these new stamps on December 1, 1926.

Our brother editor, Mr. Walter N. Emerson, sends the following side-light on philatelic lore: "Stamp collecting sure does help folks to know their geography; yes, and their history. A lady writes me to ask the value of a 2c stamp showing the landing of 'Columbus and the Pilgrims.' Wasn't the Mayflower crowded enough before without getting Chris onto it?"

We have been informed of the death of Charles Eykens, Steendorp, Antwerp, Belgium, on November 17, 1926. Mr. Eykens handled new issues of French colonies, etc., on an extensive basis and was known to some of the dealers in this country.

Mr. Frank L. Applegate, Medford, Oregon, wishes to return his thanks to those of our readers who have written to him and to us, as a consequence of his inquiry concerning the whereabouts of accurate millimeter scales.

Due to the indisposition of its editor, W. W. MacLaren, Cleveland, the *Stamp Hunter* will not appear in January but February will see its friendly features once again. The Garfield-Perry Stamp Club of the aforesaid city has a good program for January the final number of which is a talk and exhibition of U. S. and foreign by C. Walter Fenton.

The *Postmark*, that "free and frank" monthly emanating from the hand of the worthy P. M. of Springfield, Illinois, always takes our eye; and, too, we would have him know that air mail enthusiasts keep him in kindly memory for his co-operation with them in aerial postal affairs. The final sentence of the January number is: "On and after February 1st, Air Mail Postage will be 10c per half ounce or fraction thereof, to any city in the United States or its possessions."

The Chicago Philatelic Society has started the new year with improved facilities, in its new meeting-place, the top floor of the Brevoort Hotel, Chicago. A record attendance, almost, marked the meeting of January 6th, when the new officers took their chairs. At the election held recently, the following members were elected to the respective offices: T. C. E. Hunter, president; B. L. Voorhees, vice-president; J. A. Zalud, secretary; C. F. Mann, treasurer; and additional members of the board of directors: A. F. Boehm, C. E. Severn, H. F. Rech, Dr. C. W. Hennan and Mr. Sandstrom. The old Chicago society is going ahead at a great pace and the prediction is made that this year will see its popularity increased in good measure.

A tablet to the memory of "Snowshoe Thompson" was unveiled at Los Angeles, last November, and thus the memory of an intrepid pioneer is perpetuated. For thirteen years, before the coming of the railroad, he packed on his back in winter, mail from the east and vice versa, through the mountain passes. We quote from a newspaper:

"The tablet commemorating the deeds of the old resident of Hangtown, now Placerville, in maintaining the line of communication between the West and the East when huge snowdrifts closed the route of the Pony Express, was placed in Carthay Centre, a suburb, by the Native Sons of the Golden West. Los Angeles mail carriers attended to honor the first of their craft in California.

In 1856 Thompson went to the rescue of the struggling mining colonies, whose very existence depended upon their communication with the East. The Pony Express was making its last run of the year and the first rider was pressing his mount to the utmost to make the passes before the snow fell. But when he arrived in Hangtown the Sierras already were blanketed in white and he could go no further. The mails he carried toward the East were extremely important.

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By E. O. HOWLE.

The PN-10 No. 2, with her sister ship PN-10 No. 1, left Norfolk Naval Air Station, Hampton Roads, Va., late Tuesday afternoon of November 23rd, 1926, in an attempt to make a non-stop flight to Colon, Canal Zone, Panama. No. 1 was forced down on account of engine trouble in the Caribbean Sea, between Swan Island and Jamaica, and had to abandon the flight. The PN-10 No. 2, was forced down Wednesday morning at Siguana Bay, Isle of Pines, because of the consumption of all her lubricating oil. After obtaining another supply of oil, the PN-10 No. 2 hopped off from Siguana Bay at 6.50 Friday morning and landed at Coco Solo, Canal Zone Naval Base, Panama, at 5.36 Friday afternoon, thus completing the trip in seventy-three hours and fifteen minutes after she had left Norfolk, Va. This time included all delays. No trouble other than running short of lubricating oil was encountered by the PN-10 No. 2 on the entire trip. A surplus of one hundred gallons of gas was left from the supply taken on at Norfolk for the flight.

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radio equipment and the communications worked fine. The plane traveled at an average speed of seventy-five knots an hour and at an average altitude of one thousand feet. The members of the crew were as follows: Commander Harold Bartlett, Lieutenants H. C. Rodd and C. H. Schildhauer, together with Aviation Machinist's Mate Charles J. Sutter.

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CARRIED SIXTY- EIGHT LETTERS

The aviators were officially received by Governor J. D. Arosemena, representing Panama, Captain Ward Wortman, Commanding Officer of the Sub Base, Commander R. P. Molten, Commanding Officer of the Naval Air Station, and Gerald D. Bliss, Sr., Post Master at Cristobal.

Commander Bartlett carried a package of sixty-eight letters which he turned over to Mr. Bliss, who immediately carried them to the Cristobal Post Office, and, after numbering the letters numerically, he back stamped them as received at Cristobal, Canal Zone, November 26, 1926, at 6 P.M. Post Master Bliss, initialed each letter inside the circle of the receiving stamp with his initials "G. D.

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There is a national movement fostered by trade organizations in different cities to discourage the sale of goods that are sent unsolicited to prospective buyers. From time to time, there have been protests against this method of selling from various sources, but now concerted action is being invited, as readers of the WEEKLY are aware. Philatelists are interested in the drive as unsolicited approval selections have been a thorn in the flesh of not a few collectors, who have told us of their annoyances with them. At one time, we felt that no hardship was worked on the collector who received goods in this wise, when postage for their return was enclosed in the consignment, but we admit that only surface indications were taken into consideration. There are too many "adventitious circumstances" that involve such transactions. We submit the statement of a Better Business Bureau of one of the large cities. No one is obligated to return such merchandise, and has no other obligation "except to give it reasonable care for a reasonable length of time until the company has had opportunity to send some one to get the merchandise."

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confronts the buyer: I refer to the question of price quotations for stamps, in connection with their condition. Prices are becoming almost meaningless and who, nowadays, would buy a desired specimen if merely the amount asked without any reference to condition was made? I have been buying old German states and find, for instance, that one dealer's 'fair' is another's 'good' but both of the asked prices are about the same! Our correspondent's letter is of some length, and he shows the perplexities that arise from the lack of a standardized method of description. It is granted that descriptions may be variable and that gradations of conditions are not thorough in many instances, but there is an increasing tendency to honestly estimate the stamps; and we think that the problem will be worked out with good results. It is apparent that prices on stamps of really prime condition are strengthening at the expense of the specimens that do not come under this category. The collector who is graduated into the class of the buyers of the expensive stamps is usually one who is capable of being the custodian of his own interests; and while it is wished that there could be hard and fast rules established for the guidance of buyers of "condition" the existing standards are not to be wholly condemned.

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In last week's issue the death of Henry N. Mudge, Chicago, a past president of the American Philatelic Society and the Chicago Philatelic Society was reported, and at the meeting of the Chicago body on January 6th, tribute was paid to the memory of Mr. Mudge. At the funeral services, the Reverend Milton M. McGorrell told of the qualities of the decedent in impressive words, and in remarking about Mr. Mudge's inclination for stamps, he made observations that were complimentary to philately. The clergyman mentioned that Mr. Mudge was a lover of nature and of stamps as objects of collection; and he said that any one who collected stamps could not help but project himself in thought into the country whose stamps he studied. As a proper stimulant for the imagination and a studious recreation, he praised stamp collecting, being moved to do so by no suggestion other than his own. Six of Mr. Mudge's old-time friends attended the services before the casket was

sent to Marblehead, Mass., the place of interment.

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Henry N. Mudge was a sincere philatelist who added to the glory of his chosen pursuit by ever working for its best interests. His public career is known but his many unobtrusive acts in behalf of philately and its followers will never be recorded. During his long incapacitation, he gave away stamps in generous measure to collecting friends and others who might become collectors. In fact, such inroads were made in his collections that one was touched by his liberality; and many of his best stamps were transplanted in this way, such was his unselfish devotion to the cause. Verily, he made many blades of grass grow where only one grew before. As a representative of the best traditions of the old school of philately, combining with them, certain of the progressive influences of to-day, we shall not look upon his like again.

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A recent letter from A. H. Wilhelm, president of the American Philatelic Society affords the welcome tidings that his health is restored to the degree that it is almost normal; and from the many X-Rays that he has had taken, the presumption is that there is no need of an operation. Even though Mr. Wilhelm was confined to his home for some time, the workings of the American Philatelic Society were interrupted only for about a week. The many friends of Mr. Wilhelm who have inquired about his condition will be pleased to hear this good report.

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In the issue of November 29, 1926, mention was made of "shades" of the current 3 drachma stamp of Greece. Our Athens correspondent, Mr. P. J. Drossos says that no importance whatever should be given to such varieties, as all the Greek stamps of the current issue exist "in, every possible shade, from 'washed out to the deepest color. In the case of the 3drs which is mentioned, there is no shade resembling the 2drs, orange red. Probably, the stamp suffered some alteration by heat—or any other chemical condition." Since 1913, when the lithographed set first appeared there have been a riot of shades, it need not be said.

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Edwards.—The present low prices of these on the London market offer excellent opportunities for the investor. Most of them are now changing hands at around one-half to one-third Gibbons'; for example, St. Kitts, 1903, 1/2d to 2s at £1, Leewards, CA single 1/2d to 5s at £1, Fiji, 1903, 1/2d to 5s at 22s6d, St. Vincent, 1904, 1/2d to 5s at 35s, Natal, 10s Universal at £2, So. Nigeria, 1908, 10s MCA at 50s, etc., etc. It is safe to say that quotations are about as low as they will ever be, on this particular group of stamps, and with the post-war flood of wmk. changes rapidly abating and the renewed interest being taken in the Edwardian issues, present buyers of these stand extremely good chances of doubling their investment within the next ten or twelve years.

Already, prices on the American market are well over half Catalogue, generally speaking, and as time passes, we may expect to see the London prices slowly rise until they correspond more nearly to the American quotations. The depressed trade conditions in England are responsible in a measure for the present low prices there, and for those with an eye to the financial side, the London market is quite the cheapest at present.

Shades and Colored Paper Varieties.—To date, these have received far less attention than they rightly deserve, American collectors, particularly, being guilty of this neglect. A fair share of the responsibility may be attributed, I think, to the inadequate treatment of modern Colonials in the American Catalogue. The popularity of the West Indian Colonies must, of course, be recognized as one of the factors to which this situation is due, although only a factor of minor importance, as even in the issues of these Colonies the attention given shades and colored paper varieties is relatively slight. In the end, the greater part of the responsibility reverts to the standard Catalogue, and as long as the publishers continue to deal with modern Colonials in the present half-hearted fashion, just so long will the present situation (with all its superficialities of treatment) be prolonged.

Only major types and varieties now receive consideration, and even ignoring prices, the Catalogue is quite valueless to those who wish to form more than a representative display. The specialist must either stumble along as best he can, or—as is usually the case—turn to other Catalogues which will furnish him with at least a fair proportion of the material he desires. Inevitably, this will lead him

to make his purchases outside the home country, wherever he is able to satisfy his needs best.

All of which is more or less introductory to the following unlisted shades and minor colored paper varieties. Most of these, I think, are not generally known, in spite of their having come on the London market from time to time. All were distributed by at least one new issue firm, and hence are not extreme varieties of interest to the specialist solely. There are many others, of course,—this list being merely an attempt to call attention to some material which, at present, is quite neglected.

British Guiana.—K. G., MCA, 96c jet black and red on yellow.

British Honduras.—K. G., MCA, 25c jet black on blue green, olive back.

Ceylon.—K. G., MCA, 5r black on pale blue, pale olive back.

Gambia.—1922, large Pictorial type, 5s green on pale yellow.

Gibraltar.—K. G., MCA, £1 purple and black on red.

Gold Coast.—K. G., MCA, 1s jet black on green.

Grenada.—K. G., MCA, 6d purple and violet and 1s jet black on emerald back.

Kenya & Uganda.—K. G., MCA, 1r jet black on green and 1r black on blue green.

Malta.—1922 "Melita" type, 2s6d deep magenta and black; 5s orange yellow and deep ultramarine, and £1 black and aniline carmine-red, sideways wmk.

Nauru.—De La Rue printing, 5s pale carmine and 10s bright ultramarine.

New Hebrides.—Old type, 1s black on blue green and 5s green on pale yellow.

Nigeria.—MCA, 2s6d jet black and red on blue.

St. Lucia.—K. G., MCA, 1s black on blue green.

Sierra Leone.—K. G., MCA, 3d on orange buff; 5s carmine and green on pale yellow, and £1 purple and jet black on red.

Togo.—London ovpt., 5s green and red on pale yellow.

Whilst almost all the obsolete South West Africa provisionals are showing a considerable rise over face value, many collectors fail to profit by past example and quite neglect the current stamps of this Colony. The low values of the old set have already been superseded by the new pictorials, but the s. duties are still on sale and well-worth buying at once. The postage dues should also be watched; many of those current only a short time ago are now making startling rises.

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Junior Gossip

If any senior has a suggestion for this page, send it in. Not over 50 words.

Fred Peterson (14) sends us a little essay on Bavaria and receives a stamp award.

The editor wants little articles dealing with stamps. Geographical and historical information is all right, but this page isn't big enough for it.

A letter requiring a personal reply should be accompanied by an addressed stamp envelope.

Harold Owens of Dallas, Texas, sends us an essay on Japan stamps, and wins a prize.

Harry Katz submits three clippings for our use. Sorry we could not use them.

There is a Junior club in New Haven, Ct. John Langley, Pres., sends a list of members for our special issue.

A late entry on Fiume reaches us from Louis Press. Many thanks for your interest.

Max Meiere—The only way to prove that a stamp is imperforate is to have another stamp attached. It is easy to cut perfs. off a single stamp.

We thank Thomas Attwood, St. Louis, Mo., for an essay on Newfoundland, which we are not able to use on account of lack of space. He also sends us two clippings. Thomas is 13 years old and is keenly interested in his stamps.

"I'm under foot," the doormat said,

"And kicked by all the tramps;

But I don't care at all for that,

For I'm collecting stamps."

G. HARRISON TOWNSEND.

Favors Standard Varieties

We are pleased to print a letter from Kenneth Kingsbury. Yes, every collector should start with a general collection, and in time select his lines of specialism. However, be very charitable to the one who collects "funny doo-dads." If Kenneth has a heart or a star on a 3c green send it on to this paper. They look good to us. Here is the letter:—

"Being a junior subscriber to your paper I am very much interested in the Junior Department which you have established so I thought I would write you.

I am 13 years old, and have a general collection of about 3300. Of late I have been concentrating (not specializing) on French Col. Of these I have about 500.

I am decidedly against 1st day covers and such stuff. Recently I saw advertised last day covers of the Sesqui. That is not collecting stamps, it is simply collecting any kind of curiosity that comes along. I believe that the real backbone of stamp collecting is the general collector who collects standard varieties and not cancellations or funny doo-dads."

Coil Stamps

A coil stamp is one so designated because it is issued in coil form, that is, a continuous strip of stamps arranged either sidewise or endwise. The sidewise type have the stamps coiled side by side; the endwise end to end. They are made up in coils of 500 and 1,000 stamps by the Department in order that they might be used in special machines designed for the selling or the affixing of postage stamps. Sidewise coils are perforated vertically and endwise horizontally, each being imperforate on the other sides. At the present time all coils are the product of the rotary press although formerly they were made from the flat plate and a great many of the early coils were furnished in imperforate condition. Sweden, as well as the United States issue coil stamps, both the product of the machine invented by Mr. Benjamin Stickney, the mechanical expert of the Bureau of Engraving & Printing.—PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

Keene Junior Stamp Club

Lyle E. Beal informs us that Keene, N. H., now has a stamp club of juniors, organized through the help of the Keene Philatelic Society. Edwin Merrill is president, Catherine Coffin vice-president, Dorothy Clark secretary, and Putnam Kingsbury treasurer. Meetings will be held alternate Thursday evenings. Fifty boys and girls were present at the institution.

U. S. Commemoratives

An interesting little collection of U. S. stamps could be formed by collecting the special commemorative sets. The only stamps that might be beyond the general collector's means are the dollar values of the Columbian and Trans-Mississippi sets. Sixty-eight different commemoratives have been issued and such a collection would be very interesting. With each set there could be notes telling why it was issued.—KARL D. EBERS.

The Chinese Junk

A stamp of China, of the current "Junk" type, whisks our thoughts to the opposite end of the earth. In what strange wanderings can our fancy indulge in this incongruous land where the civilisation of to-day rubs shoulders with that of six thousand years ago! The admixture of ancient and modern is well illustrated in the design of the stamp we are studying. In the background, a train is passing over a railway bridge. In the foreground, lumbering slowly and awkwardly through the water, is the primitive junk, bearing on its bows the two painted "eyes" without which no Chinese craft could possibly see its way!—Stanley Gibbons' *Monthly Journal*.



With the U. S. Boys and Girls

Mr. Melville in the *Stamp Lover* Exhibition as a millionaire's outing, crowds of boys from the New York schools flocked into the show in the evenings and on Saturday afternoons. On the final Saturday afternoon when I was giving a lantern lecture especially for school children, the hall was packed to capacity with young folks—and their mothers. There were not many exhibits in the junior class, but one which attracted much attention was the gorgeous album of the young gentleman who figured in the catalogue as Otto II, King of Hungary. The album, a huge example of heavily tooled and decorative bookbinding, was more interesting than its stampic contents. The democratic jury allotted this one royal exhibit a simple bronze medal.

Vasco da Gama

Probably no other early navigator is better known (aside from Columbus) than Dom Vasco da Gama. Stamp collectors become familiar with this historical personage through their history books sooner than they do from stamps telling of his exploits. Da Gama was born about 1450 at Sines, a small seaport of Portugal. His knowledge of ships and navigation learned in his younger days stood him in good stead when the King of Portugal was looking for a navigator to try to find a southern passage to India. He was commissioned by the King who gave him four ships and 160 men to make the trip. He sailed down the west coast of Africa and rounded the Cape of Good Hope. Then he sailed up the hitherto unknown east coast thereby opening up the long-looked-for passage to India and other parts of Asia. As this event was second only to the discovery of America, it was duly celebrated by Portugal and several of its colonies issuing pic-

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Every Week Abbreviations

Many well known philatelic terms are more often than not written or printed in an abbreviated form. The ones most usually met with are:—

Cat.—Catalogue.
Imp. or Imperf.—Imperforate.
Mm.—Millimetre.
O. G.—Original Gum.
Perf. or Pf.—Perforated.
Roul.—Rouletted.
Wmk.—Watermark.
*—Unused.
Can.—Cancelled.
Doc.—Documentary.

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1c brown red	5.00	2.50
2c green	1.25	.75
3c red	.50	.30
6c brown (shades)	1.25	.75
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1c orange	3.50	1.90
1869-72, 1c orange	1.00	.50
1c orange	6.00	3.00
1872-3, 10c rose lilac	1.25	.75
10c rose lilac	6.00	3.00
1875-7, 15c gray	1.25	.70
1882-90, 6c red brown	1.00	.50
6c red brown	1.50	.75
10c brown red	1.00	.50
1897, 1/2c black	1.00	.60
5c deep blue	.60	.35
6c yellow brown	2.00	1.25
8c dark violet	1.00	.60
8c dark violet	1.00	.60
10c brown violet	1.25	.75
15c steel blue	1.75	1.00
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50c ultramarine	1.50	.90
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1897, 6c brown	.75	.45
1898, 6c brown	1.00	.60
8c orange	.50	.30
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2p rose	10.00	6.00
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2c green	2.50	1.50
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2c green	3.00	1.60
3c blue	1.00	.60
5c blue	.80	.45
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1c gray brown	1.00	.60
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1897, 15c scarlet	.60	.35
24c gray violet	1.00	.60
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1c to 60c, complete	8.60	4.60
1c on 3c gray lilac	1.50	.90
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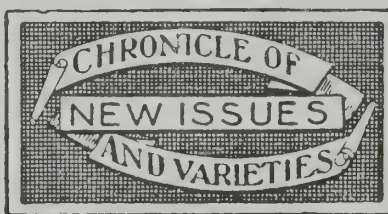
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United States

Bureau Plate Printing

The *Literary Digest* of December 18th contained an article treating of the improved plates now being used for printing our currency. As the same methods are used in connection with the printing of stamps, mention of the fact will be of interest. Heretofore the plates were used up so fast that it was difficult to keep new plates in stock at all times. It will be recalled back in 1920 when foreign matter in the ink ruined a number of plates at one time, that it was necessary to revert to the offset print in order to meet the demand. By the new method a thin coat of chromium, an exceedingly hard metal, is applied to the plate. This gives a much more satisfactory and sharper impression than from either the steel or the steel plate, nickel coated. A layer of chromium two ten-thousandths of an inch thick when deposited on the surface of the plate makes it four times as durable as an ordinary plate or twice as durable as a case hardened steel plate. Then when the plate becomes worn, it may be dechromed, treated again and is in its former new condition. With this new product the number of plates necessary will probably be cut in half, while the output from each plate will be doubled, making it much easier for the plate number collector to complete his collection.

As far as I can learn, the product from the present plates cannot be distinguished from that of the former plates, so that there will be no new varieties for the collector.

Star Plates 1926 Series

Mention was made in this column many weeks back of the new spacings found on plates and these, it was explained, were distinguished from the other plates by means of a small star generally placed near the upper right plate number. I have just seen blocks of the 20c showing this star, the first that has come to my attention.

Mr. H. M. Southgate kindly sends a list of the lower denominations showing the star. Outside of the 2c and 20c, none of these have ever come to my attention. Now that we are using the rotary press for the lower denominations, it is quite possible that many of these plates were never completed. The star plates prepared by the Department were:

3 cent—16781-18434-35-36.
4 cent—17157-58-59-60.
5 cent—18432-33-55-56.
6 cent—17406-07-08-09.
7 cent—17410-11-12-13.
8 cent—16766-67-93-96.
9 cent—17000-01-02-03, 18390-91
18437-38-49-50, 18463-64.
10 cent—17167-68-69-70-71-72-73-74.

1922 2c Rotary Variety

Mr. A. H. Weber advises that he has recently located a copy of the 2c perf. 10, rotary print, issue of 1922, wherein opposite the mouth there is an extra line of shading in the background making a lighter spot immediately in front of Washington's mouth, giving the stamp the appearance as if he were smoking a cigarette. Mr. Weber cannot state the plate that the variety comes from, but knows that it is from the right half of the top row of the sheet, that is, stamps five to ten.

Odd Cancellation

Another odd cancellation just at hand, the equal of the Santa Claus, Ind., recently described, is found on a cover kindly sent on January 1st, by Mr. Herman W. Boers. This was mailed and clearly postmarked, "Christmas, Ariz." If one will purchase a Postal Guide and go over the list of names of many of these smaller places throughout the country, he will be able to spend an amusing hour. There is hardly a word or thought that is not expressed in the naming of our numerous post offices.

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AUSTRALIA.—Mr. R. Roberts in commenting on the 1 1/2p rose, printed from the new die, states that the distinguishing features are found in the "2" in the "1 1/2" and the thicker lettering for the words "Three Halfpence." Mr. R. Roberts has also received the 1p dull green also from the new die with the same differences as noted for the 1 1/2p mentioned above.

CEYLON.—Mr. R. Roberts sends us new provisionals for chronicle with information: "Owing to the reduction of the local letter rate from 6c to 5c the post card rate from 3c to 2c there have been issued the 5c overprinted in line '5 Cents' and the 3c grey overprinted in like manner."

CUBA.—We have received from W. Avery, blocks of four of the current green and 2c carmine issued imperfectly. We are advised that 100,000 copies of these stamps have been placed on the market. We shall publish in an early number the full particulars of these interesting varieties.

HUNGARY.—New Values.—L. states that four new values, 1, 2, 3, and 4, were to be issued on the 20th. At the moment of writing, these stamps have not yet been received. The 50c and 80c filler, which were to have been issued at the same time, have been countermanded.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

IRAQ.—I Rupee.—We learn from Bikhori that the new design mentioned in our last reference has now been proved, and a supply ordered which is expected to reach Bagdad early in January. The colour will be light brown and the stamp will also be overprinted in English and Arabic, for Official use.

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The editor of the WEEKLY was I. A. Mekeel whose genius later had its fruition in the general publishing field; and at the time of his death in February, 1913, Mr. Mekeel had attained a national eminence as a publisher and successful business man. One of the early contributors to the WEEKLY was C. E. Severn of Chicago, and in 1894, he became the paper's Chicago correspondent. In those days, a column or so of notes each week from the different stamp centers was a feature of the paper. Several years later, business vicissitudes were encountered by the corporation that published the WEEKLY that made a readjustment of its business necessary; and by an order of court, I. A. Mekeel became the buyer and owner of the WEEKLY. Soon, Mr. Mekeel's acumen led him to measure the advertising possibilities of the paper and he determined to launch a campaign that would thoroughly test them. He proposed to Mr. Severn that he become editor and part owner of the WEEKLY and early in 1898, Mr. Severn's alliance with the WEEKLY as editor and partner was made. The paper was edited from Chicago, but published from St. Louis, and Mr. Mekeel, free to give his undivided attention to the business department, found a congenial occupation in expanding the advertising prestige of the WEEKLY.

For several years the paper flourished under these conditions, but it was not long before Scott F. Redfield of Smethport, Pennsylvania, who was publishing a weekly stamp paper at that period, merged his paper into the WEEKLY and became a part owner of the corporation which had been formed under the laws of the State of New York to conduct the WEEKLY. For a time the WEEKLY was printed at the plant of Mr. Redfield at Smethport, Pa., published by Mr. Mekeel in New York and edited by Mr. Severn in Chicago. At this period, the Boston correspondent of the WEEKLY

was Willard O. Wylie of Beverly, Mass., who also was the manager of Rev. John Luther Kilbon's famous *Boston Stamp Book*; and so capably did he discharge his duties that he was recommended to the notice of the owners. After Mr. Wylie had proved his ability further by planning special issues from start to finish, he was invited to become one of the corporation. In the meantime, the WEEKLY had purchased W. W. Jewett's *Weekly Philatelic Era*, an excellent publication that almost divided with the WEEKLY the regard of the collecting public and Mr. Wylie was placed in charge of the *Era* as a separate publication. By his conduct of the *Weekly Philatelic Era*, Mr. Wylie further emphasized his fitness for philatelic newspaper work, and when the *Era* was consolidated with the WEEKLY, Mr. Wylie, who had bought a tenth interest in the company, was made managing editor.

The interests of Mr. Mekeel in a general publishing sense were becoming more and more important and such were the demands made upon his time by affairs of magnitude that he could not give freely of his services to the corporation, although the paper continued to hold its warm place in his affections. It was advisable to re-incorporate the company under Massachusetts laws and publish the WEEKLY from Boston under Mr. Wylie's direction; and it was at this time, or in 1904, that W. W. Jewett entered into a contract with the publishers of the WEEKLY whereby he was to print the paper in his plant at Portland, Maine.

At the death of I. A. Mekeel in 1913, the controlling interest in the company became vested in the estate of I. A. Mekeel and two years later, the two hundred and fifty-one shares were acquired by Messrs. Severn, Wylie and Jewett. Later Miss Mildred Wylie who had been associated with WEEKLY work for years, and William K. Jewett, the son of our printer, who served an apprenticeship on the paper, each bought an interest in the company.

Willard O. Wylie who has distinguished himself as managing editor of the WEEKLY for nearly twenty-five years has a greater enthusiasm than ever before in his work. His faithful performance of the duties of his office is eloquent testimony to his belief in and preference for his task. Mr. Wylie sticks close to his work, but he is known to fame in the political field and it is remembered that he made a smashing campaign for the governorship of Massachusetts on the prohibition ticket.

In recent years, he has been active in Republican politics and he attended the national conventions at Chicago and Cleveland. Mr. Wylie is chairman of the Beverly Republican Central Committee and began this month, his third year as a member of the Massachusetts legislature. He is past president of the Beverly Rotary Club and is planning to attend the world convention at Ostend, Belgium, in June, 1927.

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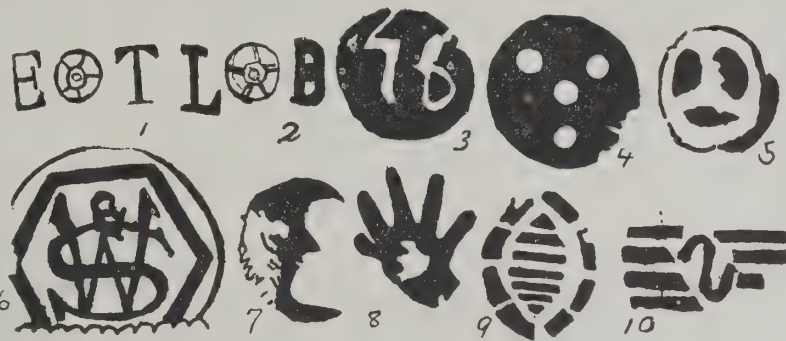
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Nos. 1 and 2 are the so-called Erie Transits mentioned below. Next, another "76." This one was on a postal card sent by E. F. Boduetha postmarked New Britain, Conn. The fourth one was sent by W. C. White, Jr., and was used at Turners Station, Mass. Maybe meant for a pumpkin head by the use of a little imagination. No. 5 was also sent by Mr. White but was not on a cover. No. 6 is on a 2c 1883 contributed by Otto Arco. Nos. 7, 8, 9 are on the same stamp and were sent by H. C. Woodruff. The last one was on a 2c 1895 on cover postmarked Shandaken, N. Y., sent by Geo. W. Corwin. Late for such an obliterater. H. C. Brooks has submitted a very nice lot of covers, including a pair of 1c re-engraved from Constitution, York Co., Pa., and a 2c 1883 from Post office Whiteford, Md., June 1, 1887.

Also four covers with 2c 1883 stamps postmarked Delta, York Co., Pa. There are two types of the postmark, double circle and single circle. One stamp is cancelled in blue by a D in a wreath, similar to the well known Ellenville, N. Y., E in wreath, and another by a small grid of six bars in an oval frame.

Another 2c 1883 from Warren, N. H., is cancelled by a star with small white spots sprinkled liberally over its surface.

Still another 2c 1883 cancelled by a grid of eleven bars. The postmark is, at the top Greenville, below it Y. A. Gresham, Asst. p. m., in the center the date in three lines, Apr. 8, 1884, and below this, C. Gresham, P. M., and then

at the bottom Georgia. First one I've seen naming both P. M. and Asst. P. M. A 2c 1883 from Poplar Grove, Ark., cancelled by a skull and bones different from those so far illustrated.

And last but not least of the 2c 1883's, this postmark in purple, Arnold, Ga., Apr. 3, '86 in a circle. The town name forming the top and the date the bottom, and the date is inverted and reads from right to left. The A of Apr. is a small letter instead of a capital. There is no frame surrounding it. A very curious postmark.

Then there were some 3c green. The very first one was what one of our clan calls an "eye-opener." It is postmarked Spring Lake, N. J., and the stamp is cancelled Beach House, Sea Girt, N. J., with a star in the center. Both are in carmine and present a dazzling array. Next in magenta is the postmark Post Office, Morganfield, Ky., Apr. 15, '78. Then we have Turkey City, Pa., in a horizontal line which ties the stamp to the cover. The date is in mss. at the left of the envelope 2-13-77. B. & Lancaster R. R. comes next, and following that Fort Bennett, Dakota, Dec. 2, 18— with a solid purple star obliterater. Hinesburg, Vermont, Feb. 2, 1881, in a square whose sides are formed of brackets, is the next. This is magenta. Then comes Rocky Point, N. C., Aug. 27, 1877, A. Gemberg, P. M. One more of the dated postmarks of the 70's that are so hard to find. Leeds, Greene Co., N. Y., with an outer and an inner circle in magenta, Hampton, Henry Co., Ga., in

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an oval, and Sagg, Suffolk Co., N. Y., in green are the next three. A County postmark in green! Not so bad. West Stratford, Fairfield Co., Conn., has a notched oval frame. Gintown, Worth Co., W. H. Braswell, P. M., is next. The state could not be deciphered. Perhaps this town is now obsolete.

Another attractive item has a 1c and 2c Continental cancelled in magenta. The postmark Long Branch, N. J., Nov. 24, 7 A.M. falls squarely on the one cent and a solid star on the two cent. Very pleasing.

Envelope No. 2455 has a purple postmark reading Palouse, Whitman Co., Washington Territory, Mar. 22, 1880. It's all spelled out too.

And yet there are those who tell me "I don't see what you find about the Bank Note issues to interest you." All depends on what it takes to interest one.

Paul F. Wentz has sent a 2c red stamped envelope registered at Port Townsend. On the back is a block of four 2c 1894 or 1895 from a stamp booklet, and each stamp wears a kicking mule. So does the one on the front. A whole herd at once. Finest!

W. C. Michaels has sent some interesting items. A 7c National is cancelled by a large J which I suspect is only part of the whole obliterator, and a 7c Continental is cancelled by the letters F. H. This has been seen on several other stamps but the town in which it was used has not

as yet been reported. Any one know it?

A 3c National on cover is cancelled by an oval—S. PACIFIC RAILWAY ST. MARY'S with the date in the center in three lines, Apr 18 1871 also surrounded by an oval, and this mark also appears to the left of the stamp.

A vertical pair of 1c National are both cancelled by a small blue shield in a rectangle with each corner clipped off. Chicago.

A vertical pair and a single 1c National on cover were used on Fr. D. & S. C. R. P. O. Fort Dodge and Sioux City.

A 1c Continental and a 3c Continental are cancelled as shown above. These are new to me. Can any one tell us anything about them? On the back of the 3c is written Erie Transit, but the letters L B seem to indicate something else. This is in olive and the E T in black.

Malcolm H. Ganser has sent a 2c brown envelope stamp cut square cancelled in blue P. & R. R. Co. MERION JUL 26 86 in three lines, the top one curved. There is no frame. Mr. Ganser tells us that this was the Philadelphia and Reading R. R. Co., now the Reading Company, and that Merion is now Abrams, due to the fact that another and more important Merion arose in another part of the State and the P. O. Dept. changed the name of this one.

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By EDITOR A. J. SEFL

The great New York Exhibition is over. Boldly conceived, soundly organized, and brilliantly carried through, it marks an important step forward in the progress of philately. Such an event merits, and indeed demands of us, quite particular analysis in order to secure the benefits which should arise from a close scrutiny of all phases of the undertaking. We have to see what lessons it has to teach; regarding it as the nearest approach that we have had to a true mirror of modern philately, we have to study the picture it reflects. From these lessons and from this picture we should be able to obtain a shrewd idea of the trend of philatelic thought and fashion, and to apply the knowledge so gained as opportunity arises. We print elsewhere in this issue a detailed account of the proceedings and of the exhibits, and on this page confine ourselves to a brief general study of the facts and problems that appear the most noteworthy.

The ever widening scope of the hobby and the steady flow of new issues give rise to the thought that perhaps in the future it will not be possible to attempt such a complete programme of classes as was provided at New York; many individual sections would, in themselves, have furnished sufficient material for attractive exhibitions. The healthy condition of stamp collecting was proved by the high standard of exhibits throughout the show. Though it may not have been patent to the eye, we thought we could detect a distinct falling away in the practice of "bloating" and of a definite advance in sane specialism limited to essential material. We also noted with very considerable pleasure the reappearance at such an Exhibition of the serious general collector. Despite the general opinion to the contrary, it is still possible to form general collections either of the whole world or of some particular group of countries. The wonderful collection exhibited by Mr. Hawkins was a revelation. Splendid though it was, the total cost was possibly not in excess of any two of the great specialised collections shown, so that on the score of expense the wealthy collector would be well advised not to overlook the claim of general collecting. In this country we have few great general collectors left, and it can only react unfavourably on the hobby if we do not produce a new generation of such collectors. That general collecting, however need not be confined to the wealthy was clearly exemplified in New York by the presence of several smaller general or limited-general collections, the formation of which must have given the owners intense and constant pleasure. At future exhibitions we would advocate a larger class for such collections, which could be subdivided into sections, giving every grade of collector an opportunity to enter.

We have already referred to the diminution of "padding" in most of the specialised collections shown. We considered this most marked, especially in many of the exhibits shown for the first time. As the essential features of stamp production and use become more widely known, so will we find collections tending to greater compactness and clarity. We noted with interest the greater attention that is being paid, especially in the New World, to some of the later developments of collecting, such as covers, postmarks,

postal rates, air posts, all of which appeared either in isolated specialised form or as component parts of larger exhibits. This tendency to study the use of the stamp, apart from its physical condition, is undoubtedly developing, and will provide new avenues of study.

The New York Exhibition has impressed one thing upon us in particular. The need of greater sympathy towards the collector of twentieth century stamps. We confess in the past to an admitted preference for the older classic issues; this was due in greater part to the confusion existing among the collectors of modern stamps who had not separated, in a manner convincing to the old school, the intrinsically interesting material from that artificially created to fulfil a demand. Careful study of the exhibits at New York has convinced us that the time has now come for the study of many of the newer countries to be considered on the same plane as that of the older favourites, and at future exhibitions more generous provision should certainly be made for such countries, for which also adequate and knowledgeable judges will have to be provided. The Irish collection shown by Mr. W. Stanley, for instance, was extremely interesting, and the separating, and charting of the various settings and plates was comparable to the best philatelic work in some of the older countries. No—the time has now passed when it was usual to relegate modern countries to the background. They contain, we admit, much that is undesirable, but it is only by admitting openly what is really good that a true standard of philatelic value can be created, and the rubbish even more securely labelled as such. Many of the processes used for modern stamps are unexplored fields, and this Exhibition has in several instances so quickened our interest and stimulated our curiosity, that we hope some of our readers will come forward with authoritative articles on some of these new countries; they would be most welcome to our columns.

We are sorry that it was not found possible to keep the Exhibition open for more than one week, especially as the awards were announced on the Thursday and the judges were asked to have their decisions ready for the printer on Tuesday. We should like to see the Jury allowed a full week on exhibitions of this importance, while we feel sure that many busy members of the general public who can only come in their spare time, would like a longer opportunity of studying the exhibits.

At the New York Exhibition, any judge was at liberty to compete for an award, but was not called upon to act as a judge in those sections in which he was exhibiting. This innovation has been the subject of considerable discussion and diversity of opinion. The British judges were not in favour of it and exhibited *hors-concours*. Ethically there should be no objection to members of the Jury competing, provided, as in this instance, no judge is permitted to adjudicate on his own section. There is, however, in our opinion, one grave objection which, in fairness to other exhibitors, should be given its full weight. This objection is that a judge is presumably most expert in those countries which he himself collects and exhibits, and that to debar him from judging his own classes is to deprive the ordinary exhibitor of the most expert and competent judge or judges of that particular group. No man can know all countries equally well

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77 1921, 4pi ol. gr. & red viol.	.50	55 Papua 1911-12, 6p orange brown	.35
93-9 1924, 1/4pi to 2 1/2pia	.75	85 1925, 10sh gray blue & green	3.30
46-52 Dominica 1908, 1/2p to 1sh	1.10	143 Queensland 1907, 5sh rose	1.25
53 1914, 5sh green & scarlet	2.75	23 Penrhyn Isl. 1917, 6p carm. rose	.35
80 1923, 4sh red & black	1.30	24 1917, 1sh vermilion	.90
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A TRIBUTE

At the meeting of the Board of Governors of the Collectors Club, New York, held January 5, 1927, at the club-room, 51 West 48th Street, Harry L. Lindquist was elected president, succeeding Theodore E. Steinway of piano and philatelic fame. Previously, at a meeting of the Club, the following were made members of the Board: C. M. Ams, H. M. Lewy and H. M. Konwiser. Dr. Chittenden was permitted to resign the secretaryship, which he has held for many years, in order that he might give all his time as librarian to the wonderful collection of literature belonging to the Club; and Harry M. Konwiser was elected to fill his place. Mr. Curie was elected again as vice-president and Mr. Lewy was re-elected treasurer. The additional members of the Governing Board are Messrs. Luff, Lichtenstein, Phillips, Rich, Hall, Steinway and Morgenthau.

Mr. Lindquist is honored by being chosen as chief executive of this great philatelic organization of over eight hundred members but none will say that he does not deserve the palm. On the score of editorship alone of the *Collectors Club Philatelist*, he is entitled to high preference and there are other counts in his favor. His record as editor of the journal of the club shines forth as a testimonial to what intelligent application will do; and his work has been done unselfishly in order that philately may be served. We remember Mr. Lindquist when his home was in Chicago and we rejoice in his progress to the front in the greatest philatelic center.

The library of the Collectors Club is now the largest in the world and moreover it is regarded as a reference library, a working library, for all the philatelic students of the land. The club rooms are open daily from 10 A. M. to 6 P. M. for the accommodation of members and their friends. Students in quest of special information may write Dr. Chittenden or Mr. Konwiser. The year, 1927, will be a momentous one under the leadership of Mr. Lindquist; and results will not be wanting.

and this new system might one day easily lead to the position of groups of judges being perforce obliged to adjudicate only in sections in which they had little interest and slight knowledge. Well as the new arrangement worked in New York, we are not in favour of its repetition. We quite realise that New York was an exceptional exhibition, coming only after a long interval, and that it would have been hard on many collectors who were essential to the jury not to allow them to compete. At the next great exhibition, however, we expect to see a rearrangement of the scheme of competition and the re-introduction of at least one championship class, so that it should be possible to revert to a non-competing jury without causing hardship on anyone. While we have not formed any very clearly-cut opinions on the subject, we are in general in favour of some special treatment of exhibits that have already won gold medals at important exhibitions, so that the spirit of competition be more open. Whether this special treatment should be segregation in championship classes or otherwise, we feel sure that it would prove helpful towards wider competition. The whole subject is indeed a vast one, and it might well be argued that all the existing schemes are wrong and that each collection should be judged individually against a set standard and not against an hypothetical opposition. Under the present conditions, a very fine collection of a great country in one class may receive no award owing to exceptionally strong competition, while a very ordinary collection of an unimportant country may, in another section, receive a gold medal merely through lack of such or even adequate competition. It is all very interesting, and New York, by reason of the high standard that it has set in the greater number of classes brings the subject prominently before us. Dur-

ON COLLECTING COVERS

PERCY A. HILL

Long before the urge of first-day and air-flown covers was that of collecting, entire as a sideline of philately. And cover collecting is becoming more popular every day, quite a number of stamp gatherers having added this to the number of their activities. And they are of every variety and specialty. Some gather only XIX and XX century covers while the most recent urge is that of a collection of personally addressed covers which are of course the best to a philatelist who expects to hand down this to his immediate family instead of putting it up at auction.

Then comes a suitable album to exhibit these. The best way is to use the common black paged photo albums and either hinging the covers so that cancellations on the back may be seen or by pasting each corner lightly with photo paste. A collection of the best should contain only those covers whose stamps are tied to the cover by a clear but light cancellation with one of the cancelling office on the body of the cover so as to authenticate it.

For purposes of valuation a system will naturally vary, but for the common cover the unused value of the stamp used may serve to give an idea of the primal value (catalogue value of stamps). There are, of course, some that cannot be valued that way. For instance, a 14 apple-green, U.S. 1917 issue, postmarked Pago-Pago, American Samoa; The Japanese issues used in the mandated Caroline and Marianas, Philippine stamps used in the United States, Australia issues used in Fiji and so on. The comes the "sleeper" covers from such places as Fanning I., Christmas Island, Pitcairn I., Lord Howe, and Norfolk Islands, which use either the stamps of Australia or Great Britain, and those a class by themselves, like South Georgia and Tristan da Cunha, where the mail is carried by warships may have intervals of from five to eight years.

It is not difficult to acquire round-the-world covers provided that they are not routed via obscure way-ports. First day covers of the common issues are also not difficult but such covers as the inauguration of the Hungarian Air-mail cancelled by a postmark good but for one day, Nov. 7, 1920, and the recent Independence issue of Portugal which we understand was available for postage for one day, Apr. 14, 1926, also form a class by themselves.

There is no more difficult branch of philately than the collection of the elusive cover, specially if addressed personally to the collector. The hardest ones to obtain are from Afghanistan, Ascension, Falkland Islands, Ruanda, Faroe Islands (only one stamp ever issued), Juan Fernandez and Elobey, Fernando Po and the Spanish colonies in Africa, where such places with authentic covers are Carinthia, Marienwerder and Silesia and rarities indeed when it comes to entire and not to stamps.

In the valuation of such as these, a catalogue can be quoted even at quadruple prices for they are of the "hard-to-get" kind and bring their own price to those interested, furthermore the cover has an educational value even higher than that of the mere adhesive. Rare issues of the Far Eastern Republic on cover are an example of this, nor is it possible to acquire obsolete issues of countries that refuse to admit them in regular mails, so that covers of this kind are out of all proportion to the value of the stamps. Several of the best foreign firms make a specialty of supplying these to collectors, that is, current issues addressed to the collector. When they become obsolete, as in the case of the surcharged Tonga and Togo or limited commemoratives, they become highly desirable from a collector's standpoint. Summing up it would appear that the branch of philatelic activity is increasing every year and serves to advertise the hobby the world over.

ing the coming winter season it would be interesting to have some constructive ideas from leading British Philatelists as to a general scheme for our next great British Exhibition.

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PLATE NUMBERS, DOTS AND LINES

By SEVARD.

Plate number collecting is rather difficult, and at the same time, fairly easy. This paradox in reasoning is accountable in the fact that one searches high and low for certain plate numbers, and corresponds with everyone to locate this or that number. By the time one has located a long missing absentee, there are fifty more numbers to get. The other way of looking at the problem is this: If you let your friends know that you collect plate numbers, they will send them to you gratis as postage. Friends will do things to help. It is rather odd to receive three or four plate numbers on your mail each day. But friends are like that—they claim we are silly with our stamps, yet send us more to encourage us.

Akin to plate numbers, are guide lines and arrows. A while back, we had a good write-up on these fascinating graphos in MEKEEL'S, and I believe everyone knows his arrows and criss-crosses by now. In so many cases, users of stamps tear off the tabs and destroy the arrow heads, but the criss-crosses come through, depending upon the sheet cutter in Washington. Many collectors make up phantom sheets for each stamp, showing all the guide positions, tabs, corners, plate numbers and platemers' initials. And as the system of guide lines changes with different stamps, these phantoms are interesting.

The next oddity collectible is the position dot and ruled guides for transfer. Position dots are very noticeable in the 3c 1879, all on a horizontal line with the third line in the medallion below Washington's mouth. This dot varies in position, right to left, and in accordance with the space, occupies for cataloging six different places. In the 2c brown, the position dot is also on the left, about midway between top and bottom, and of

course, we find the position dots repeated in the 2c green.

In the 3c 1879, corner dots have crept thru from the 3c 1861, and also a bottom dot under the center of the design. These are quite noticeable. In some instances, the siderographer's lines can be noted, very faintly of course, and in some cases, one may note a continuous frame line running vertically the length of the stamp along the left frame line. As the siderographer draws his lines along the left frame position to be, the line might easily by error, become too deep, and unnoticed, pass inspection for engraving.

In fact, since these lines do exist in plate preparation, one would naturally expect to find them, and it would rather be an assumption of perfection to assume that one couldn't find a position dot or a siderographer's line on the 2c 1923 series. In searching for these, as in the past, one will often come across blurs which look like frame line extensions, and in many a case, these blurs are a result of the lines, blotting out exactly what we are looking for. Often, too, ink blurs mar a stamp so much that the position dot cannot be proven, but after making oneself familiar with any one of our stamps, one will easily find the position dot up near the upper left corner of the stamp design. Also, if one cares to study the stamp, one will find faint siderographer lines running vertically through the frame line. These are very faint.

When one claims that they are easily found, our figures yield the following: position dots 26 found, continuous frame lines, 8 complete found, 13 incomplete found.

In submitting these varieties to the Third Assistant Postmaster General, he informs us interestingly, "In preparing the stamp plates of both 360 and 400 subjects it is the practice for the Siderographer to place position dots and guide lines upon the plate in order to obtain a uniform layout. Usually these dots and lines are covered by the left edge of the stamp design, but occasion-

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One of the cash customers across the stamp counter said, "Now that spring is coming along, I suppose you'll have some new stamps for sale." There is no doubt that non-collectors sincerely believe that collectors have a right to dictate what stamps should be issued by our Post Office. Our postmaster expressed that belief sometime ago. If we did dictate such issues, many of us wouldn't be snooping around all the time for certain varieties, plate numbers, initials, or perfect perforations.

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ARTHUR WOOD has shown us a photograph of a sheet of one hundred King Edward, 2c Canadian stamps where the vertical perforations sever the stamps nearly in the middle. The sheet bears the plate inscription:—"Ottawa No. 71 Top" at the top. The sheet is rather unique.

THE Dallas Morning News of January 3rd, contains an illustrated write-up of the Rev. T. O. Perrin, in which we are informed as to his philatelic activities. Dr. Perrin has a collection of fifteen volumes and it is noted from the illustration that he also has a nice assortment of attractive children.

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THE last meeting of the Fort Orange Stamp Club, Albany, N. Y., was favored with a visit from Leslie A. Davenport of the Marks Stamp Co., who gave an address on general collecting. Previous to the meeting Mr. Davenport and the officers of the club were entertained at dinner by W. L. L. Peltz. The club meets every Tuesday evening at the Y. M. C. A. If interested write C. W. Graham, 25 Washington Ave., Albany, N. Y.

THE United Stamps Societies report a doubled membership in 1926. Clubs and societies have been admitted located in Harrisburg, Pa., Wilmington, Del., Boston, Mass., N. Y. City and Syracuse, N. Y., Paterson, Newark and Passaic, N. J., Quincy and St. Augustine, Fla., and Springfield, Mass. Several additional applications have been received. The advantages for philatelic societies to join as member-societies are many, not the least of which being a very efficient sales department, and a cordial invitation is extended to all societies to correspond with the Chairman of the Recruiting Committee, Wm. C. Steiger, 400 Lookout Ave., Hackensack, N. J.

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517 Block of four	2.40
517 Plate number block of six	5.25
518 \$1.00 violet black	1.20
518 Block of four	5.00
518 Plate number block of six	10.00
1918 AIRPLANE ISSUE	
520 6c orange	.18
520 Block of four	.75
520 Arrow block of four	1.75
520 Center cross line block of four	2.50
520 Top block of six with arrow and plate number	2.50
521 16c green	.25
521 Block of four	1.50
521 Arrow block of four	2.00
521 Top block of six with arrow and plate number	3.50
521 Center cross line block of four	3.00
522 21c carmine and blue	.40
522 Block of four	1.60
522 Arrow block of four	2.50
522 Center cross line block of four	4.00
522 Top block of 12 (6x2) with arrow, two plate Nos. (red and blue) and the word TOP twice (red and blue)	6.00

Cat. No.	Price
523 \$2.00 orange and black	3.50
523 Block of four	15.00
523 Center cross line block of four	20.00
524 \$5.00 green and black	5.50
524 Block of four	22.50
524 Center cross line block of four	30.00
529 3c surface print	.08
529 Block of four	.30
529 Plate number block of six	.75
531 1c surface print, imperf.	.12
531 Arrow block of four	1.00
531 Plate number block of six	1.00
535 3c surface print, imperf.	.10
535 Block of four	.60
535 Plate number block of six	1.00
535 Arrow block of four	1.00
537 3c Victory, single	.08
537 Block of four	.30
537 Plate number block of six	1.00
539 2c R. P., perf. 11x10	.05
539 Block of four	.25
544 Block of four	.16
547 \$2.00 carmine and black	2.50
547 Block of four	10.00
547 Center cross line block of four	15.00
547 Top block of six with arrow and plate number	25.00
548 Pilgrim, 1c, block of four	.15
548 Pilgrim, 5c, single	.12
550 Block of four	.60
551 1/2c, plate number block of six	.15
552 1c, plate number block of six	.15
553 1 1/2c, plate number block of six	.20
554 2c, plate number block of six	.25
555 3c, plate number block of six	.35
556 4c, plate number block of six	.40
557 5c, plate number block of six	.45
558 6c, plate number block of six	.55
559 7c, plate number block of six	.65
560 8c, plate number block of six	.75
561 9c, plate number block of six	.90
562 10c, plate number block of six	1.00
563 11c, plate number block of six	1.10
564 12c, plate number block of six	1.15
565 14c, plate number block of six	1.25
566 15c, plate number block of six	1.30
567 20c, plate number block of six	1.50
568 25c, plate number block of six	2.00
569 30c, plate number block of six	2.40
570 50c, plate number block of six	4.00
571 \$1.00, plate number block of six	7.00
572 \$2.00, plate number block of six	14.00
1922-5 UNPERFORATED	
575 1c, plate number block of six	.15
575 1c, arrow block of four	.15
575 1c, center line block of four	.50
576 1 1/2c, plate number block of six	.20
576 1 1/2c, arrow block of four	.20
576 1 1/2c, center block of four	.60
577 2c, plate number block of six	.25
577 2c, arrow block of four	.30
577 2c, center block of four	.75
ROTARY PRESS COIL STAMPS	
597 1c, pair with guide line	.15
598 1 1/2c, pair with guide line	.15
599 2c, pair with guide line	.15
600 3c, pair with guide line	.25
601 4c, pair with guide line	.25
602 5c, pair with guide line	.30
603 10c, pair with guide line	.60
604 1c, pair with guide line	.15
605 1 1/2c, pair with guide line	.15
606 2c, pair with guide line	.15
1923-6 AIR MAIL	
608 8c, plate number block of six	.75
609 16c, plate number block of six	1.50
610 24c, plate number block of six	2.25
625 10c, plate number block of six	.90
625a 15c, plate number block of six	1.50
625b 20c, plate number block of six	2.00
HARDING MEMORIAL	
611 2c, perf. 11, single	.05
611 2c, block of four	.20
611 2c, plate number block of six	.50
612 2c, imperf., single	.05
612 Block of four	.20
612 Plate number block of six	.30
612 Arrow block of four	.30
612 Center line block of four	1.00
613 Rotary press, perf. 10	.05
613 Block of four	.20
613 Plate number block of four	.50
1924 HUGENOT-WALLOON	
614 1c, plate number block of six	.20
615 2c, plate number block of six	.30
616 5c, plate number block of six	.75
1, 2, 5c, single of each	.18
Same, block of four of each	.75
1925 LEXINGTON-CONCORD	
617 1c, plate number block of six	.20
618 2c, plate number block of six	.30
619 5c, plate number block of six	.75
1, 2, 5c, single of each	.15
Same, block of four of each	.60
1925 NORSE-AMERICAN	
620 2c, single	.06
620 Block of four	.25
620 Arrow block of four	.50
620 Center block of four	1.25
621 5c, single	.15
621 Block of four	.80
621 Arrow block of four	.80
621 Center block of four	1.50
622 13c, plate number block of six	1.00
623 17c, plate number block of six	1.25
626 2c, plate number block of six	.25
627 5c, plate number block of six	.50
1 1/2c ROTARY PRESS IMPERF.	
Plate number block of four	.25
Guide line block of 16	.50
Center line block of 16	1.50

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I have been surprised at the demand for sets of plate number and arrow blocks from the four positions. Believing that further offers of these sets may be of interest, I have gone over my stock and listed those that I can supply. A set consists of four blocks, one from each of the four positions in which they appear on a sheet of stamps, top, bottom, left and right. The plate number blocks in a set are all of the same number.

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1912 imperf., 1c, No. 408, four plate number blocks of six	3.00
1912 imperf., 1c, No. 408, "A" plate number blocks of six	10.00
1912 imperf., 2c, No. 409, four arrow blocks of four	4.00
1912 imperf., 2c, No. 409, four plate number blocks of six	4.00
1917 imperf., 1c, No. 481, four arrow blocks of four	1.25
1917 imperf., 1c, No. 481, four plate number blocks of six	1.25
1917 imperf., 2c, No. 482, four arrow blocks of four	1.50
1917 imperf., 2c, No. 482, four plate number blocks of six	1.50
1917 imperf., 3c, No. 483, four arrow blocks of four	2.00
1917 imperf., 3c, No. 483, four plate number blocks of six	2.00
1923 imperf., 1c, No. 575, four arrow blocks of four	.60
1923 imperf., 1c, No. 575, four plate number blocks of six	.60
1923 imperf., 1c, No. 575, four corner blocks of four	.50
1925 imperf., 1 1/2c, No. 576, four arrow blocks of four	.75
1925 imperf., 1 1/2c, No. 576, four corner blocks of four	.60
1925 imperf., 1 1/2c, No. 576, four plate number blocks of six	.75
1923 imperf., 2c, No. 577, four arrow blocks of four	1.00
1923 imperf., 2c, No. 577, four corner blocks of four	.75
1923 imperf., 2c, No. 577, four plate number blocks of six	1.00
1923 imperf., 2c, No. 612, four arrow blocks of four	1.25
1923 imperf., 2c, No. 612, four plate number blocks of six	1.25
1923 imperf., 2c, No. 612, four corner blocks of four	1.00
1925, 2c Norse, No. 620, four arrow blocks of four	2.50
1925, 5c Norse, No. 621, four arrow blocks of four	4.00
1925, 17c Wilson, No. 623, four plate number blocks of six	7.50
1926, 13c Harrison, No. 622, four plate number blocks of six	6.50
1926, 10c air mail, No. 625, four plate number blocks of six	4.00
1926, 2c Sesqui, No. 626, four plate number blocks of six	1.50
1926, 5c Ericsson, No. 627, four plate number blocks of six	2.50
1926, 1 1/2c rotary press imperf., four guide line blocks of eight	1.50
1926, 1 1/2c rotary press imperf., four plate number block of four	1.50
1926, 2c White Plains, four plate number block of six	2.00

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1901-1919 (Part I, 20th Century)

	Varieties.	Cat. Value.
British Colonies	1,837	\$1,380.19
French Colonies	1,065	354.76
Portuguese Colonies	1,109	213.94
Central and South America	1,781	790.76
General	5,022	1,908.08
Total	10,814	\$4,647.73

1920-1926 (Part II, 20th Century)

	Varieties.	Cat. Value.
British Colonies	879	\$ 558.53
French Colonies	1,486	612.56
Portuguese Colonies	638	155.52
Central and South America	820	454.36
General	4,359	1,819.76
Total	8,182	\$3,600.73

SUMMARY

	Varieties.	Cat. Value.
British Colonies	2,716	\$1,938.72
French Colonies	2,551	976.32
Portuguese Colonies	1,747	369.46
Central and South America	2,601	1,245.12
General Varieties	9,381	3,737.84
Total	18,996	\$8,248.46
Total Number of Varieties		18,996
Total Catalogue Value		\$8,248.46

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In view of many of the 20th Century stamps (in unused condition) being catalogued on a face value basis, this collection is extremely cheap at the price asked. Collection contains many of the outstanding better stamps of highly desirable countries and groups. Armenia, Ukraina, etc., having but little value (in comparison to catalogue) are noticeably missing.

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A LOCAL STAMP CLUB

(We have many requests for information as to how to go to work to form a local stamp club. This article will be very helpful in that direction. While it naturally belongs upon our boys' page, it will be so generally useful that we have no hesitation in inserting it elsewhere. Moreover, it is rather a lengthy article for the page in question.—Ed.)

Much stress is placed at the present time on propaganda to interest the boy and girl in stamp collecting. This agitation leans toward the organization of local clubs and indeed every philatelist should make it his duty to see that adequate local organizations are available for the young collectors. We all know that for every advanced collector there are dozens of juvenile collectors.

These local clubs could be fostered by local societies (auxiliaries), by Y. M. C. A's, schools, etc., and are the best mediums for educating and guiding these younger collectors in the right direction.

Of course, we confront the problem that has bothered all clubs, and that is: How shall such a club be organized and run? Take a school club, for instance. It should not be run like a class room. A collector of that age does not want to listen to his own companion's speech on some phase on which he is probably better informed than his teacher. He wants to see stamps, to buy stamps at reasonable prices, to exchange stamps and to see current magazines, and catalogues, beyond what the average boy or girl can afford.

Trading and selling stamps in an unofficial way, a dry business meeting at every meeting, and a meeting that is strict or disciplinary, is not conducive to a successful club.

With such a club we had to deal at Central High School, Saint Paul, Minn. It meant either to discontinue the club or re-organize. A research was made into other clubs, and a study of the

different philatelic societies, A.P.S., etc., was made. Why were they successful? What details could be used in re-organizing a good juvenile club?

As a result of a combination of ideas a new set of rules and regulations was drawn up and adopted. Success was immediate. Memberships increased the first year 300%. The club was self-supporting and the benefits derived by the members of real value. General interest by all members was a constant figure and the half-hearted support and interest was gone. Many girls were enrolled as members and they took active part.

The keynotes to the re-organization are as follows:

1. All business is handled by an Executive committee elected by ballot.
2. The place of meeting is a "club room" in the real sense of the word, and all meetings are informal.
3. Regular mimeograph bulletins are published.
4. The Sales Department is operated by the club itself. No selling between members in the club rooms. This insures the sale of fine condition stamps only. (Remember your "Kid Collection"?)
5. Stamps are exchanged by members but the exchange is operated by the club. Classification of stamps and elimination of undesirable copies thus possible.
6. One social "get together" meeting each year at Christmas time with contests, displays, "eats," speeches, and dancing.
7. Club catalogues and magazines are kept at the club rooms at all times for the members.
8. A club store carrying standard supplies that are sold to members at a small profit.

We have mimeographed the complete rules and regulations in detail. Any school or club wishing a set may secure it by writing to the Central High School Stamp Club, Saint Paul, Minnesota, and enclosing a self-addressed and stamped envelope.

LETTERS AND LOTTERIES

By H. P. ATHERTON.

Here is a subject which has given our Postal Department some amount of work—Lotteries. As it has to do with Postal Regulations rather than Philately, it is a wee step from our path, yet, the methods employed in securing some 50,000 "customers" by direct mail advertising are so ingenious that they make interesting reading, perhaps a welcome relief from so many specialized chronicles.

In running thru a mess of old letters one was found mailed from N. Y. City in a stamped envelope (Scott No. 2352) mailed in the late sixties. When lotteries are mentioned, the Louisiana State Lottery comes to mind; but this one is the "Kentucky State Lottery," and as the two circulars clearly show what wonderful opportunities the folks of that time had to make big money on a ten-dollar investment, I know you'll enjoy reading all about these glowing prospects.

There were two documents enclosed in this cover, which came without any return address whatsoever. Perhaps our wonderful old student of human nature, Mr. Phineas T. Barnum, had received one of these same epistles shortly before he "told the world" his now celebrated phrase, "There is one born every minute." We will brush by the big type circular giving list of the e-normous prizes, and first take a look at the circular letter, which in addition to telling you how you are to get big money for little, also shows off and anon that this lottery is sanctioned, not only by the state, but by the United States government.

The letter is headed by the following: "Kentucky State Lottery by authority of the Governor & Legislature of the State of Kentucky. Frank Mass & Co., General Agents, Licensed by Authority of the United States Government Office, No. 47 William St., New York," all this being prettily spencerianized, and at the left is the village blacksmith with his apprentice doing the hammering on an anvil which is between them, whilst they are presumably talking over this letter to the clank of the hammer on the anvil. 'Tis a pretty picture. This masterpiece of a letter is printed in script throughout. Listen to it,—

"Dear Sir: From what we can learn of public sentiment in your state, we are satisfied that there is among your people a strong prejudice against dealing in lotteries, and feeling that this want of confidence cannot be removed until some person draws a good prize who will make it known, we offer you the chance of a handsome prize in a certificate of a package of tickets in the Grand Havana Plan Lottery to be drawn on the 30th day of January, 1867. (See enclosed Grand Scheme.) These legal and well known lotteries are drawn by the authority of the Legislature of Kentucky under the superintendence of sworn and responsible Lottery Commissioners, we mention this fact to convince you that no deception lies concealed under this communication now as our object is to increase our business among your citizens, by putting you in possession of a handsome prize, we offer you the above described certificate with however this understanding, that after we send you the money it draws, you are to inform your friends and acquaintances that you have drawn a prize at our office; if you will do that we will truly bind ourselves, that if the certificate does not draw you net \$3,000 we will send you another certificate in one of our ever lucky extra lotteries for nothing. You perceive that you now have an opportunity to acquire a handsome prize, that may never again present itself; Improve it, before it is too late, by sending your order immediately, as we shall have to pay the manager of the lotteries for the certificate you must send \$10.00/100 in your letter to us, the price of the certificate. All prizes drawn at our agency are promptly paid at our office in New York City, by draft or otherwise, as the purchaser may direct; send us \$10.00 by return mail, and give us the name of your nearest bank, so that there may be no delay in forwarding you a draft as soon as the drawing is over. To facilitate the

prompt execution of our proposal use the enclosed envelope and make your remittance to our office in New York, be careful to write in a plain hand, your post office, county, and state. Wafer, or seal your letter so that it will not come open in the mail. Please consider this letter strictly private, and confidential, and send your order without delay. Very sincerely, FRANK, MASS & CO."

There was no "Enclosed envelope" in this letter, so the recipient may have sent his \$10.00, yet that could hardly be possible, as there is no second letter from the agency informing him that he was a winner of one of the prizes.

Perhaps the accompanying circular headed \$50,000!!! No Risk, No Gain, also helped pull the ten spot away from him. From the big list of prizes it actually looks as tho you couldn't lose, for it says \$320,000 to be distributed to purchasers, and shows a list totaling this figure. The Grand Prize is \$50,000, and these big prizes range down to 100 prizes of \$100 each, the total being 447 prizes in this class, and the plan of drawing them is this: "The numbers from 1 to 50,000 corresponding with those numbers on the tickets, printed on separate slips of paper are encircled with small tin tubes, and placed in one wheel. The first 447 prizes similarly printed and encircled, are placed in another wheel. The wheels are then revolved, and a number is drawn from the wheel of numbers, and at the same time a prize is drawn from the other wheel. The number and prize drawn are opened and exhibited to the audience (at Covington, Ky.) and registered by the Commissioners, the prize being placed against the number drawn. This operation is repeated until all the prizes are drawn out."

That applies to the grand prizes only for now we come to the approximation prizes of which 5,028 are listed, operating as follows: "The two preceding and the two succeeding numbers to those drawing the first seven grand prizes will be entitled to the approximation prizes. For example: If ticket No. 11,250 draw the \$50,000 prize, those tickets numbered 11,248, 11,249, 11,251, 11,252 will each be entitled to \$400." This applied to all seven of the grand prizes, the amount decreasing proportionately to these seven prizes.

And finally here comes the part which makes it look so easy to at least double your cost of a certificate—"The 5,000 prizes of \$20.00 each will be determined by the last figure of the number that draws the \$50,000 prize. For example—If the number drawing the \$50,000 prize ends with 1, then all the tickets where the number ends with 1 will be entitled to \$20. If the number ends with 2, then all the tickets where the number ends with 2 will be entitled to \$20, and so on to 0."

Some of the bright spots in this Circular are New Year Present to You All "Office—47 William St. (Opposite Bank of New York)"; "5,485 prizes amounting to \$320,000"; and here is a rather ambiguous one which is amusing, a hint points to this one, "Give us a trial, if all we ask, as we feel confident of success," well they might, with 50,000 replies at ten \$ per!

And that is what used to take one mind from the routine back in the sixties: same as baseball, football and channel swimmers do today.

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A Page of Bargains for the Careful Buyer

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Barbados 1921, 3sh, #161	1.50
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Bermuda 1908, 2 1/2p, #38	.25
Bermuda 1908, 4p, #39	.30
Br. Honduras 1904, 5c, #64	.30
Br. Honduras 1915, 1c, #85	.35
Canada 1916, 2c+1c, #307a	.30
Cape of Good Hope 1902, 3p, #62	.40
Cayman Islands 1907, 2 1/2p, #23	.40
Ceylon 1910, 25c, #193	.30
Cook Islands 1916, 2p, #12	.75
Gibraltar 1907, 2 1/2p, #61	.35
Great Britain 1914, 1sh, #276	.08
Great Britain, China, 1916, \$1.00, #12	.50
Great Britain, China, 1922, 4c, #20	.15
Great Britain, China, 1922, 6c, #21	.06
Great Britain, China, 1922, 8c, #22	.08
Grenada 1906, 2 1/2p, #71	.60
Grenada 1916, 1p, #201	.75
Grenada 1906, 1p, #308	.15
Grenada 1906, 2p, #309	.15
Grenada 1906, 3p, #310	.15
Hong Kong 1904, \$1.00, #85	.25
Hong Kong 1907, 50c, #96	.30
Hong Kong 1912, \$3.00, #113	1.00
India 1911, 5R, #93	.15
India 1909, 5R, #261	.25
India, Gwalior, 1R, #45	.50
Jamaica 1905, 5sh, #49	1.50
Jamaica 1912, 2sh, #69	.75
Leeward Isles 1902, 2 1/2p, #23	.40
Montserrat 1904, 2 1/2p, #25	.50
Natal 1904, 2sh 6p, #108	3.00
Newfoundland 1918, 15c, #124	.25
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Northern Nigeria 1910, 1sh, #35	.35
Palestine 1918, 10p, #112	.60
Palestine 1918, 20p, #113	1.00
Palestine 1920, 10p, #124	.85
Palestine 1920, 20p, #125	1.75
Rhodesia 1913, 1sh, #129	.30
St. Helena 1908, 2 1/2p, #56	.30
St. Helena 1919, 1p+1p, #202	.10
St. Kitts 1905, 2 1/2p, #14	1.50
Samoa 1916, 6p, #129	.25
Samoa 1916, 1sh, #130	.40
Seychelles 1901, 3c on 10c, #29	.30
Seychelles 1912, 1R 50c, #72	1.25
Seychelles 1912, 2R 25c, #73	2.50
Straits Settlements 1911, 45c, #148	.35
Trinidad 1909, 2 1/2p, #107	.25
Turks & Caicos 1905, 1p, #11	.20
Western Australia 1902, 8p, #81	.35
Western Australia 1902, 9p, #82	.40
Western Australia 1902, 10p, #83	.65
Western Australia 1902, 2sh, #84	1.00
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Afghanistan 1921, 2ab, #198	1.75
Afghanistan 1921, 30pa, #218	.40
Albania 1922, 25q, #150	.65
Albania 1924, 50q, #305	.05
Argentina 1902, 5c, #141	.25
Argentina 1921, 10c, #298	.06
Austria 1915, 3k, #189	4.00
Austria 1915, 5k, #170	2.50
Belgium 1920, 5fr, #137	.15
Belgium 1916, 1fr on 50pf, #721	.75
Bolivia 1909, 50c, #87	.60
Bolivia 1913, 1B, #109	.25
Bolivia 1913, 2B, #110	.75
Bolivia 1919, 2B, #127	1.50
Brazil 1910, 10000R, #190	.80
Bulgaria 1921, 5L, #166	1.00
Canal Zone 1917, 12c, #52	.10
Canal Zone 1924, 15c, #75	.12
Chile 1901, 50c, #56	.25
Chile 1912, 60c, #123	.30
Chile 1923, 2p, #152	.15
Colombia 1920, 50c, #367	.60
Colombia 1925, 4c, #384	.30
Congo 1909, 50c, #44	.30
Congo 1910, 5fr, #53	.50
Costa Rica 1907, 20c, #64	.15
Costa Rica 1907, 25c, #65	.12
Curacao 1891, 25 on 30c, #18	.15
Curacao 1905, 1 1/2gld, #41	1.25
Danish W. Indies 1908, 50B, #50	.40
Dominican Rep. 1906, 1c on 10c, #162	.10
Dominican Rep. 1906, 2c on 5c, #163	.15
Dominican Rep. 1915, 1p, #208	.75
Greece 1916, 3d, #25	.30
Greece 1913, 3d, #1032	.75
Greece 1913, 5d, #1033	1.50
Iceland 1907, 1K, #44	.40
Italian Somalia 1907, 1L, #17	.25
Mexico 1914, 5p, #433	2.50
Mexico 1916, 50c, #525	.35
Mexico 1916, 1p, #526	.65
Mexico 1919, 20c, #741	.06
Panama 1903, 20c, #72	.06
Panama 1917, 5c on 5c, #389	.08
Peru 1917, 1s, #218	.10
Peru 1917, 2s, #219	.40
Peru 1924, 1s, #240	.50
Russian China 1917, \$1 on 1R, #63	.25
Spanish Morocco 1915, 50c, #48	.10
Switzerland 1919, 50c, #275	.60
Uruguay 1908, 1c, #174	.30
Uruguay 1906, 50c, #173	.20
Uruguay 1910, 1p, #195	.15
Venezuela 1913, 50c, #255c	.10
Venezuela 1924, 1B, #275	.10

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Abyssinia 1924, 2g on \$5.00, #143	.20
Abyssinia 1926, 1g on \$10.00	.30
Abyssinia 1926, 2g on \$1.00	.25
Algeria 1925, 30c, #25	.10
This stamp was only issued precancelled.	
Australia 1923, 1p Mult #76	.12
Belgium 1921, 10fr, #161	.80
Belgium 1926, 150 + 25c, new	.10
Brazil 1924, 200R, #263	.12
Brazil 1925, 1000R, #273	.35
Colombia 1925, 4c, #384	.30
Denmark 1926, 78 on 55, #192	1.00
Canada 1926, 2c on 3c in 1 line	.25
Canada 1926, 2c on 3c, 2 lines	.10
Canada 1926, 1c perf. 8 x imperf. block	.25
Canada 1926, 2c perf. 8 x imperf. block	.25
Canada 1926, 3c perf. 8 x imperf. block	7.50
Egypt 1926, Express, 20m	.18
France 1926, 10fr, #216	.70
France 1926, 20fr, #218	1.40
France 1926, 55c on 60c, #222	2.50
Germany 1925, 1m, #339	.32
Honduras 1925, 1c, #218	1.00
Honduras 1926, \$175, sur. "Habilitado 1926"	.04
Honduras 1926, \$177, sur. 1926 in Red.	.50
Honduras 1926, \$177, sur. 1926 in Black	.40
Honduras 1926, \$185, sur. "Habilitado 1926"	.03
Honduras 1926, \$188, sur. "Vale 6 cts"	.06
Hungary 1926, 1, 2 & 5 Pengos, #411-413	2.00
Iceland 1925, 2k on 25a, #148	.80
Iceland 1925, 10k on 50a, #149	4.00
India 1914 C. B. F., 1 Rupee, #637	2.00
India 1926 Patiala, 2R, #58	1.10
Kuwait 1923, 2R, #110	1.30
Liechtenstein 1924, 1 1/2fr, #77	.45
Latvia 1926, 10L, #131	4.00
Mauritius 1921, 50c, #167	.45
Mexico 1926, 8c orange, new	.06
Monaco 1925, 1fr on 50c, #467	.75
New Caledonia 1926, 10fr on 5fr, #144	.80
Panama 1921, 2c, #232	.30
Peru 1925, 10c "Plebiscito", #252	.50
Peru 1925, 15c, #253	.08
Salvador 1925, 2c on 60c, #506	.35
S. W. Africa 1923, 3d, Nos. 311 & 312	5.00
St. Settlements, Malay, 1926, \$2, #73	1.50
Switzerland 1925, 25c, #199	.08
Zanzibar 1926, 3c, 20c, 50c, new type	.45

BARBADOS, ALL MINT

1p gray & carmine, #79	.06
1p gray green, #80	.08
1p carmine rose, #81	.25
2 1/2p ultramarine, #82	.38
2 1/2p ultramarine, #94	.45
1p gray & black, #100	.06
1p green & black, #101	.12
1p carmine & black, #102	.18
2p orange & black, #103	.40
2 1/2p ultramarine, #104	.50
1p black, green & blue, #107	.15
1p gray & black, #108	.18
2 1/2p ultramarine & black, #110	.65
1p on 2p slate & orange, #201	.40

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182 A20 2c vermilion (50,000)	.15
183 A21 3c brown (17,600)	.40
184 A22 4c carmine (12,800)	.25
186 A23 7c gray (4,000)	1.00
187 A24 8c rose (3,378)	1.25
188 A25 10c orange red (16,000)	.25
189 A26 15c slate green (3,000)	1.25
190 A20 20c blue green (10,000)	1.00
191 A19 50c red	1.00
192 A27 1pi claret	1.50
195 A28 3c slate (50,000)	.10
On stamps 1910-11	
198 A21 3c orange (62,400)	.12
200 A30 20c grn. & blk. (3,000)	1.00
202 A29 2c lemon (100,000)	.05
On stamps of 1912	
203 A32 1c carm. lake (150,000)	.06
204 A33 2c orange (100,000)	.08
205 A34 5c blue (100,000)	.15
On stamps of 1913	
206 A22 4c olive green (12,200)	.35
207 A23 7c orange (5,000)	.75
208 A24 8c olive green (2,257)	1.50
209 A25 10c brown (30,000)	1.00
210 A26 15c yellow (22,400)	.35
211 A19 50c yellow	1.25
212 A27 1pi red	1.50
1915-16	
Sur. on issue of 1904-1906	
235 A18 1c on 5c blue (10,000)	.40
236 A18 1c on 10c brn. (74,143)	.06
237 A18 1c on 20c or ge (35,050)	.15
238 A18 1c on 50c claret (197,770)	.05
239 A18 1c on 20c claret (11,044)	.50
240 A18 1c on 50c claret (8,297)	.65
241 A18 1c on 50c claret (R) (933)	6.00
242 A23 1c on 7c gray (248,668)	.04
245 A27 2c on 1pi claret (134,400)	.05
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1917-1919	
On surcharged stamps of 1906	
247 A12 1c on 50c rose brn. (1000)	6.50
248 A12 1c on 1g red vio. (1240)	6.50
On regular issue of 1906	
249 A22 1c on 4c carm. (130,000)	.10
250 A25 1c on 10c red (253,153)	.03
251 A25 1c on 10c red (B) (51,507)	.25
252 A20 1c on 20c grn. (R) (60,000)	.10
253 A20 1c on 20c grn. (B) (59,500)	.10
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J-8	Jamaica pict., 10 var. comp. to 2s	.55
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J-11	Jamaica Child Welfare comp., 3 var. scarce	.40
J-14	Japan 1925, silver wedding issue complete	.50
L-S	Labuan 1903 issue complete, 12 var., 1c-1.00	3.00
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M-S2	Malta 1926 pictorials, 10var., 1/2d-3s	3.55
M-S3	Malta 1926, 2 1/2d blue, 3d on yellow, scarce, cat. \$1.60	.50
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N-27	North Rhodesia, 10 var., 1/2d-1sh	1.28
N-S	New Zealand 1919 Victory issue comp., 6 var. used	.60
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P-21	Papua, 9 var., 1/2d-1sh complete	.90
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S-2	Sierra Leone current, 11 v., 1/2d-1s	1.30
S-19	Siam Viet. issue 1918, 4 var. to 10sat	.35
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S-29	Samoa, 6 different 20th century	.25
S-34	Syria 1926 surcharged "Secours aux Refugies," 16 var.	1.65
S-35	South West Africa, 6 var. Dues in pairs Engl. and Dutch	.95
S-S1	St. Helena 1924, 9var., 1/2d-1s comp.	1.00

S-S2	Samoa 1921, pictorials complete, 1/2d-1sh, 12 var.	1.50
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Argentina	1920, 5c rose & blue @ 4c;	.06
	1921, 5c blue	.06
Bavaria	1849, 3kr @ 6c; 1850, 9kr	.15
	1862, 1kr, 50c; 3kr, 5c; 6kr, 15c; 9kr	.30
	1867, 1kr, 15c; 6kr, 60c; 9kr	1.75
Belgium	1851, 20c @ 8c; 1863, 10c @ 5c; 20c @	.05
Brazil	1850, 30c, 60c, 8c each; the 2 for	.15
Canal Zone	1917, 12c purple & black	.10
On U. S.	1/2c, 1 1/2c, 2c, 5c, set	.08
Cape Verde	high values, 1c, 2c, 1922	.20
China	1913, \$5.00 red & black, cat. \$1.00	.35
Corea	1900, 2re gray	.05
Danzig	1923, 1gul on 1 mill. mk., cat. \$1	.25
Fr. Guinea	1917, 25c blue & ult., cat. \$1	.05
Germany	1924, 2mk, 3mk, picture stps.	.20
Latvia	1922, 100 rubles, high value	.75
Luxemburg	1921, 1fr "Vianden Castle"	.05
Morocco	1921, air mail, 75c, 1fr	.20
Netherlands	1920, 2 1/2g on 10g, cat. \$2.50	1.00
	1923, Jubilee, 5c, 10c, 20c, 25c	.10
Paraguay	1922, sur. large "C" 1 peso bicol.	.05
Uruguay	1919, 5c statue of Liberty	.06

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Barbados	1921, 3sh, small seal	\$1.50
Belgium	1915, 5 Franken, rare	3.50
	1925, Jubilee set, 13 var.	3.75
Canal Zone	1920, 1 balboa, scarce	1.00
Chile	1923, Pan Am. conference, 2p, 5p	1.40
Colombia	1910, 1 peso centenary issue, scarce	1.25
Egypt	1926, 50pi King Fuad, rare	3.75
Estonia	1921, 300 marks, map stamp	.80
Germany	1902, 2mk "Gothic" inscription, rare	1.75
Mexico	1917, 5p green & black, rare	4.00
Morocco	1923, 10fr pictorial, scarce	2.50
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THE successful triumph of Rowland Hill's scheme of prepaying postage on letters by means of postage stamps soon attracted the attention of our Colonies, many of whom, like Australia, quickly followed suit by issuing their own stamps.

Mauritius not only issued her own stamps for use in the island, but wrote in 1849 to England for a supply of higher values to defray packet correspondence.

Some colonies wrote for Imperial labels to be overprinted with the name of the colony, and on learning that this was impossible, they either, like Trinidad, Ceylon, and Barbados had their own postage stamps manufactured in London, or else abandoned the idea on the ground that the cost of the plates would not be defrayed by the amount of correspondence.

Long before the Penny Black had attained the age of one-and-twenty, the demand for a supply of postage stamps had become so insistent from all parts of the world, frequented by Englishmen, that the Postmaster-General had to deal with the matter.

Hitherto the official ruling had been:—"Except by soldiers and sailors in Her Majesty's Service, British Postage Stamps are not available for letters coming into the country."

This notice appeared in the (quarterly) British Postal Guide and continued until 1 April, 1858, when the Postal Guide stated that the use of British postage stamps would defray the postage of letters posted in Malta, Gibraltar and Constantinople and the British Colonies in the West Indies.

The following is a summary of the subsequent notices in the British Postal Guides as to the places where British postage stamps could be used:—

1 July, 1859.—Malta, Gibraltar, Constantinople, and British Colonies in the West Indies.

1 July, 1860.—M., G., and C. (*supra*), Buenos Aires, Lagos, Fernando Po, and Jamaica.

1 Oct. 1860.—Ditto, omitting Jamaica.

1 July, 1862.—M., G., and C., and Cairo and Suez.

1 April, 1864, to 1866, shortly after which the notice disappeared.—"British postage stamps, though available for all letters going out of the country, are not available as a general rule for letters going into it."

In 1866 the most important Post Office establishments abroad were:—Alexandria (£1,870), Panama (£1,731), Malta (£1,445), Gibraltar (£1,150), Constantinople (£990), St. Thomas (£700), and at Suez (£583).

In and after 1865 the use of British postage stamps was extended to a number of ports in South America, but rarely to other parts of the world.

All these places were supplied with distinctive obliterators in alphabetically numerical progressive sequence, which provides an extremely valuable clue as to when British postage stamps were first supplied to a particular Agency.

The earliest obliterators simply bore the initial letter of the place: M. for Malta, G. for Gibraltar, and C. for Constantinople.

This obliterator was followed by that which I designate as Type A. This type of obliterator is almost universally found on stamps used in the West Indies, but being in general use between 1858 and 1864 it was as a matter of course supplied to all places, overseas, which required obliterators between these years (e.g., Alexandria, BO1, Suez, BO2, etc.). British Colonies, which had their own

postage stamps, if they required between 1858 and 1864 an obliterator, were also supplied by the Crown Agents with Type A. For instance, Sierra Leone in 1860 was supplied with an obliterator lettered B 31, and Mauritius in 1861 with obliterators B 53, and B 56, all Type A.



Type B.



Type C.

The year 1865 saw the introduction of Type B, for the use of certain British Postal Agencies in South America. These obliterators were numbered C 43, and C 56 to C 64, both inclusive. Type B was also supplied to St. Thomas (C 51) in this year; but Type B apparently was considered too broad in shape to be serviceable and soon gave way to Type C.

In 1866 the four-barred postmark (Type C) appeared and was universal supplied till 1872 to the British Postal Agencies abroad, which required first renewed obliterators. This type, coming in the heyday of the British stamp "used abroad," appears on a great number of stamps.

After 1872, Type C was supplied to Porto Rico (C 61) in 1873, and to Gr. Town (C 57) in 1875, but otherwise cannot find that it was ever sent out. It would appear as if the British Postal authorities finally considered that the obliterator (Type C) was too large, as in 1870 gave directions that it should be narrower in width, as the obliterators at Buenos Ayres (B 32) and Colon (E 8) sent out in 1870, and that for St. Thomas (C 51) in 1872 are all of Type C, but trifle narrower in width (as Type C 2).

This may have led the postal authorities to reduce the four-barred postmark to one with three bars.



Type C 2.



Type D.

Type D was first supplied for the use of certain ports in Porto Rico (F 84, 86, and F 88) in 1872. After allotting Beyrout, in 1873, an obliterating letter G 06 (Type D.), the postal authorities a year later, gave Fernando Po the number 247. They continued with numbers when supplying new Postal Agencies abroad with obliterators (all Type D) but reverted to letter obliterators on January, 1881, when D 47 and 48 were given for the use of two places in Cyprus.

These were the last new obliterators supplied, as the numerical obliterators were not supplied after 1881, because the Postal Union objected strongly to the use of these cryptic obliterations which no man could decipher unless he held the key. An obliterating stamp for the purpose of showing the name of the place and the date was of more service, and such a date stamp came into use.

The primary Agents of the G.P.O. in London, to places overseas were the Postal Surveyors, who inspected and made periodical reports as to the condition of the British Packet Agencies, and incidentally recommended the use of postage stamps at the Agencies, when they considered it advisable to do so. Of the Postal Surveyors, the Surveyor at the West Indies, and (later) at the British Packet Agencies of America, was by far the most important, as ultimately it was



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left to his opinion as to whether or not British postage stamps should be supplied. For instance, Mr. W. Kains recommended the use of British Postage Stamps in the West Indies. Mr. Kains died in 1859, and was succeeded by Mr. Charles Bennett as the Postal Surveyor, and it is very largely to his exertions that collectors of "Used Abroad" owe all their South American specimens.

All these Packet or Postal Office Agents had to make monthly returns, on the special forms provided, stating the stamps sold, the stock left in hand, and the amount of the new stamps received since the last report.

With very rare exceptions all the British Postal Agencies were at the Consulates, and the British Consul was the British Postal Agent.

Soldiers and sailors were allowed to use British postage stamps wherever they might be, being constantly supplied with them by relatives in England—a practice which the Postmaster-General strongly encouraged.

In 1869 the various Colonial and Agency Postmasters were circularized that owing to the time occupied in sorting out H.M. mails, the privilege of reduced postage for the letters of soldiers and sailors could no longer be maintained, and all letters would have to come under one scale of postage. This resulted in such an outcry, that the old privilege was speedily restored.

In 1889 the general use of British postage stamps to soldiers and sailors was withdrawn, and such letters had to be prepaid by Colonials stamps, or the stamps of the foreign country.

It has been stated, and I have no reason to doubt it, that special obliterations were supplied to a few ships, but the only one I can trace is C 79 (Type C), which has a minute—"Handed to Mr. F. White for use on board the new ship *Avoca* (?), 11 June, 1866."

Passengers on board British packets, on seeing the movable letter boxes, naturally imagined that British stamps would suffice in all cases to prepay the postage on letters, but they soon discovered that matters were rather more intricate.

For instance, letters posted between Indian ports and Pointe de Galle had to be prepaid by Indian postage stamps, but if posted between Pointe de Galle and Aden they had to bear the postage stamps of Ceylon; and if they bore no postage stamps at all the fine was six-pence plus the ordinary postage.

To add to his perplexities the writer found that for letters posted between Suez and Aden only British stamps were accepted, and his stock of Indian were useless, as the use of British stamps was compulsory for the rest of the voyage to England.

That the red catalogue requires four and twenty pages to enumerate the British stamps "used abroad" affords a striking illustration of the wanderings of the men of Great Britain to establish and maintain British interests in foreign ports all over the world.

The amount of their correspondence was considerable, but exactly how many stamps were supplied to any individual Postal Agency abroad, is a question which I doubt if any one could answer.

The only records that would settle this question beyond all dispute have long since been destroyed. Having to send out to their Agencies postage stamps to the value of thousands of pounds, the G.P.O., London, did, of course, keep a record of the consignments sent out, and the Return Forms made monthly by their Postal Agents, but early in the "eighties" of the last century all these records were destroyed by the Postal Authorities, on the ground that the transactions were completed and the business so finished that these financial records had no further interest.

One is therefore extremely grateful to the Catalogue for its lists, though the dates given need somewhat drastic revision.—*Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*.

SEEN AND HEARD:—

WE learn from the Toronto *Daily Star* that the Canadian Philatelic Society has recently become incorporated and granted a charter by the Canadian Government. It has about forty Toronto members. Fred Jarrett of that city is president, and Wm. Butler is secretary.

THROUGH Charles R. Goetz we learn that Mr. Harry Wennberg, the well known Stockholm dealer, died some three weeks ago. Charles Wennberg who was recently in this country has returned to Sweden. No particulars are as yet available.

WE have received from the Midwest Stamp Co., 720 Delaware St., Kansas City, Mo., a 1927 price list giving quotations upon a fine lot of packets, sets, desirable single stamps, philatelic accessories and publications. It will be sent on request to any address, and we urge our readers to send for a copy.

H. B. JONES, president of the National Stamp Club, Cheboygan, Mich., will be very glad to furnish information concerning his club to any applicant. Membership includes certain privileges which Mr. Jones will be very glad to describe.

SEVERAL amateurs at stamp collecting would like to get in touch with other collectors and form a stamp club for the seven little boroughs, Braddock, North Braddock, Rankin, Swissvale, Homestead, Duquesne, East Pittsburgh, and Turtle Creek, Pa. Interested parties will please write J. P. Harman, Braddock, Pa.

ADAM GRUENIG, Ceres, Cal., president of the Stanislaus Philatelic Association, sends us a clipping giving the particulars of the first meeting of the club in the new year. At this meeting it was voted to take out two public library subscriptions for the WEEKLY. One is for the McHenry Public Library, Modesto, and the other for the Public Library of Ceres. We express our hearty appreciation of the action taken by this progressive stamp club.

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*103	1d War		.10	.04		
*104	3d violet		.25	.10		
*107	1d red		.12	.05		
*108	3d violet		.30	.12		
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76	25c on 40c brown		.20	.08		
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ODDS AND ENDS:—

O. F. POLLITZ has opened an office at 44 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass. He has taken out a contract for advertising and his announcements will be found regularly in the WEEKLY in the future.

EDWIN P. SEEBOHM has just returned from Europe, where he visited England, Belgium, Luxembourg, France, Germany, Denmark and Sweden. He was gone about nine weeks and reports a very enjoyable trip. He may now be found at his old stand in San Francisco and our readers will doubtless hear from him during the coming weeks.

A. H. GUSTAFSON, 767 East St., New Britain, Conn., would like to hear from anyone who knows the present whereabouts of J. E. Nicolson, 2709 Webb Ave., Bronx, N. Y. Letters are returned marked "Not found."

THE Ridgewood Stamp Club of Brooklyn, N. Y., met Jan. 11 at its new club rooms, 702 Seneca Ave., when the following officers were installed for 1927:—President, M. Rosenblatt; Secretary, A. Webber; Treasurer, O. Muller; Fin. Sec., F. Kurz; Sales Mgr., G. Fabian; Board of Governors, R. Linder, A. Dengler and W. Feldheim; Delegates to the Stamp Lovers League, H. King and W. Coleman. The club has a membership of eighty-six, and the secretary, whose address is 1682 Gates Ave., will be glad to hear from interested parties.

CLARENCE DAVIS in renewing his subscription sends us a photograph of "Old Glory" which he has made of U. S. stamps. It is a very interesting picture.

THE Rubber City Stamp Club of Akron, O., arranged three special meetings for January. They were held on Thursday evenings. One was a Junior Night, on Jan. 20, C. W. Bedford spoke on shifts and double transfers, and Jan. 27, W. W. MacLaren gave his talk on "Stamp Hunting" with an exhibit.

POSTAL MARKINGS

WILLIAM M. MCFARLAN.



HE postage stamp which we so earnestly collect, comes to us from the four corners of the globe, but many of us pay little attention to the cancellation or postmark on the stamps

which we receive. As for those who collect original covers there is a great field for the collection of both the postmark and the postage stamp at the same time. The collection of original covers is a very interesting side line from stamp collecting as the covers tell one so many things as one studies them, the long ones, the square ones, the business size, and the small ones all carry the postage stamp just the same.

In the way of postmarking many nations are quite backward even though they have their stamps printed abroad and are first class productions in every way, an old antiquated and worn out postmark will quite often spoil the beauty of a modern postage stamp which in itself has been finely printed.

Some countries are still using the same cancellation stamps which were in use 25 or more years ago, some such as the Central American Republics use a rubber hand stamp, while St. Kitts is still using off and on her old postmark St. Kitts A12. Many of the Cuban postmarks are illegible from long usage. Many of the larger as well as some of the smaller ones, in order to keep up with the times, are installing some type or other of a mechanical postmarking machine which will cancel the stamps at a much faster rate than the old hand stamp method of postmarking which was used at first.

It is my purpose to discuss some of these mechanical printed postmarks and to give a list of those that I have found on covers in my collection. No doubt that there are others, as several new ones have come in on covers recently received. I will try and discuss them as near as possible to their geographical location in groups. I am leaving out all countries of Europe, Canada, United States and Australia where the mechanical postmarking has been developed to a high degree and would necessitate a very lengthy list in order to cover them. It is with this brief explanation that I will comment on the mechanical postmarkings of the remainder of the world as far as I have seen covers from these countries.

North America and South America

Newfoundland.—Electric postmarking machines have been used in St. John's and St. John's East for a number of years and are quite similar to those in use in the U. S. A., consisting of a circle to the left containing the name, country and dates, also hour of posting. Seven wavy lines continue to the right and cover the stamp. Several advertising cancellations have been substituted in part for the wavy lines at various times to advertise certain events, etc. Those I have noted read: "Food will win the war, don't waste," "Have you contributed to the War Memorial," "Address your mail to Street and Number," "British Empire Exhibition 1924," "British Empire Exhibition 1925," "Wear a Poppy Remembrance Day," "Newfoundland for your Vacation."

Alaska.—Juneau uses a regular U. S. A. cancellation of the 13 star in the upper left hand corner and wavy lines to represent the American flag.

Mexico.—Mexico City uses a double lined circle with the words Mexico at the top and D. F. at the bottom, and the regular date, etc., in the center. The four wavy lines continue off to the right and usually contain between them a three-line inscription in Spanish which is changed from time to time.

Guatemala.—Guatemala City has just recently installed a postmarking machine which is a great improvement over the old type of handstamp. It reads, "Correos de Guatemala 1926," date and time with five wavy lines to cover the stamp. In other parts of Guatemala, Dominican Republic and other countries handstamps

of rubber have been made to imitate the mechanical postmark, but as they are always applied by hand they assume various angles and the ink is usually red, blue while the postmark of the mechanical postmarking machine is always black so they can be easily detected.

Canal Zone.—Being a U. S. Colony uses up to date equipment and machine postmarks are noted from Ancon, Christobal and Balboa Heights of the family American type with the exception of Ancon, which uses an older type with straight instead of wavy lines to cover the stamp.

Brazil.—Sao Paulo uses the continuous type, that no matter how long the envelope, the postmark is repeated several times across the entire top of the cover and thus is repeated several times.

Uruguay.—Montevideo, I have seen both advertising cancellations in a box, the right of the circular die containing "Montevideo Uruguay E" and also lines only covering the stamp.

Argentina.—Buenos Ayres uses the continuous type. I understand that some of the other cities have machines, but I do not have a list of them.

Colombia.—Bogota used about a year ago a postmark with "Colombia" above and "Bogota" below in the date circle with a box to the right telling of a certain Colombian who wanted to represent and insure things for you in that city. No doubt he paid a rental to have his name appear on all envelopes.

West Indies

Porto Rico.—San Juan uses the regular American postmarking machine.

U. S. Virgin Islands.—Christidad, and St. Thomas use the flag type of American postmark.

Bermuda.—Hamilton uses the continuous type and for a small colony has had one in use for a number of years and have one dated 1914 in my collection. The British Empire postmark die was used for both 1924 and 1925, consisting of British Empire, five wavy lines broken in the middle with a lion, and then continuing, and Exhibition 1925 at the bottom. The circle part of the postmark with Hamilton above and Bermuda below, and thru the center the date 15 Nov 26 5PM. The latest cancellation to be used reads in a rectangular box instead of the wavy lines. "Come to Bermuda, the isles of rest." This was first used in the fall of 1926.

Cuba.—Habana and Santiago de Cuba are the representatives from this country and are the standard cancellation of the United States type with wavy lines and of late have been replaced by straight lines with various advertising postmarks in between, such as "Buy Cuban Sugar in English, and Spanish," "Smoke Cuban Cigars, the best in the World," "Buy Cuban products and help National Industries."

Jamaica.—Kingston. The early machine cancellations consisted of Kingston, Oct. 30, 1919. 6PM Jamaica four lines horizontal with no box or closure of any kind followed to the right by eight lines to cover the stamp. The next was the same but the standard British Empire Exhibition and lion substituted for the eight lines. The one now in use tells the tourist to visit the island springs "Come to Jamaica B.W.I., the ideal tourist resort" in four lines.

Barbados.—Bridgetown. This postmark is a recent acquisition to the postmarking equipment of the G.P.O. The small circle reads Barbados G.P.O. with date and year followed to the right by the customary wavy lines.

Trinidad.—Port of Spain, the regular circle with Port-of-Spain above and Trinidad below with six wavy lines over the stamp. In 1924 the Empire exhibition die was substituted for the wavy lines.

Asia

Japan.—Yokohama and Tokyo. Regular circle with Yokohama above and Japan below, date, month, year in the lines and six lines over the stamp.

Philippine Islands.—Manila, U. S.

STADLER'S 1927 OFFERS

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SETS AT NET PRICES

Aitutaki 1920, 1/2 to 1sh, 28-33	1.00
Allenstein, 1st set comp., 1-14	.60
ANGOLA	
Vascos on Macao comp., 157-164	.60
Vascos on Africa comp., 165-172	.45
Vascos on Timor comp., 173-180	.60
1916 Surch. 190-1, 1/2 on 75, 2 1/2 on 100*	.65
Pombal comp., 401-3 & 601-3	.40

Armenia 1921, 1r-25.00kr, 278-293	.12
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AUSTRIA	
1867, 25kr & 1877 50kr, 34 & 40	.23
1883, 2kr-20kr, 41-45	.06
1891, 20kr-50kr, 64-67	.05
1908, Jubilee, 1h-2kr, 110-124	.10
1919, 3h-10kr, 20 var., 200-219	.15
1920, 5h-20kr, 18 var., 220-237	.12
1920-21, 80h-50kr, 10 var., 238-248	.10
1922, 1/2k-500k, 250-264	.15
News 1908, comp. 368-371	.07
News 1919, Surch. comp. 377-381	.10
News 1920-21, Comp. 19 var., 382-401	.15
News 1922, comp. 8 var., 402-409	.10
Spec. Del. 1916-1921, 8 var. comp.	.10
Milit. News 1916, comp. 891-4	.09
Post Due 1916-17, Surch., 6 var.	.08
Post Due 1919, Perf., 1002-13, 12 var.	.10
Post Due 1919, Imperf., 1014-1029, 16 v.	.12
Post Due 1922, 9 var., 1030-8	.09
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Airpost 1912, 3 var., 575-7	.50
Airpost 1922-24, Comp., 8 var., 578-585	.70
Airpost 1925 Comp., 586-595	1.10
Airpost 1925 to 50G, 596-593	.32
Charity Hochwasser, 611-30	.10
Charity Musicians, 631-7	.80
Charity Cities, 638-646	1.00
Charity 1924, comp. 5 var., 647-651	.50
Char. Nibelungen, 652-7 comp.	.45

Azores, Pombal Comp., 304-6 & 702-4	.40
Azores Far Post 1921-2, 12 var.	.50
Azores Far Post 1921-2, 12 var.	.50
Batum 147-155 comp., 1920 surch.	.50

BAVARIA	
1911 Jubilee, 2 var., 92-3	.04
1914-19, 20 var., to 20mk, cat. 1.28	.55
1919, Imperf. comp., 117-135	.60
1919, Polstalt Perf. Comp., 136-155	.60
1919, Polstalt Imperf. Comp., 156-175	.60
1919 on Germany Comp. 176-191	.40
1919-20, Freistaat Comp. 193-211	.62
1919-20, Freistaat Imperf. Comp., 19	.15
1920 Surchs, 231-237, 7 var.	.40
1920, 5pf-20mk, 238-254 comp.	.40
1920, 5pf-20mk, 20 var., 256-275	.35
Charity 1919, 3 var., 351-3	.04

Belgium 140-2, 1921, 3 surch.	.04
Belgium Char. 1914, 6 var., 261-6	.50
Bosnia 1906 comp., 16 var., 30-45	.90
Bosnia 86-102, 1916, 16 var. to 3kr	1.00
Bosnia 105-119, 1917, 3h-2kr, 15 v.	.50
Bosnia 1917, Jub., 3 var., 123-5	.04
Bosnia 1916, Spec. Del., 2 var., 181-2	.06
Bosnia 1917 Char., 2 var., 241-2	.04
Bosnia 1918 Char., 3 var., 245-7	.06
Canada 1912-18, 8 var., 104-111	.20
Canada Dues 1906, 3 var., 226-8	.06

CAPE VERDE	
1911, 2 1/2r-700r, comp., 85-99	.80
Vascos on Macao comp., 112-119	.65
Vascos on Africa comp., 120-127	.50
Vascos on Timor comp., 128-135	.70
Vascos Surch. 1921, 2 var., 174-5	.70
1922, 4 var. Surch. comp., 4c, 178-81	.60
Pombal comp., 401-3 & 601-3, 6 var.	.40
1921 Dues, 1/2c-50c comp., 521-30	.15

Cent. Lithuania 1921, Perf. 35-42	.10
Chile 20-4, 1877, 1c-20c comp.	.40
Chile 51-6, 1901-2, 1c-50c comp.	.30
Chile 56, alone, 50c or. & bl., 1901	.25
Congo 301-4, Airmail 1920, 4 var.	.65
Cook Is. 1920, 1/2p-1sh, 61-6 comp.	.90
Costa Rica 86 & 88-92, 1911, 1c sur.	.55
Crete 1898-99, 4 var., Nos. 2-5	.10
Cuba 1899, 1c-10c, 227-231	.05
Cuba 1905-7, 1c-10c, 233-237	.05
Danzig 1923, Sur. 40T-10M, 137-43	.50
Danzig 1923, Sur. 1M-500M, 144-55	.15
Danzig 1923, 1000-500T, 127-135	.10
Danzig Airpost 1921, 404-9, 6 v.	.15
Danzig Air 1922, 410-22 comp.	.15
Danzig 554-5 Charity 1923, 2 var.	.05
Ecuador 181-9, 1909, 1c-5s comp.	.45
Germany 1921, 4 sur., 133-6 comp.	.06
Germany Munich Fair, 177-82 comp.	.12
Germany Castles, 1923, 237-8, 2 var.	.04
Germany Air 1926, 429-33, 5pf-1mk	.62
Germany Char. 477-8, 1922, 2 var.	.03
Germany Char. 1919, 2 var., 475-6	.08
Germany Char. 1923, Rhein Ruhr	.18
Germany Char. 1925, 3 var., 486-8	.35
Germany 1923, 1M1-10m, 310-21	.20
Germany 1923, 5th-5M1, 581-91 Off.	.05
Germany Off. 1923, 800LOZ, 585	.08
Germany 881-5, 1919, In Poland	.35
German East Africa, 151-7 Char. 1918	.50
Guinea Vascos on Macao, 116-123	.70
Guinea Vascos on Africa, 124-131	.45
Guinea Vascos on Timor, 132-139	.60
Guinea 1915, 169-171, 3 var.	.15
Guinea Dues 1921, 1/2c-50c, 531-40	.15
Hawaii 1894, 1c-5c, 3 var., 76-8	.19
Hayti 1904, 4 var., cat. 52c, 83-4, etc.	.15
Hayti 1904, Reg. 96-101, comp., 6 var.	.05
Honduras 1907, 119-127 Minus 120a and 124a, cat. 1.59, 1c-1p	.60
Honduras 128-30, 1910, 3 surch.	.40

Honduras 1913-14 comp., 151-8	.40
Hungary 1919 Soviet, 198-202	.14
Hungary Char. 1920, 3 var., 565-7	.02
Hungary Char. 576-83, Athletics	.50
Hungary Air, 3 var., 653-5, 1920	.06

ICELAND	
1911-12, 1c-25a, 86-94, cat. 1.26	.60
1920, 1c to 1kr, 108-121, cat. 2.26	.90
1921, 10a-40a, 126-3, cat. 41c	.20
1921-2, Surch., 130-6, cat. 2.30	.90
1921-2, Surch., 130-6, cat. 2.80	1.30
1922, 10 on 5-20a, 137-9, cat. 20c	.10
1924, 10kr on 1k, 140	5.00
1925, 30 on 50-50 on 5k, 141-2, cat. .65*	.40
1920, 30 on 50-50 on 5k, used, 141-2	.25
1925, 7-50a, Pictures, 143-7	.50
1925, 7-50a, Pictures, 143-7, used	.30
1925, 2k on 250r, 148	1.00
1925, 10 on 50a, claret, 149	4.50
1926, 1kr on 40a blue, mint, 150	.48
1902, Off. 3a-50a, 363-9	.50
1907-8, 3a-50a and 1918 15a, 380-88	.65

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Italy 1913, 3 surch., 107-9	.06
Italy 1921, Comm., 3 var., 122-4	.30
Italy Black Shirt, 417-19	.45
Italy Austria Feldpost, 1918, 4 Complete Sets, 32 var., 901-19, Etc.	.80
Jamaica 1921, 1/2p-1sh, 88-96	.25
Japan 1920, 2 var., Census, 155-6	.12
Japan 160-3, Comm. 1921, Postal	1.20
Japan 164-7, 1921, Crown Prince	.60
Japan 1923, 171-2, Formosa Comm.	.10
Jugoslavia, 1-16, 1918 on Bosnia	.65
Jugo 1921, 2p-10d, 201-14 comp.	.12
Latvia 1919, 64-7 Courland	.10
Latvia 1920, 68-9 Lettgalland	.08
Latvia Airpost 1921, Perf., 251-2	.38

LIBERIA	
1906, 1c-75c, 101-10, cat. 1.04	.45
1911-127-790-821, cat. 25c	.10
1897, 3c & 1913, 8 on 3c, 58 & 128, cat. 20	.32
1918, 1c-25c, 163-9, cat. .80	.32
1923, 1c-1, 209-213 comp.	.28
1903, Regist., 5 var. comp., 610-14	.15
1906, Off. 1c-75c, 796-805, cat. 1.04	.45
1918, Off. 1c-25c, 845-51, cat. 80c	.32
Liechtenstein 1920, 6 sur., 11-16	.10
Liechtenstein 1920, Jub., 47-9	.05
Lithuania Airpost, 415-17, 1922	.30
Lithuania Air 1923, 432-5	.70

LOURENÇO MARQUES	
1913, Vascos on Macao, 92-99	.65
Luxemburg 301-3, Char., 1921	.20
Luxemburg 304-6, Char., 1923	.45
Memel 401-28, Comp. 1923, Lith.	2.25
Montenegro 1910, 1p-5per, 74-85	.30
Montenegro 194-7 & 154, 1907, Dues	.06

MOZAMBIQUE	
1913, Vascos on Macao, 125-132	.65
1913, Vascos on Africa, 133-40	.55
1913, Vascos on Timor, 141-8	.55
1925, 40c Sur., 2 var., 236-7, cat. 1.50	.60
1920, Charity, 4c-1E comp., 351-68	3.50
1923-4, 50c on 4c, 80c, 2 sur., 230-1	.20
Pombal comp., 369-71 & 601-3	.40
Dues 1917, 1/2c-50c, 483-492	.15
Dues 1921, 3 Sur., 6c, 20c, 50c, 495-7	.35

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1918-21, Comp. 108-125, Pictures	.38
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Dues 1919, 1/2c-50c comp., 431-40	.15

Madeira Pombal Comp., 6 var.	.40
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NETHERLANDS	
1898, 2 1/2gld, 5gld, 86 & 86b	.26
1919, 40c & 60c Sur., 114-15	.22
134-141 Comp. 1923 Surch., 2 and 10c	.28
1923, 153-4, 10 and 1g1 Surch. 1.10	.50
Charity 1906, cat. 28c, 451-3	.08
Charity 458-60, 1924, 2nd set	.35
Dues 1923, 1c to 25c Sur., 663-6	.50
Dues 1924, 4c to 12 1/2c Sur., 667-70	.25
New Brunswick, 3c and 5c gr. No Gum	.15
Newfoundland 1897, 1c, 2c, 61-2	.25
Nicaragua 3-5, 1869, Perf., cat. 5.50*	1.25
Nicaragua 8-12, 1878, cat. 5.35	1.25
Niue 1920 Comp., 1/2p-1sh, Pictures	.90
Norway North Pole 120-6, Comp.	.70
Nyassa 1901, comp., 26-38, 13 var.	.15
Nyassa 1903, 5 sur., large, 39-43	.10
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Nyassa 1911, 400 & 500r, 61-2	.15
Nyassa 1921, London Sur., 94-105	1.50
Nyassa 1921-3, 1/4 and 1/2, 106-7	.12
Nyassa 1921-3, 1/4-1e, 106-23	.50
Nyassa Tri. Dues, 9 var. Comp.	.45
Persia 1894, Silver & Gold comp. 90-100, cat. 1.02	.40
Persia 1898, 16 var., 104-119	.40
Persia 1899, Sur., 120-135	.60
Persia 1899, Reg., 16 var.	.60
Persia 1902, Prov. Sur., 173-190	.60
Persia 1903, 353-62, cat. 51c	.10
Persia 1911, 1c-30kr, 481-05	.70
Persia 1922, 646-662 Minus 649 and 658, cat. 3.16 Controle	.90
Persia 1925, 2c-1kr, 686-694	.40
Penrhyn Is. 1920, 1/2p-1sh, 25-30	.90
Poland 129-135 Comm., 10pf-1m	.12
Prussia 1903 Comp. Off., 201-208	.05
Quelimane Vascos on Macao, 1-8	.65

Quelimane Vascos on Africa, 9-16	.55
Quelimane Vascos on Timor, 17-24	.55
Quelimane 1914 comp. to 1E, 25-40	.50
Port. Africa War Tax, 101-3, 3 var.	.10
Roumania 1906, Char., 12 var., 351-62	.90
Russia 1913, 1kr-14kr, 7 var., 88-94	.10
Russia 1921, 100r-1000r, 181-6	.10
Russia 188-90, 1921	.10
Russia Char. 1914, 1k-10k, 505-7 & 12*	.14
Russia Char. 1921, 4 var., 515-18	1.50
Saare 1920 on Germany, 41-53 Comp.	.45

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Vascos 1913 on Macao, 170-177	.60
1913, Vascos on Africa, 178-185	.50
1913, Vascos on Timor, 186-193	.55
1914 Comp., 194-209	.50
1923 Surch. 10c, 6 var., 261-6	.40
1925, 40c Surch., 2 var., 267-8	.25
Dues 1921, 1/2c-50c, 442-451	.15

Salvador 1867, comp., 1-4	.22
Salvador 1911, 3 var., 391-3, Unwat.	.05
Samoa 142-153, 1921, 1/2p-1sh comp.	1.70
San Marino 69-70, 1923, 2 var.	.20
San Marino 168-174, cat. 1.55	.65
San Marino Spec. Del. 1923, 195	.15
Serbia 1st Occ. 1916, 2kr-3kr, 85c	.30
Shanghai 1892, 2c-5c, cat. 70c, 129-30	.35
Shanghai Dues 1893, comp., 264-270	.20
Siam 157-60, 1914 Surch., cat. .21	.06
Siberia 31-3, cat. .70	.40
Southern Rhodesia 1924, 1-3, cat. 10	.05
Spain 1916 Off. Senate and Chamber	.55
Thibet 1913, Comp. 1-5	.80
Thrace 107-112, 1919, 1s-25s	.10
Thrace 1920, 120-124, 5s-50s	.06
Tete Vascos 1913 on Macao, 1-8	.65
Tete Vascos 1913 on Africa, 9-16	.55
Tete Vascos 1913 on Timor, 17-24	.55
Tete 1914 complete to 1E, 25-40	.45
Timor Pombal Comp. 251-3, 401-3	.40
Tonga 1897, 1/2-1-2p, 35-40, cat. 24c	.12
Tunis 1906 Par. Post 601-9 to 2fr	.10
Turkey 1465-8, cat. 32c, Dues, 1914	.12
Upper Silesia 1920, 2 1/2-5m, 15-31	.28
Upper Silesia 45-7, 1921, 3 sur.	.28
Uruguay 187-8, cat. 1.35 Artigas, 1911	.60
Uruguay 211-13, 1913, Sur. Comm.	.50
Uruguay 1923 Artigas, 264-6	.50
Uruguay 279-81 Sarandí, 1923	.70
Uruguay Olympic 1924, 282-4	1.20
Uruguay 1925, 300-3, Comm. Founders	.60
Uruguay 1925, Parliament, 303-4	.35
Uruguay News 1924, 382-4, 3 surch.	.35
Uruguay Air 1924, 404-6, 6-20c	1.25
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EDITORIAL

The accomplishment of a task or the attainment of a wish is a pleasant consummation, especially when the fulfillment is the objective of over a quarter-century. So having realized the dream of a real circulation of ten thousand, the WEEKLY will be pardoned if it indulges in a little strutting. Over twenty-five years ago, we printed an edition that was given a special circulation of over one hundred thousand copies, it having been sent to lists of names that were gathered from all the different sources of supply. While it was supposed that almost all of the persons whose names we had were "alive" yet it was found that a proportion of the names was stale. From a sort of survey made some time after this publishing feat, it was indicated that a *bona fide* circulation of ten thousand copies would afford a mark at which our most surging ambition could aim. This circulation was to be an honest one and not a count of the number of papers printed but of those actually sold. As the years went by, the goal seemed as far off as ever before and at different times when there seemed to be a prospect of reaching it, some untoward circumstance would throw us off our stride. During the war, our list of subscribers was somewhat demoralized and the reorganization of the roster required time. When late in the stamp season we would find our circulation mounting hopefully, the coming of hot weather would soon make the aspect a dismal one. Now, the full ten thousand has enlisted under the banner of the WEEKLY and we have gone over the top with a rush.

Never before has a stamp paper attracted so large a following as the WEEKLY has and the cherished results perhaps appeal to the publishers with more force than to the average reader. The subscriber may not enter eagerly into the enthusiasms of the makers of his paper but he should know that by his support he has made it possible for us to touch that numerical mouthful, ten thousand. The boost that was given our circulation through the International

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Philatelic Exhibition just about the beginning of the season gained momentum as the days rolled on, and it became evident that soon after the turn of the year we should have achieved a record that would be a recognition of endeavor on our part. A good many years ago, an advertising paper said that there was no class publication that had a circulation of five thousand but even making allowance for the changed times, the estimate would not be altered to a number over ten thousand, in all probability. This is the WEEKLY's day off to celebrate.

The following letter has come from the Honorable W. Irving Glover, second assistant postmaster general: "Thought you would be interested in the following item which you might care to use: 'The 8, 16 and 24-cent Air Mail stamps are to be withdrawn from circulation on February 1st, when the new Air Mail rate of ten cents a half-ounce or fraction thereof is put into effect. There will be no further printing of the 15-cent Air Mail stamp, now in use, but there will be issued, for use on February 1st, a new 20-cent Air Mail of the same design as the present 15-cent Air Mail stamp, its color, however, being green. The new 20-cent Air Mail stamp will be on sale on January 25th, at the Philatelic Stamp Agency, Washington, D. C., and the New York City post office.' This information probably will be of interest to you." From time to time, we have been indebted to the Honorable W. Irving Glover, second assistant postmaster general for information on subjects of moment to philatelists and on many occasions he has shown that he is mindful of the co-operation of philatelists in the stamp concerns of the government. We are glad to make this acknowledgment to Mr. Glover and to add that collectors have written to us to say that they miss his ministrations in the Philatelic Agency. In a letter to us, Mr. Clinton L. Chalfant, the editorial writer, says: "I think that it was a great loss when Mr. Glover was promoted to the second assistant's berth" and he mentions that he looks in vain for some of the attentions that were characteristic of his administration. It should be understood that the appropriations for the conducting of the Agency are not elastic but may not be exceeded; and the conse-

quence is that when the maximum number of clerks are engaged, the limit is reached; it boots not how fast and furiously the orders come in, they perforce must be handled inadequately for the time being.

The following is the notice distributed by the post office department on January 15, 1927: "A new 20-cent air mail stamp will be placed on sale at the New York and Washington post offices, January 25, and at other offices as soon thereafter as possible, it was announced to-day by Postmaster General New. For the benefit of philatelists it will be available on the same date at the Philatelic Agency, Division of Stamps, Washington, D. C. The necessity for the issuance of the stamp arises from the new rate of air mail postage of 10-cents a half-ounce for the transportation of mail over all air lines in the United States, effective February 1, 1927. Existing stamps of the 8, 16 and 24-cent denominations used under the present cumbersome zone system of air mail postage on the transcontinental route, will be recalled. The 15-cent air mail stamp now used on mail traveling over one zone of the transcontinental route and over one contract line will be retained until the supply is exhausted. Two of these stamps may be used under the new rate to cover postage on pieces of mail weighing one and a half ounces. The new stamp is the same shape and size, 75/100 by 1 84/100 inches, as the current 10-cent and 15-cent air mail stamps and is printed in green. The central design represents a map of the United States, showing some of the rivers and mountain ranges. On each side is an airplane in flight, one traveling east and the other toward the west. Across the top of the stamp in white Roman letters are the words, 'United States Postage,' with the words, 'Air Mail' directly beneath. At the bottom of the stamp, in shaded letters, is the word, 'Cents' and in both lower corners are the white numbers '20'. Ornamental plastic brackets appear at each side of the stamp."

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 the 8 centavos of the new issue, Mr.
 J. Bertocchio says that this denomination
 has never been used before in Me-
 xico; and further, he adds that the set
 commemoratives issued on the occasion
 of the recent postal congress, Pan-Ame-
 rican, in Mexico City, is no longer to
 had. There is a likelihood that the
 question may become desirable and
 is understood that the plates from which
 it was printed have been destroyed.

A letter from Dr. Emilio Dien
 Rome, Italy, is welcome; and in it is
 news that early in this year Italy will
 issue a set of stamps to commemorate
 the first centenary of the death of the
 illustrious Alexander Volta, who was
 born February 2, 1745, and died Mar-
 5, 1827. Dr. Diena says: "I will set
 you the set in due time. Do not suppose
 however, that I am in favour of com-
 memorative issues. Too many have been
 prepared and I find that if a medal
 struck in order to celebrate an importa-
 event, there is no need of commemora-
 tive stamps, unless a tax is put on stamp
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to emanate from a host of different busi-

ness houses, but one is reminded that

many of our mailing agencies and ad-

vertising houses have a permit number

also, and when mailing out "blurbs" for

their customers, use their own number,

and not that of the customer. In many

cases, the corner cards are misnomers

for the permit number. Every one

knows GASTON number one and Feder-

alsburg, Md., permit number one. One

noted a certain permit number coming

from New York City and the corner

card was "Can you spare five dollars?"

By elimination, we have narrowed down

the possible user to about a half million

persons.

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NEWFOUNDLAND, 1c ON 3c

Frank B. Gooch, Washington, D. C.,

expresses his interest in the Focke

article on the Newfoundland 1c on

3c and recalls the fact that the days

in which this provisional appeared were

exciting days from the standpoint of

Newfoundland postal affairs. At that

time he was a correspondent of P. G.

Tessier, now deceased. We quote from

Mr. Gooch's letter:—

"Mr. Tessier wrote me that the post-

office refused to sell any of these pro-

visional stamps at the stamp window,

and required that mail matter be brought

to the office when the stamps would be

affixed by postal officials. Mr. Tessier

hurried to his office, buying a dozen

newspapers on the way, wrapped them

and addressed them to me at Yonkers,

N.Y. I was to keep two for my trouble.

If my memory serves me correctly

this overprint was caused by the wreck-

ing of a vessel on the way from New

York to St. Johns with a supply of regu-

lar stock on board."

Mr. Gooch submits for our inspection

a cover bearing the marking "Paid All"

which was put upon the envelopes prior

to the printing of the provisional 1c on 3c.

COVERS—SLOGANS—PERMITS

By SEVARD.

The postal clerks are now wondering

what constitutes a record mailing, for

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Stamp News for the Juniors

Is there anything you want to know about stamps or stamp collecting? If so, write the editor. What would you like to see in this department? We have no way of knowing unless you tell us. Mr. Senior Collector, can't you give the boy collector about 50 words of encouragement along practical lines? Address your letter to the Beverly office.

Junior Gossip

—Louis Press suggests that we print a list of words of symbols found on the stamps of certain countries and give explanations where required. This is a good idea and from time to time we shall insert the suggested information. A stamp award goes to Louis.

—We have received a little essay on Bosnia and Herzegovina from Wesley L. Furste 2nd, Cincinnati, O. The demands upon our space are so great that we are not publishing it, but we are remembering Wesley, whose age is eleven, with a stamp.

—"I have just organized a Stamp Club at the Seneca Vocational school in this city (Buffalo, N. Y.). There has been a wonderful response from the students, both those who are already collectors and those who are being drawn into the field. The ages of the boys enrolled range from thirteen to twenty and there are several members of the faculty interested and therefore should be considered as members."—W. HEMEDINGER.

—We thank John F. Halleran, aged 15, for an essay on the stamps of Germany. It is too long for us to print. Correspondents should bear in mind that seventy-five words is the limit of length on contributions to this page.

—"I wish to commend you people for jumping right in and helping the youngsters with your Junior department. It is indeed a good one and I hope it will reap you a harvest for your labors."—DR. C. E. GUTH.

—A correspondent writes us that he is to address the Elyria, O., Y.M.C.A. Stamp Club shortly, with the idea of organizing another in that city. This will make three boys' clubs. What are you doing in your locality?

—Billy Davis writes us that a Junior Stamp Club has been organized in Saginaw, Mich. It has fifteen members, meets weekly, is connected with a school and has one of the teachers as sponsor.

—We have a letter from Billy Conlin of Marysville, Cal., in which he expresses his interest in the Junior page. He would like us to give some space to freak stamps. If our Juniors come across freaks we shall be glad to note them.

—We have received a little poem from Robert Holzman. Robert is thirteen years of age and sends in his poem in place of the Limerick asked for. We cannot find the space to use the poem, but are sending our friend a stamp award.

—Jerome M. Coltune (16) sends in a little article on Obock. So much of it is geography and history that we cannot use it. We want our juniors when they write us to tell us about stamps, what they collect, their favorite country, what the local stamp club is doing, etc.

—A Junior, noting our Limerick on Chad, wants to know where Chad is located. It gives us a chance to give a good word of advice. Ask us any question you please and we will answer it if possible, but first see if you can solve

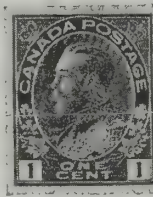
the problem. You have your school book authorities and public library facilities, and if you dig out this information it will be stored away in your brain for future use.

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You have no doubt noticed that your post office sells little booklets of stamps at 25c, 49c and 97c each made up of either 1c or 2c stamps or in some cases both. A complete pane of six stamps from these booklets, including the top margin is what is known as a "booklet pane." In putting these panes into a collection, one should be careful that the top margin is present and in order to have this margin, it is necessary to take out the little wire stitches binding the book rather than tear the pane out. Fewer main booklet pane varieties are available than possibly any other class of United States stamps and a collection of these interesting items may be gotten together at little expense.—PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

"Canada Postage"

Here we have a Canadian stamp of the current type—just a common 1 cent King George. The design is a fine portrait of our sailor King in admiral's uniform, but the simple inscription "Canada Postage"



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Marysville (Cal.) Juniors

For several months we have carried on the Marysville Stamp Society with great success. Contrary to the usual stamp club we have no officers. One of the plans that has practically supplanted the payment of dues in our club is for each member to pay every month into the club treasury, stamps cataloged over ten-cents to the extent of one dollar. We are thus able to use our duplicates as payments of dues. We usually put these duplicates on approval sheets and mail them to older collectors in our city who find them to be very good in filling blank spots in their albums. With the money received from the elder collectors we purchase supplies for our club.—WM. CONLIN.

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Junior Glossary

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Aniline.—Colors of chemical origin especially soluble in water.

Bisect.—A stamp cut in half and use as a fraction of its original value.

Blenté or Blued.—A paper having bluish tinge.

Block (of stamps).—An unsevered group of stamps (not in a strip of on line).

Cliché.—A single stereotype or electrotype from which a stamp is printed.

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Control.—A letter, or number, or both printed on the margin of a sheet of stamps, as an official means of checking the supply.

Cut Square.—Impressed stamps cut out from envelopes or post cards.

Design.—(Fr., dessin; Ger., Zeichnung; Sp., diseño).—General features of the drawing that composes a stamp.

Die.—The original metal block engraved with the design from which the printing plates are produced.

Seen on Stamps

The Union of South Africa six penny stamps of the current issue show orange trees in full fruit, as the central design. Some Crop! These trees are similar to those shown on the stamps of the Orange River Colony, only in the latter case they do not show up so brightly. Yes, we have some bananas! Costa Rica tells the world via its two centav stamp of 1923.

Cape of Good Hope stamps show picture of Hope seated alongside grapevine branch.

The woman pictured on the fractional values for Martinique 1908 is shown coming from a sugar cane field with load on her head.

Altho not a food, we can mention tobacco plants shown pictured on the four centavos stamp of the current issue for Mozambique Company.

In all a pretty good menu I would say. And coffee and cigars thrown for good measure to finish off the meal.—A. LeDUC.

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Do You Know

Do you know that Cuban stamps were used in Fernando Po from Dec., 1868, to 1879? This can be shown by the postmark and should be very interesting to anyone interested in Spanish colonial issues. Look over your Cuban stamps of the period in question.

Do you know that there is a picture of a French admiral on a British Colonial postage stamp? It is Comte Bertrand Francois Mahe de Labourdonnais on Mauritius type A40.

Do you know that certain Austrian stamps were surcharged "Hochwasser 1920?" This means "High Water." These stamps were sold at three times their face value, the excess being for the benefit of the flood sufferers. The selling price for this set, being 180 Austrian kronen, would appear to be a lot of money but this was in depreciated currency. Scott catalogues the entire set at only 55c so they are within the reach of all collectors.

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Do you know that the United States has issued three regular postage stamps that did not bear the words "United States" or the abbreviation "U. S."? They are the 1, 2 and 5c stamps of the Pilgrim commemorative series of 1920.

Do you know that there have been no special issues of stamps for the Canary Islands? Can't see why the Spanish government let such an opportunity pass. Do you know that the large letters, "O.S.G.S.," surcharged on many of the stamps of Sudan, mean "On Sudan Government Service?"—A. C. LEDUC.

From Our Dictionary

Ultramar.—Shown upon some of the stamps of Cuba, etc., meaning "beyond the sea."

Uttwar.—Same as Alwar. A British India native state. (See Alwar.)

Unappropriated Dies.—A somewhat lax term applied to certain British varieties which should perhaps be more correctly rendered as "Unappropriated plates." These are duty plates with blank labels upon which any required inscription may be afterwards printed so that they can be "appropriated" to any desired purpose.

Uniao dos Atiradores Civis.—An inscription shown upon the private stamps issued in Portugal for the use of the Civilian Rifle Clubs. It means "Union of Civilian Riflemen."

Unie van Zuid Afrika.—The Dutch equivalent for "Union of South Africa" shown upon all the stamps of that confederation.

FERNANDO PO

This is a volcanic island in the South Atlantic ocean about 20 miles off the African coast of Cameroons, belonging to Spain. It is a very mountainous island and is densely covered with forests containing valuable wood. It has a very fertile soil and all tropical fruits are raised here. The climate is very hot and unhealthy. The population, numbering about 25,000, is practically all African blacks. Before the Spanish-American War this island was used by Spain as a keep for Cuban political prisoners. In recent years some effort has been put forth to develop the colony. The island's trade is insignificant. However, there have been many postage stamps issued for this colony. The first stamp for this island-colony shows a picture of Queen Isabella II, who was the Spanish ruler at the time. This stamp was issued in Sept., 1868, and was in use until Dec. of that year. From then until 1879 the stamps of Cuba were current in the colony. From 1879 to 1889 the stamps show a picture of King Alfonso XII, and since that time the stamps show pictures of the present ruler, King Alfonso XIII, at different stages in his growth from an infant to manhood. Besides the regular issues of stamps for this colony, many have been issued with various surcharges. Also many revenues surcharged for postal use have appeared and in general are quite scarce. Younger collectors usually try to get at least one stamp from each of the Spanish colonies, but on account of their relative scarcity are content with a few representatives.—A. C. LEDUC.

ADMIRAL de LABOURDONNAIS

Comte Bertrand Francois Mahe de Labourdonnais was a French naval officer, and strange as it may seem, his picture appears on a British Colonial stamp—that of Mauritius 15-cents blue of 1899.

This man was born in 1699, so we can see a reason for issuing a special stamp in 1899—that being the three hundredth anniversary of his birth. Let's look back into history to see if we can find out anything else about this interesting looking gentleman. De Labourdonnais entered the service of the French East India Company when only a young man. In 1735, he became governor-general of Ile de France (now called Mauritius) and of Ile de Bourbon (now called Reunion). This position he held until 1746. Both of these islands are located in the Indian Ocean and belonged to France at that time. (Reunion is still a French possession.)

While governor of these islands he took command of a French fleet and defeated the English fleet near Madras. He disagreed with the governor-general of the French Indies over the terms offered the English. He was recalled to France and imprisoned in the Bastille for three years. In 1851 he was tried by a commission, acquitted, and restored to liberty. His spirit was broken by so much disgrace, and poverty stricken, he died two years later; French justice had been too slow!

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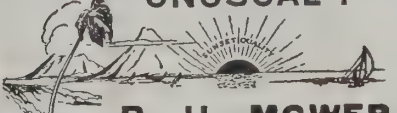
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STAMPS THAT GLITTER

By FRED J. MELVILLE.

One of the values in the newest set of Christmas stamps issued by Holland this year is a dainty confection in red and silver. It raises the novel suggestion of a stamp collection resplendent in flashing colours, comprising stamps alive with the sparkle of gold, silver and bronze. There is quite a considerable number of government postage stamps printed wholly or partially with one of these blazoning metals, but the number could be increased, and the gorgeousness enhanced by including some of the Russian and Scandinavian locals. Some of the most spectacular colourings are to be found on Russian locals, such as those of Tikhvin, where a single stamp is found like Joseph's coat in many colours, for example, gold, silver, pale blue, blue, red and black all on the one stamp.

But to keep to stamps more familiar in our catalogues, the first stamps in

shining armour were the famous "bears" of Madrid, the 1 cuarto bronze and 3 cuartos bronze, Spain, 1854, both now scarce, as also are the bronze sixpennies of Western Australia of 1857 onwards. In 1862 came the Swiss copper-bronze 60 centimes, and the gold and bronze-gold francs, which are more accessible to the young collector, and the gold franc stamp of 1881 is in many a schoolboy's collection.

Persia provides quite an array of stamps in bronze, silver or gold from the 1894 issue onwards, and among the most gorgeous examples are the 50 kran vermillion and gold (1909) and the silvered kran and golden toman values of 1915. They bring us glints of mosques with shimmering domes lit by the Eastern sun.

Holland gave us its familiar golden 50 cent. in the Nusser type sixty years ago, and most young collectors will remember the brightly silvered and gilded backgrounds of the 1fl and 2fl Hungary in the "letter" type of 1887. The Domini-

can Republic issued a 1 peso in gold in 1880, still a cheap item in the catalogues, and Salvador illuminated its 1 centavo and 5 centavos of 1897 with gold. Then there are the higher values of the 1901 set of Greece, 2 drachmai bronze, 3dr silver and 5dr gold, with similar values and colours in the 1902 postage due set. More recently Danzig has issued the 50 marks 1922 in red or crimson and gold, 5000 marks 1923 in pink and silver, and Bolivia in an extraordinary but unissued set illustrating the gateway of the sun provided them with a golden base.

Gold and silver have also been used for overprints on stamps of the Hejaz, Transjordan (on Palestine and Hejaz), and on the Persian issue of 1925 to commemorate the deposition of the ex-Shah and the advent of the Provisional Pehlevi Government.

Most of the stamps so pretentiously arrayed are not expensive, but perhaps the wisecracks will say also that they are not gilt-edged securities. —Stamp Lover.

NORTHWEST PACIFIC ISLANDS

By HERMANN FOCKE.

It will be noted that the new catalogue quotes the used high values of the last surcharged issue for this group at, or even below face value without giving the collector any hint as to the actual character of these particular stamps, but it should not require an unusual amount of thinking to arrive at the conclusion that there must be something wrong, a postally used £1, 10sh and so down to the 9d and even 6d postage stamp from these out of the way places where there is seldom an occasion for their use on mail matters, can be had for less than an unused copy.

The truth is that all these so-called used stamps have done duty towards the payment of cable charges and other similar revenues, and it is not to the credit of our cataloguers and dealers that this should not be made clear to the unsuspecting collector and client.

The next catalogue should state the fact or a good many collectors will be sore the day when they discover their delusion. Any of the high values, generally postally used, if at all to be had are without a doubt by far scarcer than the unused ones.

By the way, the last five stamps of the surcharged Australians are by no means things to be scoffed at, their life was short and they will be mighty hard to get later on, especially in postally used condition. Try to get them from your dealer even now!

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

NEW CUBAN IMPERFORATES

By W. H. AVERY.

JUST a couple of days before Christmas, the Post Office authorities of this beautiful island issued the 1 and 2 centavo stamps imperforate. They were classified as a novelty in this country, since up to date only very few Cuban stamps are known as imperforate, with the exception, of course, of the very first issues, and those few now in the hands of philatelists are rather to be classified as printers waste, or essays, than legitimate issue.

These present imperforate stamps were originally printed several months ago, and were intended for use in slot machines. Due to the excessive humidity of the Cuban climate, the machines failed to work. The stamps would stick in the machines, or the machines were not adaptable; anyhow, after several tryouts the stamps were shelved, a few blocks probably stolen from the printer got out. These were mostly sold locally as great rarities.

On the persistent requests of local philatelists, the P.O. has finally decided to place these stamps on sale, and now they are obtainable for regular postal use. They are only sold at the Central P.O. of Habana, and no other post office has any of these stamps. It is stated, that there were 100,000 copies of each value printed, and that no more of these stamps will be issued. I have this information from the best possible source, but I have learned to be rather conservative in accepting all sorts of talk in this country.

The stamps are printed in sheets of 400, each sheet is divided in the center both horizontally and vertically by lines, similar to the stamps of the U. S. Thus each sheet consists of four panes of 100 stamps. On the horizontal margin of each sheet, on the outer edge of each pane the plate number is shown, besides, each sheet is numbered. The current numbers of these sheets, however, bear rather high numbers, which might cause some misunderstanding in the future. This is caused, however, by the simple fact, that ordinary current sheets were taken and since the printer's contract has already run quite a while, the number of sheets already delivered was rather high, before the order came for these 100,000 pairs of stamps. This is the reason, that the sheet numbers will be rather high, the 1c values are coming with numbers about 1,731,000, and the 2c with about 3,710,000.

For the printing of these stamps the ordinary current plates were used, and the stamps are on watermarked paper (large star), just like the current stamps of the same denominations. Speculation is strong and it is stated that the small existing supply will be taken by speculators in a very short time.

I use this opportunity to state, that for at least several months to come there is not much chance for any new issue in this country. I have received several inquiries, since apparently a reliable European philatelic paper has published some notice about a new issue about to appear to commemorate the opening of the new legislative palace. I don't know where this paper got the information, but I am quite willing to state that the legislative palace cannot and will not be ready for some time, and while there was lots of talk at different times within the past year about a new issue, I am inclined to doubt that such will materialize. Cuba would have an excellent opportunity within this coming year (1927) to issue several sets of commemorative stamps, but the powers behind the desk claim that they have no money to purchase the new plates, and, although the local philatelists have been quite busy doing a lot of talking, up to date there is no visible effect of their efforts. I am in the hope that within the next year Cuba will present the world's philatelists with a beautiful set of new stamps, but I believe I would have to find first a philanthropic philatelist, who would present the P.O. with the necessary plates. If there be any such in the audience, please hold up your hand.

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BUREAU PRINT PRECANCELS

To the uninitiated, the collecting of Precancels may seem to be of such a nature that it is a waste of time to do so. There are numerous arguments presented by the collector of postage stamps against the taking into consideration the collecting of these city and town stamps. There may be some little basis to these arguments, but when one gets down to solid earth and learns of the arguments in favor of collecting precancels the story changes.

I am not going to delve in the collecting of general precancels, nor any form of state or value specialization. But, there is one form of precancel collecting which should appeal to every collector, general or specialized, who takes unto himself the issues of these United States. That is the Chasing of the Bureau Prints.

First, what is a Bureau Print? This is a name given to a certain type of precancels, which are not printed in local post offices, or printeries, but are actual emissions of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Washington, D. C. Remember, actual Post Office issues. They are printed on the same press as the postage stamps themselves, in the same operation, and the sheet of white paper fed into the press, comes out at the other end, not good for United States postage, but only good for postage in a certain city in the United States. Hence it can come under that class as do the early locals, or city issues.

Of course, if one does not wish to collect precancels no argument can be presented which will convince him that he should. But there are many reasons why there is the greatest of joy and pleasure to be derived from the collecting of Bureau Prints. And when there is joy secured out of anything, there is no reason under the sun why that something should not be accepted by those seeking joy.

In order to show this pleasure, I will first show that Bureau Prints are free of those things which cause general, State or issue precancel collectors displeasure. First, these stamps are the regular issues from the 1c up to the 10c values, including the 1½c and all of the coils. There are no Commemorative issues under this class, hence there is obviated that tendency to visit the postmaster and have him fix up a few for you. Secondly, they are printed at Washington, D. C. in the same operation as the stamps themselves, doing away with all double and inverted print-

ings. There are a few spread letters or shifts coming up now and then, but they cannot be classed as errors. And now for that final joy. There is no collector who cannot say he is seeking the greatest completion possible. There are about six hundred of these stamps known, and it is a safe assurance that the number will fall far short of one thousand. Practically all of those known are precancelled for use in the larger cities, making their accumulation to a certain extent an easy one. Yet, to keep things from being too simple and to add that smack of chasing which all collectors enjoy, whether they be after china, arrowheads, coins, watches, or whatnot, there are a few towns which are pretty hard to find, such as New Britain, Conn.; Miami, Fla.; Macon, Ga.; Fulton, N. Y.; and Rahway, N. J. In between these two classes of Bureau Prints there are numerous towns and cities which are scarce enough to give one a little difficulty in picking them up. With all of the lure of the chase, still the collector of Bureau Prints may be able to keep in mind that this collection may be completed.

There are seven types of Bureau Prints, which does away with that sameness which might be shown on album pages were they all the same. These types are distinctive and once known are very easily distinguished from the ordinary local printed precancels.

The first of the present Bureau Prints made their appearance in 1924. There is another class of Bureau Prints which made their appearance in 1918. These were issued in an endeavor to cut down the expenses of the Post Office Dept. After requesting various offices to give them an estimate of what it cost to do the precancelling locally, the Post Office Authorities found that in only three offices could they make a saving, Springfield, Mass., Augusta, Maine, and New Orleans, La. Quantities of various values were precancelled at Washington and furnished to these offices, all being in the same type, a gothic letter much larger than the present Bureau Prints. These stamps were precancelled after they were printed, but really are the fore-runners of the present effective method of the Bureau of Printing and Engraving in issuing precancels.

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Now, there are many general collectors who will never become specialists. They realize the hopelessness of trying to complete a world-wide collection, but they have neither the interest in one small group, nor the passion for minutiae, that will enable them to specialize. They have no wish to give up collecting, yet to go on without a settled plan leaves them as unsatisfied as ever; they are in the doldrums, and the collection languishes.

One way of getting over the difficulty is to form a simplified collection, cutting out varieties of die, shade, watermark, perforation, and so forth. This, however, is apt to be unsatisfactory, because such a collection is neither really "philatelic," nor is it even a true summary of postal history.

What, then, is the alternative? Let us see if we can find one.

It has often been said that stamp collecting teaches history, or geography, or any one of a number of other admirable things. This is not strictly true, for stamp collecting does not teach these things; but it does stimulate the desire for knowledge of, and is an admirable "footnote" on them, and it is just this last named attribute of philately that I wish to emphasize.

Philately is, or can be made, a fascinating record of "the passing show." It is so closely connected with everyday life, that there is hardly an event of importance that does not leave a record in the pages of the stamp album, and the compilation of this record provides unlimited scope for the collector's activities.

"Yes," you say, "but how is it done?"

Well, there are no rules. The great beauty of the scheme is its lack of convention, its "go-as-you-please-ness." There are no tiresome boundaries, and no attempting to achieve impossibilities. It can be made as simple or as detailed as you like.

Not stamps only, of course, but post-

marks, covers in fact, anything philatelic, will be the material of the collection, and provide the illustrations to the text, composed of cuttings from the newspapers of your own manuscript notes. Is there a revolution somewhere in South America? If so, there will almost inevitably be provisional stamps which indicate the change of Government. Is there a "brighter trade" campaign conducted by a Minister of Commerce? If so, you will probably find your correspondence postmarked with a slogan cancellation—"So-and-so's Goods are Best." Is there a strike of transport workers? Then your letters may be carried by an emergency air service, as happened in this country during the railway strike of 1919.

It would be possible to detail any number of instances, but these few must serve. Every collector can show examples of something of the kind, and, as I have said, the scope is unlimited.

It must not be imagined that a collection formed on these lines is a mere accumulation of trifles. It is, rather, an epitome of current history, and may have considerable educational value. It can be adapted to deal with one country only, or with many, and in either case the successive issues of stamps, and the reasons which rendered them necessary, can be shown with any desired amount of detail.

Some research will generally be required to provide the explanatory notes, for the collection must, of course, be written up; but, though this is a bugbear to many collectors, I am confident that any trouble taken will be well repaid. A collection such as this will be pleasing not only to its owner, but to others, and will be an admirable example of the human interest that clothes the bare bones of philately.—*The Manchester Philatelist*.

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U. S. PERFORATIONS AND LINES

By PERCY MCGRAW MANN.

The very first thing I learned about my stamps was the manner and method of measuring perforations. I had little or no trouble with the United States issues because with the exception of the first perforated issue all were Perforated 12.

Some collectors, even to this day, believe that the counting of the number of indentations along the top or side of the stamp will give the measurement desired to agree with the statements in the catalogue, such as perforated 9½, 10, 10½, 11, 11½, 12, etc.

A method like that will show: The current 2c Perforated 11 stamp to have 13½ indentations on either the right or left sides and 11 or 11½ indentations at top or bottom, or both, or slight variations of the numbers of indentations given.

In recent years the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Washington, D. C., has adopted the philatelic method of measuring perforations, so that any enquiry regarding perforations addressed to the Bureau will receive a correct and authentic answer, thus avoiding any confusion. It is recalled that enquiry addressed to the Bureau several years ago regarding some compound perforated stamps, elicited the reply that all the Bureau printed stamps were compound 10x12 perforation—in other words, 10 indentations at the top and 12 indentations at the side. Today the Bureau would reply that such stamps were Perforated 10, all round.

The correct measurement of perforations, a practice that was adopted by stamp collectors years ago, long before I started to collect stamps, is the number of "perforations" in the space of two centimeters, or as we name it, twenty millimeters. In a single stamp the "perforations" appear as indentations.

With the above five paragraphs as an introduction, I want to refute the statements on page 712 of the Dec. 27, 1926, edition of the WEEKLY, by the United States new issue chronicler. Quoting his article:—"the stamps which we now designate as perforated 11 are really 10¾." The stamps which we have heretofore designated as perforated 10 are really 9¾."

I defy anyone to show a Perforated 10 stamp with only 9¾ indentations in space of two centimeters! If such had been the case with any of our United States stamps, either flat plate or rotary, they would have been chronicled thus years ago. I have noticed in Fred J. Melville's recent work on United States stamps 1922-1925, and also in the *Stamp Lover* chronicle, edited by Mr. Melville, that our current Perforated 11 stamps have been listed as "Perforated 10¾." Surely Mr. Melville's perforation gauge or millimeter scale is inaccurate. In fact, I have also noticed, that a perforation gauge is absolutely the worst way in which to measure perforations. Frequently, if not always, the little black spots placed in a row, are irregularly spaced, if not shrunken or enlarged in length of the row by printing, either engraved, lithographed, or typographed.

If we were to adopt Mr. Ward's theory, or even Mr. Melville's, then all our Perforated 12 stamps would be perforated 11½ or thereabouts.

Unfortunately, at this writing, I haven't had an opportunity of measuring the new perforation adopted for rotary press printed stamps of the U. S. Mr. Ward states that it is "exactly 11x10½." If the new perforation was measured on the same scale as he measured the Perforated 11 as "10¾" and the Perforated 10 as "9¾," it is doubtful that it is "exactly 11x10½." However, on another page of the WEEKLY, I see that Mr. Nickles gives the new perforation as "Perf. 11x10½," so I guess it must be.

All the U. S. stamps are perforated as stated in the catalogues, and do not measure even a quarter of a mm. in variation either top or side, unless, through error.

If they measure otherwise, then they are unrecorded varieties.

On page 690 of the Dec. 20, edition of the WEEKLY, Mr. Ward draws attention of his readers to the two lines on the left vertical margin of the sheet of plate No. 5493, stating that the lines were guides aiding in the transfer of the subject from the transfer roll to the plate and were no doubt cut by an amateur, or they would have been unnoticed.

The whole subject of these lines was thoroughly covered in an article in the *Philadelphia Stamp News*, Volume 1, 1911-12.

On page 180 it is stated: "Another style plate 'has two lines running across the margin of the sheet above the imprint of the Bureau and plate number.' We have not seen any other, but suppose the lines run along the side margin and on the bottom margins. There are two lines; the one next to the plate number and imprint is thicker than the outside one and the distance between them is 3mm."

Making enquiries, I received the following letter from the Bureau:

"Sir:—I am in receipt of your letter in which you enclose a piece of the margin from a sheet of one-cent stamp, and request to be advised of the reason for the horizontal lines running across and above the plate number. In reply I beg to say, as you are, no doubt, aware, the initials of each plate printer were printed from any plate are struck upon the plate. The line which you call attention to is placed upon the plate for the purpose of indicating that the initials of the printers are to go above it.

(Signed) J. E. RALPH, Director."

I gave further information at the time in the P. S. N., but I think the letter explains the matter. The margin submitted to Mr. Ralph had two lines. Most of the margins I had seen had the printers' initials on the left side margin. But as far back as the 1901 commemorative stamps, the initials were placed over the stamps or on the top margin. These stamps were printed sideways, however, and the initials were placed on the right margin of the plate, which, reverse, after printing, would be the left margin of the stamps, which in the case of the 1901 issue became the left margin of the sheet, when the sheet was righted.

Keeping the subject current in 1901, on page 218 of the same volume of the P. S. N., I published the fact that 1-cent stamps had been seen from plates 5634, and 5637, with lines on the margins as remarked on page 180 (this page quoted above). Then on page 241 there was recorded plates 5634, 5635, 5636, and 5637, with marginal lines. This was followed by: Mr. Koslowski also sends a block of four with side margin attached, but without plate number. The initials on the margin are 'C. V.' This margin submitted we find three lines instead of two; the line nearest the stamps is a double line, the outside line being a single line and heavier as usual.

I have this block in my collection today, and I also have, a block with marginal lines with printers initials between the lines. Frequently the printer overstepped the lines and the initials were zigzagged as formerly all over the side margin and the placing of the lines was soon discontinued. Likewise, the placing of the initials was soon discontinued away with by the Bureau.

It has recently been my pleasure to acquire from Mr. George C. McNabb a block of the Wilson 17c Canal Zone overprinted stamps with the word CANAL in the center of each stamp and halves of the word ZONE at both top and bottom of each stamp. And from the same source comes the new series of postage dues for the CANAL ZONE, the overprint with pointed top A's instead of the flat top A's as previously issued, values 1c, 2c and 10c.

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By BENEDICT PRIETH

The new 2 1/2 pence blue and the 3 pence brown on yellow paper, both script watermark, appeared so unexpectedly that all collectors of British Colonials were surprised, I am sure, when their issue was chronicled.

The first inkling I had that there had been a change was when the Postmaster at Hamilton returned a perfectly good check on the Bank of Bermuda with the remark that there was not a single three pence stamp to be had for love or money. I immediately sent checks to other post offices in Bermuda, but, alas! they were all returned to me with the information that foreign customers could be supplied through the main post office at Hamilton only. So farewell Harrington Sound, St. Georges, Flatts, Ireland Island, etc. Henceforth I shall know you no more save in my memory, where there shall always be a warm spot for you.

The 3d blue is likely to become scarce, mint as used, as it was in use but a short time. The 2 1/2d olive will be scarce in mint condition, as few dealers had stocked it. The 2sh6d and 10sh on CAC watermark paper have great prospects, as has also the 1sh jet black on olive paper.

STAMPS OF TO-MORROW

Algeria—It seems that the charity postage stamps previously foreshadowed are to be issued after all in aid of the orphans of Algerian soldiers who fell in the recent campaign in Morocco. Thirteen values of the contemporary pictorial stamps are to be surcharged and sold for double face value in aid of the fund. The printing will comprise 50,000 copies each of the denominations 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50 centimes and 1 franc, and 30,000 of the 2fr and 5fr respectively.

Barbados—The proposed design for the Tercentenary stamps shows the good ship William and John, which brought the first colonists to the Island, with a portrait of the King inset.

Bulgaria—The existing stock of the London printed 10 levas stamp being well nigh exhausted, it will shortly be superseded by one of the same value in an enlargement of the general design of the Bulgarian stamp of 1881.

Chili—A new denomination of 80 centavos is about to be added to the current series, printed in brown with a portrait of General Fy. B. Antonio Quintanilla.

Cirenaica—The Italian Government has approved the issue of special postage stamps in the denominations 60 centesimi and 1.25 lire to commemorate the annexation of the oasis of Giarabule, lately ceded to Italy by Egypt. The pictorial design is the work of Comm. Antonino Calcagnadoro.

Dominican Republic—A new set of stamps in the "Arms" type of 1924 is announced for early issue, comprising 5, 10, 20 and 50c, 1 peso. At the same time there will be a re-issue of the 10c Express Delivery Stamp of 1925 with the word "EXPRESSO" substituted for "ENTREGA ESPECIAL".

France—Further alterations in the contemporary postage stamps are heralded in the form of a 30 centimes green and 90c red, both in the "Pasteur" type, together with a new Postage Due Stamp of 80 centimes.

Germany—A set of Christmas charity stamps is in course of preparation and will continue the series of heraldic designs commenced last year.

Italy—To mark the anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi, which falls on October 4th, it is proposed to add a 30 centesimi stamp to the existing commemorative series, printed in deep blue in the Della Robbia design of the 5 lire denomination.

Italian Somaliland—A definitive series of pictorial postage stamps will shortly replace the overprinted types at present in use.

Jugo Slavia—A Ministerial decree of July 30th, ordains that for a period of three months all postage stamps shall be sold at a premium of 50 para upon face value in aid of sufferers from the recent floods on the Danube. The stamps to be issued in connection with the Millenary of Croatian independence are to comprise the values 50 para, 1 and 3 dinar, which will also be sold with a surtax of 50p or 1d.

Monaco—New denominations of 30 centimes green, 90c red and 1.50fr blue are about to be issued in the current portrait type. The stamps of 1.05fr and 2fr will only be issued after they have been surcharged 1.40fr and 2.50fr respectively.

Morocco—In the forecast of colour changes given on the authority of the *Vigie Marocaine* last month, reference was made to the 5c Air Post stamp. This was an error for 50c, which will in future be printed in red-orange instead of blue.

New Zealand—It is probable that the new 2sh and 3sh stamps recorded last month will have a short life. Replying to criticism in the House of Representatives on July 23d, the Postmaster-General announced that it was intended to improve upon the design with which his Department was not satisfied.

Nigeria—The 5sh stamp with script watermark was expected on October 1st

Norway—The next value to appear in the re-engraved type will be the 10 ore followed by the 20, 15 and 40 ore in the order named.

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Philippines—Special stamps for official correspondence and a set of Postage Due Stamps are to be provided by overprinting upon the contemporary postage stamps.

Paraguay—One million copies have been printed of each of the following stamps, which are due to make an early appearance—5c blue, 10c orange, 2c yellow-green, 30c red, 40c deep green, 50c red, and 2p 50c blue.

Poland—It is proposed to issue a special stamp for wireless propaganda upon the occasion of the opening of a new radio station at Warsaw.

Russia—Additional denominations of 60, 70, 80 and 90 kopeks are about to be included in the current series.

San Marino—Provisional Express Delivery stamps of 70 centesimi and 2 lire face value are foreshadowed.

Switzerland—The designs of the "P. Juventute" stamps for 1926 will complete the series of Arms of the twenty-five Cantons inaugurated eight years ago. This year's stamps will bear the escutcons of Bale, Aargau and Thurgau.

Syria—Supplementary denominations of 50 and 100 piastres in pictorial design are in course of preparation by the Mission Vaugirard, Paris.

Zanzibar—The new stamps from 10 to 75c were due to make their debut on October 1st.—The Stamp Collector.

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- (1) 1c blues, 2c browns, 3c greens 1870-83 3 lbs. 7 oz.
- (2) 1c blues (214), 2c browns (210), 2c greens (212) 9 lbs. 2 oz.
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55.....	.05	.03	171.....	.10	.03	65.....	.40	.01	174.....	.27	.27	56.....	.10	.05	172.....	.10	.03	66.....	2.00	.35	175.....	.31	.31
57.....	.03	.01	173.....	.10	.03	67.....	.02	.02	176.....	.35	.35	58.....	.03	.01	Blk. 4 ..	.40	.25	68.....	.03	.02	177.....	.40	.40
59.....	.04	.01	174.....	.08	.02	69.....	.04	.01	178.....	.45	.45	60.....	.04	.01	175.....	.10	.02	70.....	.15	.15	179.....	.60	.60
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66.....	.35	.15	181.....	.15	.10	75.....	.15	.03	184.....	.08	.08	67.....	.35	.20	182.....	.05	.03	76.....	.02	.01	185.....	.12	.12
68.....	.05	.01	183.....	.10	.03	77.....	.02	.01	186.....	.15	.15	69.....	.15	.02	184.....	.10	.03	78.....	.05	.03	187.....	.18	.18
70.....	.04	.01	185.....	.15	.10	79.....	.05	.05	188.....	.22	.22	71.....	.08	.01	186.....	.05	.05	80.....	.07	.01	189.....	.27	.27
73.....	.12	.01	187.....	.05	.08	81.....	.10	.01	190.....	.31	.31	74.....	.18	.01	188.....	.10	.06	82.....	.15	.01	191.....	.35	.35
75.....	.25	.07	188.....	.12	.12	83.....	.15	.01	191.....	.40	.40	76.....	.35	.02	189.....	.12	.12	84.....	.18	.01	192.....	.45	.45
77.....	.55	.03	191.....	.05	.05	85.....	.25	.01	193.....	.60	.60	78.....	.45	.35	190.....	.08	.08	86.....	.01	.01	194.....	1.00	1.00
79.....	.35	.25	192.....	1.50	1.50	87.....	.01	.01	195.....	2.00	2.00	79.....	.35	.25	191.....	.06	.02	88.....	.03	.03	196.....	5.00	5.00
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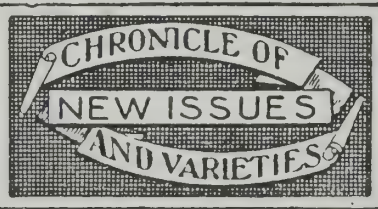
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United States

New 20c Air Mail Stamp

Several weeks back we mentioned the possible appearance of new air mail stamps and under date of January 12th, Mr. R. S. Regar, Third Assistant Postmaster General, announces that a new 20c printed in green will be available at both Washington and New York on Tuesday, January 25th. It will be on sale at other offices as soon as an extra supply is available. The stamp is similar in design to the current 10c and 15c air mail stamps and the necessity for the issuing of this denomination arises from the new rate of air mail postage of 10c a half ounce, effective February 1st next. The 20c stamp pays the double rate.

We are told by the Information Service of the Post Office Department, that existing stamps of the 8c, 16c and 24c denominations in use under the present cumbersome zone system will be recalled. The 15c air mail stamps will be retained until the supply is exhausted, as two of these stamps may be used under the new rate on packages weighing one and one-half ounces. If the Department recalls the air mail stamps specified, they will

no doubt be retained by the Philatelic Agency for the benefit of collectors.

The postal order calls attention to the fact that this new stamp, as well as all other air mail stamps, are lawfully valid for postage on any mail matter but their use should be restricted as far as practicable to matter to be dispatched by air mail, for which they are specifically intended.

2c White Plains, Imperforate Horizontally

Mr. Richard J. Schwarz has recently located the southwest pane of one hundred of the 2c White Plains stamps from sheet 18766, wherein the vertical perforations are normal but the perforations from left to right are not horizontal but are diagonal. One row of perforations is entirely missing—hence, giving us twelve copies of the stamp unperforated horizontally, the balance of the sheet being of a freak nature showing a combination of vertical and diagonal perforations. This is the first variety of importance of this very interesting stamp that has been brought to my attention.

"Specimen" Departments

Mr. William West adds to the list of "Specimen" error Departments a new variety not heretofore noted, namely, the 10c Navy. Mr. West recently acquired this from a Pacific coast source where it was possibly found. There seems to be an unusual amount of interest taken in these stamps here of late—hence, during the last year or so half a dozen or more new errors have come to our attention.

In my chronicle of January 3rd, mention was made of the fact that I had never heard of any of the Departments either with or without overprint appearing in imperforate condition, other than the well known 3c War.

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complete set of Departments in strips of three imperforate, except the high value States which are in pairs. There are two sets of singles also existing. I do not know of any without the overprints except the 3c soft paper War of which I has a block of six."

Information as to the existence of the imperforate Departments with "Specimen" overprints comes as a surprise, as it is odd that they have not been mentioned in print heretofore. I have written Mr. Kennett for further details as to these varieties and hope to inform our readers as to where they were located. It is quite possible that they are from the famous Ferrari collection, as many of the varieties of this type, such as the imperforate Newspapers, were found in this accumulation.

Air Mail Notes

Under date of January 10th, the Information Service of the Post Office Department announced that pilots of the United States air mail service shattered all speed records during the year just closed. The east bound transcontinental planes broke three speed records between Chicago and New York, one of the pilots having flown from Chicago to Cleveland, 327 miles, in one hour and 59 minutes, at the rate of 164.8 miles per hour. The best previous time was two hours and two minutes.

From Cleveland to New York, a distance of 399 miles, was made at even faster rate, namely, 2 hours and 21 minutes or at the rate of 169.7 miles per hour.

The record from Chicago to New York was lowered to 4 hours and 10 minutes. The records now prevailing on the other routes, all of which were made during 1926 are:

Chicago to Omaha—2 hours, 10 minutes.

Omaha to Cheyenne—3 hours, 20 minutes.

Cheyenne to Salt Lake City—2 hours, 40 minutes.

Salt Lake City to Reno—3 hours, 10 minutes.

On the Reno to San Francisco route alone, the former 1925 record of 1 hour, 28 minutes has not been equaled.

The Department further announced that they were highly gratified to learn under date of January 14th, that Shiley J. Short, ace of the Post Office air mail pilots, had been awarded the Harmon trophy for 1926 by the American Section of the International League of Aviators. Short was selected in preference to Lt. Commander Richard Byrd and Lt. Floyd Bennett first to fly over the North Pole in an aeroplane because he flew 2,169 hours and 14 minutes between July 1, 1923 and November 1, 1926, without a serious mishap, on scheduled air mail flights, night and day, in all weather, and in various types of aeroplanes used by the Post Office Department.

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Exhibitions, and we say unequivocally that New York 1926 was the greatest of them all. By very reason of its greatness it has created a standard that should be our pride to maintain and improve, and because of the incentive thus given to us we seize the opportunity of throwing open for discussion the whole question of Philatelic Exhibitions.

In our report we have endeavored to do justice to the kind welcome we received, but we will not leave this page without expressing editorially our deep appreciation for the boundless courtesy and kindness that made this visit of ours to New York an infinite delight.—*Philatelic Journal of Great Britain.*

MARKET IN MODERN COLONIALS

Unions.—Some big prices have been paid and paid for certain Union of South Africa, imperf. one side. These, in the case of the air stamps, are from outside of the sheet. In some countries, where more plentiful, these are called "straight edges," and rather desired, but with a popular modern country like the Union they command very high figures. *Verb sap.* For money making go for the popular groups or countries all the time; both the standard varieties and the minor varieties are much more saleable and make more.

Mauritius.—The emerald surfaced Mauritius stamps, both one and ten rupees, are worth buying at present quotations. It should be noted that more stamps of the higher values appear to be

used in this Colony than formerly, and that consequently the high values are worth much more mint than used. Of the 10 rupee it will be noticed that it is catalogued less in Die I (emerald) than Die II (MCA); these figures might be reversed, as the latter stamp has been obtainable until quite recently, possibly still, in the island itself.

Gambia.—The 5sh Gambia, new type, old watermark, has appreciated rapidly in value since it became obsolete last summer. It is now rivaling the 5sh in the small type for scarcity, and although the supply lasted about four years, there do not seem to be many about. Its history is very similar to the 10sh Cayman referred to above. It exists on two papers, and the pale yellow variety appears to be distinctly the scarcer. It is to be noted that both these stamps are in very popular Colonies. Gambia being one of the most popular of the African group and Cayman Is. of the West Indian group, and both are amongst the smallest Colonies of their group, so that printings tend to be small too. The Edwardian series of both are also very good, and continue on the upgrade always in market value, especially the 1st multiple King Edward set of each Colony.

Selling.—A feature of Modern Colonials appears to be the number of people advertising as wanting to buy them, often offering particular prices for the scarcer items. All this goes to show the liveliness of the market, and it would not be surprising to see some very astonishing price changes when trade becomes more normal in the country generally. In this connection a correspondent says that these prices offered are usually "very

low, and would attract none who knew the value of his stamps," and instanced 10sh only being offered for the 1sh Turks script. Of course, we must remember these are required for resale, so that one might expect only about two-thirds of the ordinary retail price to be offered, which is what we usually find; sometimes even more with the rare items, such as

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Singularly enough we had hardly entered Mr. Betts as a member of the Honor Club before an application came in from Neil Gronberg of Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. Gronberg is also a dealer. He has used adlet space in the WEEKLY for many months and has only recently taken out a contract for displayed space. We thank him for his tangible appreciation of our paper.

In joining our Honor Club, Geo. H. Sprague, Chicago, says that he is the second deaf man to enter the five year subscription class, his friend, W. Austin Amory, having preceded him some months ago. Mr. Sprague, who is 41 years old, says that he would like to know how many deaf persons read the WEEKLY. The collecting favorites of Mr. Sprague are the U. S., British and the stamps of a few other countries. Welcome, Mr. Sprague.

In Louis C. Muller we have a very active member of the San Francisco Stamp Society. He is manager of the auction and sales department, with address 176 Devisadero St., San Francisco, Cal. He writes:—"I am always ready to assist in the advancement of our hobby and believe that the WEEKLY is a wonderful asset to philately in this country." Mr. Muller remits for a five-years renewal of subscription and we take pleasure in entering him as a member of the Honor Club.

As we close the forms for this week's issue two applications are received, one from W. H. Schmidt, 8 E. 48 St., N. Y. City, and the other from H. L. Porter, Boston, Mass. Both are unaccompanied by any letter, but in both instances the check for \$5.00 is a substantial witness to their approval of our Honor Club project.

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By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

(One of our Juniors, A. H. Seymour, requests information in regard to U.S. essays and proofs and Mr. Ward responds with the following. We do not use this upon the Junior Page as it is rather too lengthy an article. Moreover, there are many collectors to whom this information will be acceptable. —W. O. W.)

The new collector is often at a loss as to what is meant when reference is made to an essay or proof. When the Department formerly decided upon a new denomination, they submitted their ideas to the bank note company holding the contract for the printing of stamps and they in turn submitted sketches and designs for the approval of the department. At times they went so far as to actually engrave varieties and submit them for the inspection of the Postmaster General. From these he would generally pick out the one of interest and make suggestions as to changes, should these be necessary. In such a case the rejected varieties are what is known as essays, these stamps being proposed, but not actually prepared and used.

The bank note company with the criticisms of the Postmaster General at hand turned out the new variety and submitted further impressions to Washington for inspection. If these were approved we would then designate the approved design which was usually printed upon India paper or cardboard, as a proof. Die proofs and plate proofs differ in that the die proof is a direct impression from the die and may be told usually by the very large margins; whereas, a plate proof is an impression from the entire plate which in turn was usually cut up into singles and these individual items coming from the plate are, therefore, designated as plate proofs.

In former years the Department permitted these to be distributed. Around the year 1902, special books of all proofs were made up for distribution among the Senate, but if I recall rightly at that time, there was considerable criticism as to this expenditure and President Roosevelt issued an executive order preventing the further issuing of proofs in such manner. From remarks made at the Bureau, I am led to believe that a further executive order would be necessary before proofs could again become generally available.

LOOKING ROUND

By "MARQUETTE"

A feature of the stamp market at the present day is furnished by the very high prices which the better-class early Colonials are fetching. The investment value of these fine old stamps has always been recognised, but now the demand is increasing more rapidly than ever before while existing supplies are dwindling very fast. I anticipate a very sharp rise in the catalogue prices of many items before long, so that anyone who has money to lock up for a short period, and who will buy with judgment and discrimination, should make a very pleasing profit.

The sharp rise in the value of the franc will have its effect on Continental quotations and will possibly lessen the volume of purchases made in France by collectors outside that country. This will only apply to the ordinary stamps, as the rarities sell wherever found. Stable conditions in the international exchanges will make things very much easier for collectors and also for the stamp trade.

A feature of the past few weeks has been the entry of Germany into the buying field in a more active manner than has been the case since the War. Several German firms are now advertising in England as urgently for rarities and fine collections as are the home dealers—another evidence of the all-round shortage of supplies of the better stamps.

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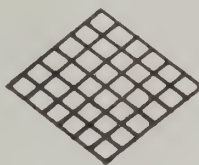
In my last article I promised to give a
detailed description of the cancellations
and unusual blocks, strips and pairs on
and off cover that I exhibited under the
Class, Stamps, Before 1870, at the In-
ternational Exhibition in New York.

I sincerely regret that I was only able
to exhibit a very small part of my col-
lection as I only had two frames.

and dull vermilion and is considered ex-
tremely rare.

Another page from my collection
showed the various types of fortune can-
cellation on the first postage stamps of
France which was put in circulation
January 1, 1849.

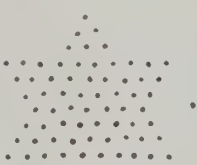
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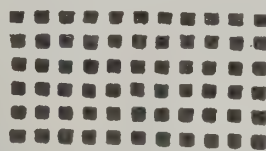
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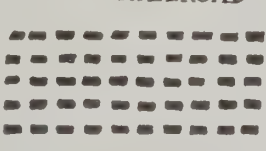
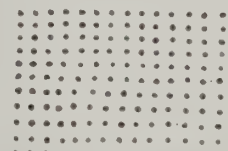
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hibit was one franc dull vermilion with
the extremely rare five-pointed Poin-
settia (so called fortune cancellation)
used January, 1849, from Station J
(Place de la Bourse). No doubt this
is probably a unique copy with this can-
cellation according to all the information
I have been able to gather from various
authorities on this continent and Europe.

According to the statement in the
Yvert & Tellier catalogue on France and
Colonies, this fortune cancellation may be
found on 20c black and 1 franc vermilion

but due to the fact that a regular system
of cancellation was not adopted until a
month later, and due to the diversity
of cancellations used and the few sent
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will see that the fortune cancellation marked A was used at Lille, France, while that marked B was used at Place de la Bourse, Paris. I consider myself indeed fortunate to have been able to secure both of these cancellations on 20c black and also the poinsettia type of fortune cancellation on one franc dull vermillion.

The town cancellations from the 1st of January to the 15th of the same month are very greatly sought after by specialists because of their scarcity.

The postal authorities of the time were of the opinion that the then current black cancellation was not obvious enough and resorted to the use of red and blue cancellations on any stamp, but such cancellations are now considered rare.

A decree was issued in April, 1850, to change the 20c black to 20c blue, and this stamp, although prepared, was never put into circulation as the postage rate was changed from 20c to 25c. The postal authorities attempted to surcharge them 25c in red, but the results proved unsatisfactory and all were destroyed except one copy of this essay.

In the Special Exhibition Number of October 4th, there was an illustration of an original cover sent from Paris to London with an unbounded grille cancellation in red-brown color used on 40c orange, which is probably the only one known of this kind of cancellation in this color on a *se-tenant* pair, types I and II.

This unbounded grille cancellation is a very interesting cancellation and is generally used on the mail that was sent from France to foreign countries, especially England, United States and the eastern and Balkan countries.

On certain values, such as the 25c blue, this unbounded grille is rare, while on other values it is very common. I shall give further details of this in a future article in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS.

A block of four 10c bistre on yellow issued July, 1850, was another one of my special items. This block of four had the checkerboard cancellation. A checkerboard cancellation exists in many varieties—squares, fine dots and oblong, and generally appears on letters sent from France to America, and letters from the French Colonies to their mother country. On some issues it is rare while on others it may be considered common.

On the same page was a strip of three 10c dark bistre-yellow with a number cancellation in the lozenge. Every number signifies a different town from which a letter was mailed or a different section of Paris from which it was sent.

The third cover on this page was pair of 10c bistre-yellow with an unbounded grille cancellation.

The next page showed about twenty-five pieces of 15c green and deep green issued in 1850. There were pairs and singles on original cover and off cover, the rarest of which was an unusually fine copy with a medium size date cancellation. There were also a very rare 15c pair dark green on cover with a railroad cancellation. This dark-green on cover

is certainly a rarity from the view point of a specialist.

I want to stop a minute to say that any French stamp bearing a railroad cancellation is of interest to a French stamp specialist and brings from full catalogue to above full catalogue price.

In the line of 20c black I exhibited a strip of five in unusual condition with a small size date cancellation dated January 6, 1849, and a strip of three with a fortune cancellation (a great rarity) and a small sized red date cancellation cancelled January 4th.

On still a different page appeared a block of four 25c 1850 issue in beautiful condition on a large piece of cover. This is rare.

A strip of four on original letter in pale-blue was shown directly below the block of four. This stamp in this condition is rare but the grille cancellation on it is not rare.

In February, 1850, 40c orange and orange-yellow was issued by the French government. One of the pages from my collection exhibited contained a strip of three on original cover, also a block of three on original cover with a lozenge with number cancellation. Surely this is considered a rarity. Altogether I have one hundred pieces with various cancellations. The most interesting pair of this denomination was the two types of four together (*se-tenant*) in unusually fine condition. This variety occurs twice in the bottom row only of each sheet of three hundred stamps, and was caused by the re-engraving of two cliché of 20c introduced by error into the plate of the 40c. One of these stamps has the wide "4" on both sides, the other on one side only.

Another attractive page contained a 1 franc carmine-brown and bright carmine issued in December, 1850. The most interesting item of the denomination was a block of four. This is considered a very great rarity, because it is a block four.

On the same page was a horizontal strip of three carmine-brown (a rare shade) with a sheet margin on the left side and an unusually large margin around, considered especially rare in French stamps. One of my previous articles spoke of the rareness of large margins on French stamps imperforate issue.

There was also a bright carmine strip of three with the unbounded grille cancellation. Altogether, I have one hundred fifty copies of this denomination, some in various shades in pairs, strips and blocks on and off cover, ranging in cancellations from the commonest to the rarest.

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In the line of 25c blue, I have in my possession over three hundred pieces—pairs, strips and blocks with many rare cancellations, such as grille which is very common on the 1849 issue but rare on this issue, color cancellations also considered rare on this issue.

In this 1852 issue pairs, strips and blocks are rare because of the short life of this stamp; for after a few months it was withdrawn from circulation. This same Napoleon Bonaparte donned the Imperial Crown and became Emperor Napoleon III in December, of the same year, forming the Second Empire. The stamps of this period bear the inscription "Empire France."

From 1853 to 1860 there appeared eight different denominations, and two denominations bear two distinct shades. These stamps are 20c pale blue on greenish issued in 1855, and 80c rose in April, 1860.

A block of ten on original cover of 20c blue, bluish, in very fine condition was my contribution in this issue. Certainly it is an unusual block in this condition, used on a single letter. On the same page appeared a strip of seven 40c orange on a single original cover in beautiful condition. In this condition this strip is rare, especially on original cover.

Another one of my special items was a block of four 25c dull blue, bluish, November, 1853, issue with an unbounded grille cancellation. In the eyes of a French specialist this was certainly an attractive page.

In April, 1860, there was issued a rose-shade stamp of the denomination 80c and bearing the head of Napoleon and the inscription, Empire Franc. I exhibited two covers—one a strip of eight on original cover with a fine dot cancellation and the other a strip of five on original cover with the large number in the centre of the lozenge—a very rare strip with a very rare cancellation. I also exhibited a block of nine of the same shade on original cover. This block of nine is extremely rare on original cover.

Among the issue of October, 1854, I

displayed a strip of seven on original cover in unusually fine condition and a strip of five with a very fine dot cancellation on an original cover, and a block of ten off cover with a small number in the middle of the lozenge. Surely all of these are great rarities because of the largeness of the blocks and the cancellations.

In my collection I have over five hundred pieces, some of various shades of rose and carmine and of unusual blocks, strips, and pairs.

The second rarest stamp of the regular issue of France is 1 franc Empire of 1853. I exhibited about thirty copies on original cover and an extremely fine strip of six on original cover with a branch post office of Paris cancellation. I also displayed a strip of four, two strips of three and four pairs vertical and horizontal and three singles.

The most attractive of this lot was on original cover with the unusual large margin in a very attractive condition. I have about eighty-five copies in my possession, some of various shades and cancellations. These pages certainly caught the eye of a French specialist and were of greatest interest to him.

In some of my future articles I will mention in greater detail facts about the cancellations and other factors that I have touched on briefly here. I shall also tell more about the much sought after Bordeaux issue, some of which I exhibited.

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The committee in charge of the event may rightly feel proud of it. Tables for exhibition purposes were placed about the room, each exhibitor pointing out the merits of their treasures. In order to secure the entries, gold prizes were given as follows:— Class 1, for best general collection, 1st prize, \$10 gold piece; 2nd prize, \$5 gold piece. Class 2, for best single stamp used or unused, 1st prize, \$5 in gold; 2nd prize, \$3 in gold.

Vernon Wilson exhibited U. S. very complete; F. F. Bott showed St. Vincent, which was noted for its completeness and was mounted in a beautiful manner; Braunsen Beach showed a very fine lot of King George issues; Dr. Preston E. Hoskins, an ardent precancel fan, displayed a volume of precancels, including many rare; J. E. Scott exhibited his big collection of 3c red, cancellations, exceptionally good and many special designs; stamps of Roumania were shown by T. Foster, including an 81p 1858 Moldavia blue wove paper; George Mannebach displayed a specially arranged volume of Bosnia, including many scenes and portraits of prominent people of the country.

Refreshments were served and it was nearly midnight when the affair broke up. It was one of the best functions that the Michigan Stamp Club has ever staged. The judges appointed by Pres. Charles E. Brisley were: Alex Livingston, Horace F. Hartwell and F. S. Kirster. Prizes were donated by Messrs. Hartwell, Brisley, Fred F. Bott, Harry Carter and C. H. Holden. The entries in the two classes and the awards were as follows:—

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From Dr. Thorlief L. Stangebye, New England, N. D., we have received a copy of the Minneapolis Journal containing the article, "Twins Work Way Through University of Minnesota by Collecting, Selling Stamp," illustrated by a fine picture of Roy and Ray Lawrence, 22-year-old twins of Anamosa, Iowa, "looking over their precancelled stamps." The text of the article abounds in references to stamps and their profit possibilities and as will be admitted is good publicity.

Mr. L. S. Slevin, Carmel, California, writes: "I noticed an article in your issue of May 24, 1926, regarding the collecting of street-car transfers. I had quite a collection of them but cannot remember what became of it. However, two of them survived, issued by Ferries and Cliff House Railway Co., in 1888. I donated one to a museum and still have the other."

The program of the Milwaukee Philatelic Society for the year is embellished by a front cover design, the work of Mr. R. L. Hustis, which includes a "stamp" that catches the eye. Our "M. T. Dome" is a versatile chap and the program was compiled by him, as well. Each meeting revolves around a special country or group and the dates extend through June 21, 1927.

Dr. Lowell Ragatz, whose work for the WEEKLY is remembered and who now is connected with the George Washington University History Department, was awarded recently at the meeting of the American Historical Association in Rochester, the Justin Winsor prize for 1926. This prize is awarded every two years and is the highest in the field of competitive writing offered by the American Historical Association. Dr. Ragatz' thesis was on "The Decline of the British West Indies, 1763-1883—A study of the Fall of the Planter Class," embodying research by the writer over a period of years.

From W. F. Slusser, U. S. A., Fort Kamehameha, Hawaii, we have received a menu of the annual meeting and dinner of the Hawaiian Philatelic Society held

January 11th, at Honolulu. The menu is really a philatelic one, embracing collecting terms in a happy manner. There are twenty-nine members, exclusive of four life members, one of whom is Mr. C. F. Richards of New York.

The Senn Stamp Club recently gave a dinner at the Rogers Park Hotel, Chicago, that was a success in every way. Richard J. Schwarz presided on the occasion and the club of thirty-five members made a good showing at the meeting, which was enlivened by clever philatelic and other entertainment that was provided by the talent among the members, among whom Norman Curtis, president, Frank Cunningham, vice-president and Raymond Hamey are to be mentioned. The club meets once a week on school time and every Friday evening at the home of a member.

The new 20-cent airplane stamp has made its bow and the understanding is that one or more values of higher denomination will be announced in due time.

The banquet held January 16, 1927, by the German speaking collectors' club of Chicago, as it was originally, at Weiss' Hall was attended by nearly seventy members and friends, including the ladies. The large attendance was a tribute to Mr. Julius Loeffler, the president, in a measure, as he has been untiring in bringing the organization up to its present numerical standard. The menu was good and the exercises of the evening enjoyable. The enthusiasm shown by those present augured well for the continued well-being of the society and among the speakers of the evening were Messrs. Severn, Golding, Rech and others.

OUR BOOK REVIEW

We have received from the Harris Publications, 46 Victoria St., London, Eng., a twenty-page booklet on Turkey. It consists of random notes by G. A. Higlett dealing with the bi-sected stamps, over-printed commemorative issues, provisional postage due stamps and certain other provisional issues. There are numerous illustrations. Price 25c.

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Some years ago, Mr. Michael Miller, Baltimore, Maryland, began working on a checklist of American Expeditionary Force postmarks and he now has a compilation of the Army post offices that were established, numbering one hundred or from 701 to 799. Some of the fixed post offices had no designation, Mr. Miller says, and in this connection he would appreciate the co-operation of those to whom these markings appeal. He is now checking up the numbers subsequent to 800. Mr. Miller's address is 800 Equitable Building, Baltimore, Md.

Master Sam Freedman, New York City, writes: "There has been a great hue and cry over the fact that Juniors are not duly considered in this country. This is not true for there are hundreds of Junior Stamp Clubs in the United States. Practically all the high schools of the larger towns have a stamp club and in the smaller communities the boys organize a stamp club in their own locality. Thus, philately has become a nation-wide hobby among youngsters as well as grown-ups." Each one of the clubs mentioned has its influence in spreading a knowledge of stamp collecting and when practically all sections of this country become aware of the existence of philately, public acceptance of stamp collecting will follow.

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A correspondent in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, sends a warning against certain covers, masquerading as genuine, bearing the issues of Honduras, 1866 to 1877, when in reality they are artfully contrived wares that are the product of modern swindlers. These covers have indications of genuineness and so cleverly are they fashioned that they could impose upon the cover collector who is unsuspecting. They are of local origin and our informant is of the opinion that the ones responsible for them will turn their attention to the early issues of other Central American countries which are scarce on the envelopes, legitimately used. It seems that this is not the first time that fraudulent covers have appeared from Honduras as we remember having seen a lot of them years ago, some of which bore the business cards of local firms, with manipulated postmarks and cancellations.

Mr. Newton C. Comfort, Philippines, favors us with a first day cover with the 2c and 4c of the new commemorative set, which includes six values. A feature is the special postmark: "Commemorative Stamps, Manila, P. I., 20 Dec. 1926. First-Day Sale" in green, of enlarged size. This is something of an innovation, as applied to regulation postage stamps and it may be copied by other countries.

From Canton, China, a reader sends word that the currency fluctuations in parts of the country are so drastic as to make it necessary to apply a check on the sale of postage stamps in order to circumvent the speculators. He adds that surcharges have been ordered but because of the disturbances in China that have disorganized routine procedure, it is now problematical to say what the results will be in a stamp sense. He observes that in China, the stamps of that country are so highly esteemed that prices that are quoted in this country are lower than those prevailing there. The rule is that the issues of a country find their best market in their place of origin. Mr. Theodore Siddall, China, writes that the prices in his catalogue of China and the Treaty Ports, published January 1, 1926, should be altered, according to the changes printed in supplements that have been issued several times, and for that reason it is advisable that he know the names and addresses of those who have bought his catalogues other than from him. Mr. Siddall says: "I see by the late papers that the 13c is to be discontinued. If I am not wrong, there was an official notice to that effect published in 1922, but the stamp is still on sale. There are other values that seem to be much more likely to be withdrawn than the 13c, as they are not as much used."

The reason for the issue of an eight centavos, Mexico, in the new set is due to the reduction of postage from ten centavos to eight centavos, in the rate from Mexico to the United States. In sending this information, Mr. A. C. Carpenter adds a few words concerning the set, celebrating the second Pan-American Postal Congress at Mexico City, 1926, and says that it seems to have attracted little attention. He agrees with the statement of a correspondent that the stamps in question are scarce, relatively speaking, and may be destined for good prices.

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"Scott's Monthly Journal" through the offices of Mr. Alex A. Cohen, Guatemala City, Guatemala, seems to have established the position of the Guatemala issued in 1923-25, surcharged "Official." According to official statements, these surcharges were never sold to the public and were used only for official correspondence to the exterior. A rubber stamp surcharge was applied to the stamp franking official mail just when the mail were closed. The surcharges were superseded by the perforated officials over year ago. Thus it is obvious that the official marking was in the nature of control to show official origin and was not intended to constitute a special issue particularly as no record was kept of the stamps surcharged, as Mr. Cohen learned. It is probable that these officials will be dismissed from the catalogue in view of their history.

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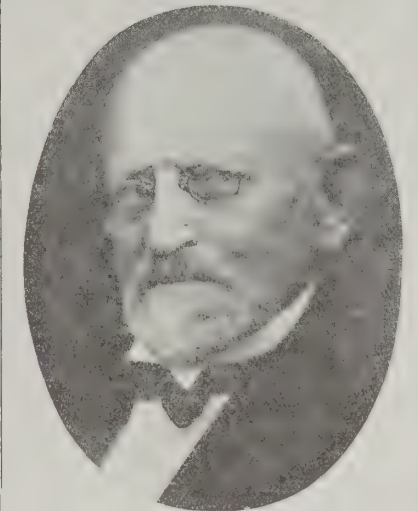
Much has been written in reference to the great New York Exhibition, and the articles in the last *Collectors Club Journal* were truly generous in bestowing credit. However, there was one group which seemingly escaped mention, because, perhaps, we, in New York who were in close touch, knew the work done by this group and took it for granted that everyone else did, too. Nevertheless, as the symposium in the *Collectors Club Journal* was to be a record of achievement for the world at large to read, this group and its personnel must be noted.

This refers to the Executive Committee of the Association for Stamp Exhibitions—that small group of nine men—Charles M. Ams, Abraham Hatfield, John A. Klemann, Harry M. Lewy, John N. Luff, Arthur E. Owen, Charles J. Phillips, Theodore E. Steinway, and more particularly to its central figure and inspiration, Julius C. Morgenthau.

Each of these men did his part and contributed materially toward the success of the 1926 Exhibition, and the mere mention of their names is sufficient to stamp them as men of experience and veterans of the Exhibition of 1913.

It was J. C. Morgenthau, however, whose tireless energy and judgment as Chairman of the Executive Committee carried the 1913 Exhibition to its successful conclusion; it was J. C. Morgenthau who, as President of the Association and head of this committee continuously since that time, kept the organization alive so that, when the 1926 Exhibition was suggested, he was able to take it up and carry it through with an organization experienced and completely functioning.

It was J. C. Morgenthau who organized and appointed the various committees for the 1926 Exhibition in the beginning, but like the good general he is, appointed younger men to posts of im-



portance, so as to give them the experience against a future time, always watching and carefully guiding them by timely suggestions.

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To J. C. Morgenthau, therefore, should be tendered a Palm of Honor, the man whose untiring efforts for philately never cease, whose virile brain and generous purse have supported its every need, and whose life long work culminated in this great success, the development of his "College of Philately," the seeds of which he planted thirteen years ago.

BOSTON-NEW YORK FIRST FLIGHT

By F. W. MOORE.

You may recall that some months ago the writer showed you some covers, first flight, Boston-New York Air Mail. I am describing below a type of error that appears in copies in my possession on contract route number 1—Boston-New York, via Hartford, Conn.

The Hartford, Conn., postmaster prepared two distinct "First Flight" cancellation stamps, one reading in part "Hartford, Conn., 6.30 A. M. July 1, 1926"; the other "Hartford, Conn., 6.15 P. M. July 1, 1926." Obviously the first was prepared for the north bound mail for Boston, the other for the south bound mail for New York City. In error the south bound stamp was applied to some north bound mail. This error was discovered by the postal authorities, who to correct their mistake, took pen and ink to draw a line from the rounded part

of the letter "P" to form a very odd looking "A." The time, namely 6.15, was not altered.

The postmark, therefore, reads in part "Hartford, Conn., 6.15 A. M. July 1, 1926" whereas, the correct postmark for north bound mail reads 6.30 A. M. The ink correction has dried an indigo shade which contrasts with the coal black cancellation so as to make a clearly discernible error. The fact that these covers are duly back stamped in Boston at 11 A. M. July 1, 1926, clearly establishes the fact that they arrived in Boston on the north bound plane.

COMMEMORATIVE PHILIPPINES

We have received from Percy A. Hill and N. C. Comfort, specimens of the new commemorative "Palace of the Legislature" issue of the Philippine Islands. The issue is to commemorate the new Capitol Building in Manila, completed last year. The stamps were put on sale

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Junior Gossip

—“I collect British Colonials and Persia. These I mount on one side of the page in a loose leaf binder. On the other side I have written useful information and notes that I have taken from magazines or some like source. I venture this hint for other juniors.”—DAVID RASK.

—Louis Press informs us that in looking over a lot of covers he found a letter from Ireland with the slogan “Buy Irish Goods,” another from England with “British Goods are Best,” and a third from England “Say it by Telephone.”

—A Junior Stamp Club has been formed in the Dallas, Tex., Y. M. C. A. Meetings will be held Saturdays from 1 to 2 P. M. Clipping from Horace E. Smith.

—Gordon Jackson wishes to know if the Goodwin book “U. S. Specialized” is illustrated. It is not fully illustrated as this is not possible under our present laws. It does, however, have illustrations of varieties.

—“I am a member of the Junior department in your publication. I am 12 years of age. I have just finished a book by the name of “Don Sturdy in The Port of Lost Ships.” Near the end of the book I found a mention of stamps in the fact that Don finds a stamp collection, 50 years of age, in one of the lost ships. When he gets back to civilization, he sells this collection to a leading stamp firm for the sum of \$30,000.”—MANDELL KAPLAN.

—Bernard E. Stoloff tells us of a promising stamp club in the West Phila., Pa., High School. It meets weekly and is doing good work. The club has been entertained recently by Prince Ott, Eugene Klein, and Messrs. Emmert, Bickert and Hetzel. The club is under the supervision of a member of the faculty of the school. James Hutchins is Pres., Harry Breda, Vice Pres., H. Robinson, Sec., Bernard E. Stoloff, Treas., New Baird, Auctioneer, and Robert Wilson, Editor-in-Chief of the monthly “Philatelic Post.”

Only Two Limericks So Far

We are a bit surprised at receiving so far only two limericks. Come on, Juniors. Here is one at hand:—

To me, United States stamps

Are kings in the realm of champs.

The Columbian series

Always cure my wearies,

And troubles at once decamps.

ROBERT C. A. TRUMBLE.

And here is the other:—

A boy saved stamps in Savannah,

His mother said “So does Aunt Hannah.”

So quickly he went

And an evening spent,

On a specialized lot of Baranya.

JOSHUA OAKS HATCH, JR.

The Stamps of Nyassa

By ROBERT STRAUSS (15).



Nyassa is in Africa, one of the colonies of Portugal. The stamps of this country were first issued in 1897, and even in the earliest issues were especially interesting because of their beauty. The unused issues, however, of 1901, 1910, 1911, 1919 and 1921, are very attractive because of the colors used. These stamps are not rare and can be gotten by any collector. These also, if arranged properly, make an attractive and beautiful page which cannot be surpassed by any page of any country in any album.

What Is a Lithographed Stamp?

John Havener asks the above question and we venture the following information:—

Lithography is a printing process very frequently employed in the manufacture of postage stamps. In lithography, instead of steel or copper plates, thin slabs of a special variety of fine grained limestone are used. First of all, after the face of the slab has been made perfectly smooth, one of two things happen, either the design is drawn direct upon the stone, or it is drawn or printed on paper in a special kind of ink for trans-



fer to a stone. The stone is then wetted and printing ink is applied with a roller as in typography. The printing ink does not affect the wet surface of the stone but only adheres to the lines drawn or impressed in the special ink, and from this it is transferred to the paper in exactly the same way as printing from type. The early stamps of India, Nevis, and Uruguay and the 1861-62 stamps for the Confederate States are examples of a few stamps printed by lithography.

Origin of Countries' Names

(Insert in Your Album.)

JAMAICA.—This name is the Indian word *jaymacas*—“isle of springs.” It was discovered by Columbus on May 3, 1494, and called by him *Santiago*—“St. James,” the war cry of the Spaniards. The 1st of May is the Festival of St. Philip and St. James.

LABUAN is the Malay word *labuh-an*—“an anchorage.” The island has a very fine harbour.

LAGOS.—This place was so named by the Portuguese in the fifteenth century owing to the number of lagoons there, from Portuguese *lago*—“a lake,” and *lagoa*—“a lagoon.”

LEVANT means the East of the Mediterranean; Italian *levante*—“The East Wind,” the country where the sun rises, from Latin *se levare*—“to rise.”—Stamp Collecting.

Robert Cook's Limerick

Robert is only 13 yrs. old. His Limerick may not be quite up to some of his competitors in merit, but the Managing Editor seems to see in it a picture that is a bit familiar and so we print it:—

There was a precocious young lad,

Who really had stamps for his dad,

And when he grew older

He became much bolder,

And printed a stamp news—not bad.

Robert says “I belong to a stamp club and have a collection of about 2,000.”

Seen on Stamps

On the stamps of Kedah 1c to 8c we find a sheaf of rice as the central design.

The tropical bread-fruit tree is shown in full splendor on the Tonga one penny stamp of 1897. The four pence stamp of the same set shows a “close-up” of a cluster of the fruit.

A picture of coffee growing is shown on Costa Rica, type A73.

Olives are shown only as a watermark, on the franc values of French Congo.

Heads of wheat are shown on several values of the 1893-1902 issues for Roumania. Wheat harvesters are shown on many of the stamps of Hungary. Sheaves of wheat as a design, were used for surcharges in 1919.

Pineapples come as watermarks on the first issues for Jamaica. A close-up of a pineapple is shown on the 50c Liberian stamp of 1923.

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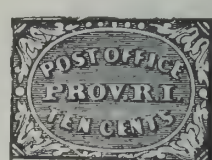
Stitch Watermarks

I beg to acknowledge your answer to my question as to what was or what is “Stitch” watermark, given in your “Stamp News for Juniors,” and I thank you very much for the information. There must be a great many of us who are not “Juniors” when measured by age but who are mere tyros when measured by stamp “wisdom.” Your above mentioned page is not only an incentive to Juniors in the specific sense, but to many others, especially to those who live out-of-the-way places and have no expert to consult.—CHAS. T. RAMSDEN.

Postmaster Stamps of the U. S.

By TEDDY PLATT.

The United States entered the field of postage stamp issuing countries in 1847. There was then no co-ordination among the postal services of the republic, each town or city was free to develop its own letter-carrying systems.



certain areas, the local authorities realized that stamps facilitated the work of their postmen and prepared issues of adhesives. This happened at Alexandria, Va., Annapolis and Baltimore, Md., Braintree, Vt., Boscawen, N. H., New York and Lockport, N. Y., New Haven, Ct., Providence, R. I., Milbury, Mass., and St. Louis, Mo.

In design they are rather novel, and the skill in preparing them can be considered primitive.

Junior Glossary

Duty Plate.—The overprint plate used for inserting the name of the country and the value on the stamps printed from general plate.

Embossed.—Designs standing out in relief with or without color.

Entire.—A complete envelope, card, or wrapper. **Used on Entire.**—A stamp on the complete envelope.

Error.—A stamp faulty in design, overprint, paper, color, perforation, or watermark.

Essay.—A design submitted for a proposed issue of postage stamps, but not necessarily that accepted.

Facsimile.—An imitation sold as such.

Fake.—A genuine stamp that has been fraudulently altered in colors, value, etc., in order to increase its value. In road sense “fake” or “forgery” are synonymous terms.

605 GERMANY



We have received a few copies of this muchly talked of stamp. Some said it existed and some said it didn't. Scott had it in the 1926 catalogue but left it out in 1927. Now Scott puts it back again by inserting in December Monthly Journal. We know that the stamp existed for we bought and sold a lot of them right after they were issued. Then we couldn't get 'em for love or money. Now we've got 'em again, few anyway, and we offer them while they last, mint, fine copies at per copy 16c

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Fred O. Ohlund, president of the Suburban Stamp and Curio Club, has very kindly sent us a list of the members of the club for the purpose of sending out a sample copy of our special number. Nearly two hundred names are upon the list and we appreciate very much the courtesy extended.

This club is not only a very friendly, but a lively one and offers many advantages to the stamp collector. Besides the usual auctions the club has numerous exhibits and social times with an average attendance of fifty. There were sixteen applications at the December meeting.

A dozen of the members attended the New York Exhibition and two of them were awarded three silver medals. The club uses two rooms at the Quincy House, Boston, where meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays at 7 P. M. Any interested party is invited to correspond with Mr. Ohlund at 434 Norfolk St., Mattapan, Mass.

FIVE-YEAR HONOR CLUB

Victor G. Loly, Anaheim, Cal.

Mr. Loly's application for membership in our Honor Club was received just too late to be included in our published list of last week. However, we give him the distinction of being No. 1, towards our further objective of one thousand members. We believe it possible and are looking forward to the day when the WEEKLY can proudly announce that it has that number of Honor Club members. Mr. Loly remits \$5.00 for a five years renewal with all good wishes for our future success.

Our new member has had experience as both collector and dealer and many of our readers have been numbered among his patrons. His activities are not confined to philately. He is the president of the Anaheim Lions Club, a service club that is especially popular in the western part of our country.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

OUR EYE:—

EVERETT C. ERLE adds Balboa Heights to our list of twelve post-offices in the Canal Zone. He also suggests that anyone who wishes to obtain information in regard to post-offices may obtain it by consulting the U. S. Postal Guide at the local post-office.

A CONTRIBUTOR to our special New York number stated that the child welfare stamps of Jamaica could be obtained locally during the months of November, December and January. Christian Pepper states that a letter signed by the Assistant Postmaster informs him that these charity stamps are sold only to local applicants. Orders from abroad are returned.

H. A. TUTTLE of Escondido, Cal., has a file of the WEEKLY from November, 1911, to date which he will present to some stamp club that will pay cost of transportation. Please file your request with him at once.

WE are indebted to N. A. Merrell, Riverside, Cal., for four clippings. One of them advises that the airmail postage rate of 10c per half-ounce will be applicable to mail to foreign countries with the addition of the regular international rate of 5c for the first ounce and 3c for each additional ounce or fraction thereof.

ON Jan. 20, the Bloomfield, N. J., Stamp Club had Herman Toasperm, F.H.S.L. of New York as its guest. He gave a fine exhibition of stamps and accompanied the same with a stamp talk. The club felt highly honored in having so prominent a philatelist with them. Fred Klingenstein, who sends in this news item, translates Mr. Toasperm's title as:—"Filatelist-Humorist-Spendthrift-Linguist." We are willing to accept the most of this characterization

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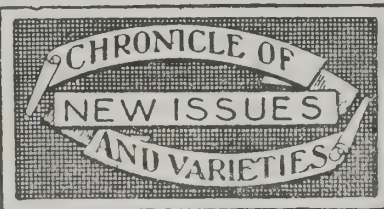
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United States

Washington Notes

The new 20c air mail stamp made its appearance on January 25th, in accordance with previous announcement, the stamp having been placed on sale on this day in both New York and Washington. It is in a pea-green similar to the old \$5 perf. 10 variety of 1916, and I would say that the ink was the exact mixture of the old emission. So far, I have seen varieties from plate 18891 only although our usual list will mention all plates made.

I also learn officially that the 2c rotary stamp with the new compound perforation is giving satisfaction and that they are gradually changing over all of the perforating machines for the sheet rotary stamps. It is expected that the other denominations from 1c to 10c inclusive will appear before the end of February. As these stamps will be perforated and put into stock they are likely to go to any post office and it is doubtful as to whether we are going to have any definite first day issues, although Washington will try if possible to get some of the first supplies.

As to the new postal rates, at this writing the matter is in the hands of the Senate and they have not as yet taken definite action.

The Postal Bulletin of January 21st states that the stock of 2c White Plains commemorative stamp is now exhausted and that postmasters should refrain from submitting further requisitions to the Department for a supply of this stamp. The same bulletin announces that there is still a supply of the 2c Sesquicentennial postage stamps available, which will be issued on requisition.

Playing Card Stamps

Mr. R. H. Lardon is the first to advise us that he has seen the new playing card stamps from the coils, recently described in this column. He states that they are from the sidewise coil, imperforate horizontally and perforated 10 vertically. The copy which he has is overprinted in red in two lines "U.S.P.C. Co." between two horizontal bars. This cancellation by the way is applied at the Bureau.

1918, 3c Offset Print

I have recently had shown me a pane of one hundred of the 1918-3c offset print, type IV, wherein a part of the margins are missing. This sheet was overprinted in violet in four lines as follows:

"SURFACE DIVISION"

The subjects missing from this sheet have been properly accounted for."

The sheet should have been removed as defective by the inspectors. It illustrates how carefully the Bureau checks up every scrap of paper, for not a single stamp is missing but simply a portion of the margins.

Air Mail Notes

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269-272	3k-20k	1.20
288-301	7k-40k	1.20
302-305	7k-40k	1.20
326-327	3 & 15k	1.20
328-329	7 & 14k	1.20
330-332	3k-14k	1.20
333-335	3k-14k	1.20
336-338	3k-14k	1.20
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Mr. William H. Conkling, the postmaster at Springfield, Ill., is quite an aggressive individual and seems to be doing everything to popularize the air mail. Other postmasters followed his example in a short time a good portion of mail would travel in this manner. Under date of January 22nd, Mr. Conkling sends out a "penalty" postal advising that they have prepared a distinctive postmark which will be placed on all mail carried from Springfield, Ill., on February 1st. He invites collectors to have one or more air mail greetings mailed to themselves or friends and call attention to the fact that he will enclose with each communication a copy of Lincoln's famous Gettysburg speech.

Under date of January 7th, the Second Assistant Postmaster General announces that effective February 1st, postage on letters or articles sent by letters from the United States to foreign countries, and intended for transportation by the United States air mail service, irrespective of routes or distances traveled, will be as follows: When addressed to countries to which United States domestic rate applies, the aeroplane postage only, viz., 10c for each half-ounce fraction thereof, will be charged; when it goes to other countries, the aeroplane postage plus the international letter rate of 5c for the first ounce or fraction thereof and 3c for each additional ounce less the domestic rate of 2c per ounce fraction thereof. For example, the postage, including the air mail fee, on a letter to Great Britain, will be 10c for each half-ounce or fraction thereof, plus a letter to France, the charge will be 10c for half an ounce, 23c for more than a half-ounce and not exceeding one ounce, 34c for a letter not exceeding one one-half-ounce, 44c for one not exceeding two-ounces, etc.

Readers should remember that the rate of 10c on local air mail covers entire postage. It is not necessary to add 2c extra as it is the case with special delivery mail.

Canal Zone

Mention has been made before that the current Canal Zone stamps come in two types of overprint, namely, the first printing with the flat top to the letters "A" and the second printing showing sharp tops to these letters. Mr. George Brett writes that the Canal Zone Philatelic Agency advises that the denomi-

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0, 145, 170, 171, 189, 202, 239, 241, 249***
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93, 144, 153, 163a, 164, 179, 230, 352, 453.
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tions from 2c to 30c with the sharp "A"
are on sale. So far, all have appeared
with the sharp variety with the exception
of the 1/2c, 1c, 1 1/2c, 14c, 50c and the 1c
booklet. Personally, I have not kept a
checked list of these varieties but Mr.
Brett evidently has.

Philippines

The new Philippine commemorative
stamps heralded a few weeks back have
now made their appearance and I desire
to thank Mr. Walter Bruggmann for a
first view of these varieties together
with information as to the number of
each stamp printed. The stamps all
have black centers with colored borders,
the designs being identical. We are
shown the "Palace of the Legislature"
in the center, across the top within a rib-
bon, "Philippine Islands" and "United
States of America" at the bottom. Ver-
tically up the left side we find "Postage"
with a palm tree on the right. In the
lower right corner we find a figure of
value together with the word, "Centavos."

The Director of Posts went to a
great amount of trouble in getting out a
very special cancellation for the occasion
of the first day of issue, namely, Decem-
ber 20th. This postmark is octagonal in
shape and within a circle we find, "Com-
memorative Stamps, First Day Sale, Ma-
nila, P. I., 20 Dec. 1926." I find on
one postal the cancellation in green,
whereas, on others, it is in black. The
usual Manila hand stamp postmark is
also applied. The following were the
denominations issued together with the
number of stamps printed:

Denomi- nations.	Colors.	Quantity.
2c	green and black	500,000
4c	red and black	300,000
16c	olive and black	200,000
18c	brown and black	100,000
20c	orange and black	100,000
24c	gray and black	100,000
1p	heliotrope and black	10,000

OFFICIAL STAMPS	Quantity.
2c green and black	90,000
4c red and black	90,000
18c brown and black	70,000
20c orange and black	70,000

The Official stamps are overprinted
horizontally across the center, "OFFICIAL"
in red. I imagine that they like the
other denominations are sold to the gen-
eral public, although Mr. Bruggmann
does not so state in his communication.

AFGHANISTAN.—New Designs and
Values.—Mr. G. S. Jaura writes us that
owing to postal changes various new de-
signs and values are expected to appear
soon. Stocks of some of the current
values are already exhausted.—*Philatelic
Magazine.*

BELGIAN EAST AFRICA.—The three new
values listed below under "Congo" have
been surcharged "Ruanda Urundi" for
use in this colony. The overprint on the
45c is of one line in red while those of
the 75c and 1fr 25c are of two lines and
in black. Mr. Henry Hooreman sends
copies for chronicle.

BULGARIA.—The Economist Stamp Co.
report the 2L design as A72, in stone
color.

CONGO.—Mr. Henry Hooreman informs
us of the following new issues: 45c
brown-violet, design as A44; 75c rose-
red, design of A37 and 1fr 25c grey-
blue, design as A35.

DOMINICA.—We have received from
Hermann Focke a specimen of the new
10c in blue and black. The design is of
the same type as the 2c carmine.

FRANCE.—Rev. J. Dreyer, S. M., writ-
ing under date of Jan. 17th last, advises
that "the Directors of the Funds of the
Bonds of National Defence and of the
Sinking Fund for the reduction of the
Public Debt and the French Post Office
Department have agreed upon the fol-
lowing series of postal values: (1) a
postal card of 40+10 centimes; (2) a
postage stamp of 50+25 centimes; (3) a
postage stamp of 1fr 50+50 centimes.
These are to be authorized by a special
law for five years. The amounts added
to the postal values are to be turned in-
to the public Treasury for the above
mentioned purpose. The French name
of the beneficiary of the surplus value

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16. U. S. 1917-19, \$1, Used Strip of 5	
17. U. S. 1916-17, \$2, \$5, Used ...	2.60
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29. U. S. Revenues, 50c Probate of Will, part perf. ...	5.00
30. U. S. Revenues, \$10 Conveyance, ...	4.00
31. U. S. Revenues, 10c, #3991b ...	15.00
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42. Brazil 600r, #28, used ...	8.00
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GOLD COAST.—New Designs Proposed.—*African World* of Dec. 18th, states that the issue of a new series of postage stamps for the Gold Coast is under consideration. It is proposed to retain the Sovereign's head on the new stamps, with the addition of a characteristic scene of local interest beneath. Suggestions were invited from officials and local residents some time ago, but apparently none of the designs submitted were considered suitable for reproduction.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

HONDURAS.—Whitfield King & Co. report the appearance of the 10c dull-blue, No. 188, with the two line surcharge "Vale 6 Cts. 1926" in red. Our correspondents also advise that they have two distinct shades of this provisional, one, pale-blue and indigo.

The Economist Stamp Co., besides reporting the above mentioned stamp, have shown us the 2c rose, the 1915-16 issue with the surcharge "Habilitado, 1926" in two lines in green.

JAMAICA.—We have received a fresh supply of Jamaica stamps and note quite a new variety in the 5sh pictorial type with script watermark. The colour of the frame in the first printing is yellow-brown, whilst in the new one just received it is orange. The centre portion of the stamp is also a duller blue than the first printing.—*Whitfield King & Co's Philatelic Bulletin*.

MEXICO.—From The Economist Stamp Co. comes a copy of the 8c orange, in the new set.

SAN MARINO.—From an Official Decree of November 17th, we learn that the 1.85 provisional was issued on November 25th, and that 55,000 were printed. From the same source we learn that the 1.25 lire on 60c Express was issued on the same day, 50,000 copies being printed. In addition, 40,000 copies of a new 2.50 lire on 60c have been ordered.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

To Collectors of XXth Century Br. Colonials

I am working on an authoritative and correct list of all British Colonial stamps issued since January 1, 1901. Several so-called lists have appeared lately, purporting to be lists of Twentieth Century Colonials, which list, for instance, Barbados 1892, eight years before the century, Leeward 1890, twenty years before the century, and again omitting altogether such important Twentieth Century issues as the British Occupation of Batumi, the British issues of Bussheire, the Provisional British issues for Mesopotamia on Turkey, and other more or less important items. If there is one thing I do pride myself on it is deathly accuracy and this new XX Century list is going to be accurate to the dot. It gives Scott's number. No matter how people over in Europe may kid themselves; Scott is the authority here and is likely to stay so for this Century anyhow. (Mr. Clark will kindly buy the lunch for that.) So my list will have Scott's numbers and will be priced in Dollars and Cents—not in half pennies and shillings, nor in German marks, nor in Czecho ztots.

This list will not be ready till about April—but if you want to do it "eventually if not now" send me Fifty Cents and you will get it in due course, or if you think that's too risky send me a postal and I'll notify you when it's ready. As I ran Stanley Gibbons, Inc., for over 20 years perhaps some of you know me.

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The set comprises ten values, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, and 80 pfennig. In addition to the present series, new values have been issued for 15 and 25 pfennig. These values are necessary for foreign correspondence. On the contrary, the 60 pfennig value is omitted, as owing to the present rate, it will be little used. The 10 and 15 pfennig stamps are of the standard colour, red; and the 20 and 25 pfennig are blue, both of course in different shades. In cases, where, owing to dull colours, the heads did not show up distinctly, very bright colours were chosen.

The portraits represented on the stamps are of famous men of the time of the German Classics. One of the greatest portrait painters in German history was Durer, who lived hundreds of years ago.

The distribution of the effigies on each stamp follows according to the principle in which colour the head is best worked. There are nine different heads on the ten stamps. Goethe appears twice; but it has not been very clearly explained as to why the prince of poets should be shown on the value for foreign correspondence. For these stamps, it would have been much better if they had had ten different heads, for a tenth famous man could easily have been found.

For the design of the stamps, contemporary exhibits (pictures, copper-plate engravings, etc.) were referred to; the design of the frame is from the Berliner-Graphiker-Lucian-Zabel. The whole execution of the stamps has been accomplished by the Berlin State Printing Offices. The plates have been so constructed, that even the finest line will appear sharp and clear.

The following portraits on the new stamps will be found arranged in order of value:—

3 Pfennig, Brown—Joh. Wolfg. Goethe: Exhibit: From a design by J. G. Schreiner, for a picture by Karl Josef Stieler (1781-1858).

5 Pfennig, Green—Friedrich V. Schiller: Exhibit: Copper-plate engraving by Schwerdgeburth (1785-1878).

10 Pfennig, Carmine—Frederick the Great: Exhibit: Picture by Anton Graff (1736-1813).

15 Pfennig, Red-brown—Immanuel Kant: Exhibit: Engraving by J. F. Bause (1791) for a picture by Johann Veit Schnorr (1764-1841).

20 Pfennig, Steel Blue—Ludwig Van Beethoven: Ex-



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- Honduras A22—6c violet schgd. 1926 .. .12
Italian Somaliland Sp. Dly.—30b dk. red & brown, 60b dk. blue & red schgd. 70c and 2.50L, 2 var. 22
Lithuania—Latest issue, cross design, 2c orange, 3c brown, 5c green, 10c purple, 15c red, 25c blue, 6 var. 15
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Besides these stamps, others will also appear corresponding to the new rate, postcards with and without reply 5 pfennigs, and postcards for abroad 15 pfennigs. As the new stamps do not go well with the hitherto soft paper wrappers, a whiter paper will in future be used for these.

The old stamps which have been used up to now, will be used up, and then be invalid for prepayment of postage.

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By **W. C. BLACK**, 7647 Washington St., Kansas City, Mo.

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I now have two incomplete check lists, the first being compiled by Franklin S. Smith and published in the *Stamp Herald* in 1916, the other by C. H. Chappel and published in *Bushnell's Magazine* in 1919. Can anyone suggest where any more data in the way of check lists or special articles on these can be found?

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WE have a letter from George A. Hunt, in which he makes a contribution to the millimetre scale discussion. He quotes from a letter received by him from the L. S. Starrett Co. of Athol, Mass., as follows:—"We are sorry to tell you that we are not in a position to quote on scales made from steel or ivory that would be guaranteed not to expand or contract." Mr. Hunt adds the caustic comment:—"Any 10c paper scale is good enough for ordinary purposes."

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SOME "BALLON MONTE" NOTES

By H. BEDFORD-JONES.

An industrious Paris dealer who sends quite a bit of material to the U. S. A. for sale by auction and otherwise, showed me a brand new forgery today in the Ballon Montè line. It is a Gazette, with Gare du Nord cachet, addressed to Aix and bearing the Aix cachet of arrival, with Dec., 1870, dates.

He, himself, knew nothing, or little, of these balloon post letters, and gladly turned over a batch which had just been returned to him by an American dealer, who also knew little of them, obviously. These were entirely genuine; more, they were extremely rare, being balloon newspapers. One had the "Aerostiers" cachet. The American dealer had turned it down at \$5, when the last two sold in America have brought \$75 each. The usual Paris price is not less than 700 francs for such specimens. Expertization proved these all to be genuine.

The craze for air mail collecting has brought these "ballon montès," as they are known, into high regard, since they form almost the first genuine air mail. Those of the siege of Metz form the first, but are not available to general collectors. For perhaps another year, Ballons Montès will also be available; after that, the prices will soar, as they are already skyrocketing in certain quarters. Some of the largest lots to come upon the European auction mart this year have gone to Champion, which is significant.

The ordinary letters can be bought in Paris now for twenty-five to seventy-five francs, according to the dealer; if distinguished by special obliterations, etc., they bring much more. A dealer sent to America, a fortnight ago, an Agence Havas marked at five hundred francs—when the usual price here is around two thousand. He knew no better. Still another dealer sent a round dozen Gazettes to an American specialist, at \$7.50 each, last week, without even knowing the numbers of them.

All of which goes to show that some good things go cheap to America. There is practically no get-together spirit among the French dealers, and with some exceptions rarely deal one with another. A dealer who specializes in air mail and sells usually in England, was the other day lamenting the dearth of good material, being willing to pay more than

most for any rarities, while two blocks away was another dealer, not a specialist, with an entire correspondence of Ballons Montès, among them a Montgolfier news-sheet, a *rara avis* if there is one.

The most common news-sheet, the Gazette, has certain rare numbers more easily found at home than abroad. Number 1 is extremely rare; eleven almost as rare, while No. 32 is a choice morsel if flown. Numbers of No. 32 are obliterated Jan. 28, 1871, but not by balloon post, as the last balloon left Paris at six that morning.

Letters with foreign rate of 30 centimes are worth about double ordinary inland letters; those to prisoners of war in Prussia, as much again. Rarest of all are those with the 80 centime rate to Russia. These, and those to Prussia, were rarely backstamped.

The unused letter forms frequently offered at home, are worth nothing at all. An unused file of the Gazettes, if complete, is worth a good deal. The thirty-two Gazettes, flown, are the goal of air mail collectors. A Bordeaux collector who has above six thousand Ballons Montès, offered a complete file for 10,000 francs last week, and has probably sold it by now. Postal cards are five times as rare as letters.

It is estimated, fairly closely, that 2,500,000 pieces of mail left Paris by balloon during the siege. Some fell by the wayside, others fell among thieves; they were not highly regarded until the rise of aviation, and it is probably a safe estimate that a million now exist, two-thirds of these being ordinary letters. Yet they are lessening. Only last week I saw a fine lot of fifty, from which an enterprising urchin had cut out all the stamps, some of them very rare letter-newspapers with a value running into the thousands.

Needless to say, forgeries are many. Ordinary letters are rarely forged; but on them is placed the red or blue cachet of the "Aerostiers" by the forgers. Mint Gazettes are given letters, stamps, and obliterations. *Verbum sap*,—in other words, know your dealer.

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(Dr. E. G. Mason, Regional Governor for Canada for the American Philatelic Society, has sent us a copy of a letter received by him from L. J. Gaboury, Deputy Postmaster General of Canada. This communication is interesting enough for us to reprint it in full, and we thank Dr. Mason for his courtesy. Answer No. 2 does not tell all that the question calls for.—W. O. W.)

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 15th instant regarding the 3c Canadian stamps, which were surcharged down to 2c in two types, in which you ask for replies to six questions mentioned in your letter.

(1) Was there a shortage of 2c stamps that made the surcharges necessary?

No. There were plenty of 2c stamps on hand to meet the demands of the different Post Offices.

(2) Why were two types of surcharge necessary?

The first type, that is with the words two cents in one line, was tried out by the King's printer and the work was not satisfactory, so it was discontinued, and the manufacturer of our postage stamps, namely, the Canadian Bank Note Co., was then asked to do the work, and the company requested that they be allowed to place the surcharge in a different way, namely, with the figure two above the word cents, in order to distinguish it from that tried by the King's printer. Although this work was much better it was not considered satisfactory by the Department, and the manufacturer was not allowed to continue.

(3) Were employees of the Government Printing Bureau permitted to acquire a large number of sheets surcharged by the Bureau?

No. Every sheet of the stamps surcharged by the King's printer was returned to the Post Office Department and under the supervision of an officer from the Auditor General's Department were

destroyed, with the exception of 500 sheets of the best specimens, which were kept for philatelic purposes.

(4) Were the surcharged stamps on sale at any Post Office in Canada?

No. The supply kept was so limited, namely, 500 sheets of those tried by the King's printer, and 1,000 sheets by the Canadian Bank Note Company, that it was impossible to distribute them to the various Post Offices throughout Canada, and they were kept on sale at the Philatelic Branch at Ottawa, in order to oblige philatelists who might desire stamps of that kind. They know in the different Post Offices that the stamps are good for postage purposes and can be used for that purpose to pay postage to any part of the world.

(5) If supply was so limited why were dealers allowed to buy large stocks to sell to collectors at enormous profit?

Dealers were not allowed to buy large stocks, the largest number sent to any individual stamp collector, one sheet. Owing to the large demand for stamps this was reduced to a much smaller quantity in a very short time.

(6) What action will the Post Office Dept. take to nullify the speculation in the postage stamps of Canada as exemplified by the following advertisement, which appeared on the front page of the Stamp Herald, Vol. XII, No. 8, Jan. 5, 1927?

The Department does not intend to take any action regarding the sale of these stamps by stamp dealers. They were sold at the face value of the stamps, the same as any other current issue, and certainly the Department can not be accused of speculating in any way with the stamps. Regarding the Stamp Herald, which you speak about, the proprietor of that journal received the usual number of five sheets, but there were a number

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With the first of February the trans-continental rate of 10c became effective, and we thank Albert E. Gorham for a specimen cover with Washington-New York-Boston markings.

Raymond V. Bahr kindly sent us what is called a "last day service" cover with the further inscription "Old airmail rate, Jan. 31, 1927." It bears the winged airmail design in green, which the Springfield, Ill., post office uses.

Mr. Bahr also sends us a rather unique cover showing airmail service rendered from the Springfield, Ill., post office to Portland, Me. This letter had in addition to the 10c airmail a 2c White Plains precancelled vertically "Springfield, Ill." Not only was the winged airmail design on the face of the cover with lettering in red and green, but on the reverse side was an appropriate "Home of Lincoln" rubber stamped, advertising the new airmail rate of 10c per half ounce.

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(Recently we published the news of the death of Harry Wennberg, the well-known dealer of Stockholm, Sweden. Edwin P. Seeborn has sent us the following article.—Ed.)
I suppose you have already been notified of the death of Harry Wennberg of Stockholm. It occurred on January 4th, after a short illness, at the age of 55 years. Mr. Wennberg lived in N. Y. in the early nineties, but moved back to Sweden and founded the firm of Harry Wennberg in Stockholm. Philately is very active in that city and he made a great success and his beautiful store on Drottninggatan is well known to all stamp lovers who have visited Stockholm. Mr. Wennberg became one of the leading citizens of Stockholm and was known for his good work in connection with the Swedish Landstorm and with many philanthropic institutions. He has four sons, unless I am mistaken, and two of them were in New York during the Exposition, where the Wennberg firm had a booth. I used to deal with him way back about 1893 and have met him many times in Stockholm since and been hospitably entertained by him.

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The Tacoma Philatelic Society, the Puget Sound Branch of the American Philatelic Society and the Washington State Philatelic Society, acting conjointly, will hold a stamp exhibition at Tacoma, March 5th, and at Seattle, March 12th. There will be junior and senior divisions, with numerous subdivisions affording fair chances for competition. In the junior division, prizes of stamps, etc., will be given; in the senior division, the judges will award artistic diplomas of merit. Outside exhibits will be welcome and will be carefully guarded, it is announced, and returned to owners free of charge. Particulars may be obtained from Mr. Cecil F. Blogg, president of the Tacoma Society, 4022 N. 27th Street, Tacoma, Washington, or the secretary, 2365 Wilkeson Street, Tacoma, or from Mr. C. S. Ernst, secretary of the Puget Sound Branch of the American Philatelic Society, 1014 Third Avenue, Seattle, Wash. Both cities have live and flourishing societies and expect to hold an exhibition of more than local interest.

In *Battalia Filateliche*, Florence, Italy, December, we find an article by Dr. Diana highly praising the Exhibition at New York and chiding important Italian collectors for not having responded more liberally with representations at the Exhibition. This Italian monthly strongly advocates the collecting claims of postal cancellations of all countries, especially Italy.

Filatelica is the official journal of seventeen stamp societies of Italy, and is in

the tenth year of its existence at Turin, Italy. It is a large paper plentifully illustrated, with a penchant for cancellations, especially on Italian issues. The back part of a recent number includes ten pages of novelties with engravings of new issues, arranged so that the pages may be attached to the stamp album.

The monthly journal published by the Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, "Ripples," is edited by Miss Mabel P. Green, the daughter of Ben Green, the Chicago dealer who entered actively into the philatelic life of Chicago before his death. Her talent in this capacity is marked and she gives the magazine an individuality that has attracted a large following.

Mr. D. C. Turnbull, Mishawaka, Indiana, was a recent visitor to Chicago. He has done much work in stirring up interest in collecting in his section of the state and as a collector he can qualify as a cover expert.

Some of the air mail cover enthusiasts did not neglect the opportunity to add "last day" covers, so far as the old air rate is concerned, to their collections.

The secretary of the A. P. S., Holland A. Davis, has compiled a list of U. S. first day covers, from the 1847 issue to the last of the century. The earliest dates of use of each of the stamps is given and we suppose that the list is open to correction; at least, the compiler asks for information fortified by the covers from those in a position to give it. The price of the leaflet is ten cents, we believe; published by Holland A. Davis, 3421 Colfax "A," Denver, Colorado.

The annual banquet of the Chicago Philatelic Society will be held on the evening of February 17th at the Brevoort Hotel, Chicago, and plans, under the direction of Mr. H. F. Rech, are progressing to make the occasion a memorable

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From Mr. P. J. Drossos, Athens, Greece, we have received a copy of *La Liberté*, a French newspaper published in Cairo, Egypt, that gives front-page prominence to the Port Fouad stamp scandal, on the occasion of the sale at the newly-opened office of the four surcharged stamps; the date was December 21, 1926, "date mémorable." The paper does not mince matters and the writer of the account of the *contretemps* evidently is not averse to making a bit of political capital out of the incident. In a two-column article there is a spirited description of the disgraceful circumstances of the sale of the stamps and the postal administration, and the police are flatly charged as having worked in unison for their own advantage. We read that the stamp wicket was opened at 10 A. M., but in a short time "lamentable scenes were unrolled." The natives tried to rush the post office and the police used them harshly, and the injured were transported to Port Said. That there were no deaths at the time is regarded as a miracle. Gross irregularities are laid at the door of the postal administration and charges of evasion, dishonesty, and what you will, are alleged against the officers and functionaries, who feathered their nests at the expense of philatelists and the public. Faith was not kept with the public, in accordance with the pledges made officially, and the postal administrators are called guilty of fraudulent manipulation in the sale of the stamps, of which there were three thousand sets of four varieties each. Mr. Drossos says that not even fifty sets were sold to the public who stormed the post office with such disastrous results to many, and his Cairo correspondent reports that the set is sold for over sixteen pounds, but "foresees that the stamps will be faked and the prices fall." In the same issue of *La Liberté*, there is the following foot-note to the story, dated London: "The correspondent of the *Times* at Port Said reported that he never had seen so big a crowd at Port Said. He decried the rush to buy the stamps of inauguration of Port Fouad."

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Mr. George M. Staplin, 551 Century Building, Pittsburgh, Pa., writes: "It has been definitely stated at the office of the Postmaster, George W. Gosser, of Pittsburgh, that the Pittsburgh-Cleveland airmail service will be started between the 1st and 15th of March. This is a contract route and was to have been put in service May 30th, last. Government inspectors refused to approve the type of planes the contractor proposed to use and it is said that the long delay is due to his inability to pay for the heavier machines that were ordered at the time. Connection with the transcontinental airmail lines will be made at Cleveland. As the uniform 10-cent airmail postal rate went into effect on February 1st, with the use of a special delivery stamp, a letter mailed in Pittsburgh at nine o'clock in the morning addressed to Los Angeles will be delivered by seven P. M., the following evening. Judging by the volume of letters that are being held at the local post office for first day cancellations, there is a decided interest among philatelists in the new route. It is said that the postmaster at Cleveland is holding a similar grist of letters for the first trip. Your correspondent was assured that all of this mail will be canceled with the special hand stamp to be furnished by the department for the purpose."

Our contributor, Mr. Charles E. Roe, sends the following bit of lore: "Recently I came across what, I think, is the first philatelic notice in English literature. It is a description of the Mulready envelope and occurs in the 'Ingoldsby Legends,' by Richard Barham, and will probably be new to the present generation. He brings

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(This interesting story is taken from the Philadelphia Public Ledger of Jan. 28 and we are indebted to Edward H. Sprangers for the clipping. The story was accompanied by several illustrations, the entire feature being one of the finest bits of philatelic publicity that we have seen for many a day. We give Mr. Eugene Klein full credit for the part that he has played in promoting Prince Otto's philatelic activities.—Ed.)

It was through a Philadelphia philatelist that young Prince Otto of Hungary won the junior class bronze medal for his stamp collection at the International Philatelic Exhibition in New York last October.

The collection consists of a complete set of Hungarian stamps, dating from 1871 to 1918, and would bring a pretty sum were it for sale. Handsomely bound in embossed leather, fitted with chased silver and marked with the Prince's initial and the royal coat-of-arms, the volume is at present in the charge of Eugene Klein, a well-known stamp expert of Philadelphia, who is responsible for its being on display at the exhibition.

"It happened rather curiously," said Mr. Klein. "About a year and a half ago I was traveling in Hungary, where I met several other collectors. We were looking over some of the valuable items owned by stamp collectors of Budapest, and the Prince's collection was brought out for us to examine.

"I said, 'You ought to show that in New York. It would arouse a great deal of interest.' They did not say much about it, except that the Queen mother would have to be consulted, and the subject dropped. I heard nothing more until the fall, when a stranger came to my office carrying a package.

MESSAGE FROM QUEEN

"Queen Zita sends you this," he said. "She wishes you to place it in the exhibition."

"The man was one of the Prince's tutors from Budapest. I opened the package and it was this volume. The result was that I entered it in the International Exhibition, and it took the bronze medal of the junior class. That will please its 14-year-old owner. I shall send the medal to him shortly, with the collection."

In all the twenty-five years of his philatelic career, Mr. Klein says, this collection is unique in his experience. It is not only a virtually complete set of Hungarian stamps, carefully chosen, so that the cancellations do not hide the design,

but the book which contains the stamps is the only one of its kind.

Hand-drawn and painted by Eugene Haranghy, professor in the Academy of Fine Arts, Budapest, the title page describes the contents in illuminated lettering. On the first page is the most valuable set of stamps, that of 1871, bearing the Emperor's head with the conqueror's wreath, and above at the top of the page is the coat-of-arms of Hungary in color.

Other designs follow on the subsequent pages, forming a setting for the stamps, and bearing in turn the coats-of-arms of the different Hungarian Provinces. There is one full-page illustration in color, showing the royal coronation ceremony, and on the two banners are placed stamps bearing the heads of the royal pair, Emperor (and King) Charles and Empress (and Queen) Zita, Otto's parents.


A FINE COLLECTION

"It is a fine collection," said Mr. Klein, "and I feel complimented to have been entrusted with it. The Prince will be pleased with the prestige the medal will give him among his playmates, and older collectors of this country have been interested in seeing this royal treasure."

Prince Otto's collection was shown recently by Mr. Klein at the exhibition conducted in Lansdowne by the Lansdowne Stamp Club, an organization of stamp collectors of Delaware County, and, while it was not entered in the prize competition, considerable comment was voiced as to its beauty and completeness.

Otto II, called the "Little Prince of Misfortune," is the oldest son of Karl of Hapsburg, who died in exile in Madeira in 1921, after several unsuccessful attempts to regain the throne of Hungary, taken from him by the Entente nations. Otto has a tremendous following in Hungary, which is threatening to overturn the present regency and place him upon the throne of his father, with Queen Zita as regent.

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Junior Gossip

—A. V. P.—In answering your question "Why are stamps collected in pairs and blocks?" we can only say that it is because there is a fascination with many collectors in stamps of this kind. A block of four or a strip is very attractive. This is especially true of imperforate stamps.

—Wm. S. Kinney, Jr., writes an interesting letter and asks us two or three questions that will be answered in due time.

—Juniors who have blue stamps where the proper color is green, and vice versa, should bear in mind the term "chemical changeling." It can be easily done.

—D. C. Van Voorhis, Jr., 161 Brook St., Dunmore, Pa., informs us that a new society for juniors has just been organized. Write him for particulars.

A New Club at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Francis C. Ryan informs us that the Triangle Stamp Club has been organized at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., with a goodly number of boys. Mr. Ryan is to be their adviser and has subscribed for the WEEKLY in the name of the club. Any nearby collectors who wish to assist in the Club's activities may send donations of surplus stamps to Mr. Ryan at 27 La Grange Ave.

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Junior Glossary

Fiscal.—Stamps used for the collection of revenue fees, taxes, etc., as apart from postage stamps. Some fiscal stamps have done postal duty, and these are *postal fiscals*.

Forgery.—A fraudulent imitation of a stamp.

Fugitive Colors.—Colors that "wash off" or change on the application of chemicals to remove the postmark—as a safeguard against fraudulent cleaning. Doubly-fugitive is a still more sensitive ink.

Grille.—A pattern of small square dots embossed in the substance of some stamps of U. S. A., Peru, etc.

Hair Lines.—Minute lines which cross the outer corners of some stamps of Great Britain distinguishing the impressions from certain plates. The term is also used nowadays to describe accidental lines upon certain stamps often due to a hair, etc., in the printing ink or adhering to the plate.

Imperf.—Imperforate. Stamps that are not perforated.

Prince Otto—Stamp Collector

Elsewhere in this issue is printed a story that will interest all our juniors. It deals with the collection of Prince Otto of Hungary, who won a bronze medal for his stamp collection in the junior class at the New York Exhibition.



We feel that the picture of the Prince properly belongs on the Junior page. He is fourteen years old and is the proud possessor of a splendid collection of Hungarian stamps from 1871 to 1916. With his mother's permission it was exhibited last October under the care of Eugene Klein of Philadelphia.

A Chatty Little Letter

By FRANCIS W. MONARCH (17).

I enjoyed the current issue very much. This is the first time that I have written to your magazine, but having progressed thus far you may hear from me again. I am a devout follower of Philately. I am a general collector, although I have a preference for U. S. and British Colonials. My collection numbers at present about 6,000 and it is being added to daily. There is no stamp club here, as yet, but there may be in time. I guess most of the stamp collectors, at least the ones that are the most interested, belong to the Boston Philatelic Society. Just a word or two about "Postfaerge." This surcharge occurs on the parcel post stamps of Denmark. These stamps are used on postal packets by local ferry services.

Origin of Countries' Names

(Insert in Your Album.)

MOROCCO is the Arabic *Mayrib-al-Aqca* — "Extreme West." It is really the name of the chief city, not of the country.

MOSUL = Al Mausil. This town stands on the site of a suburb of the ancient city of Nineveh. One of its patron saints is Jonah, *vide* St. Matthew xii. 41. In 636 A. D. there was a town here called Al-Mausil, of which the meaning is "The place of Connexion." Al is the Arabic definite article, found in such words as *algebra*, *alchemy*, &c., adopted from the Arabic.

NIGER is the Latin *niger* = "black." Arabian geographers call the river the "Nile of the Negroes." This literally, to illustrate the absurdities of some words and terms, means "The Blue of the Blacks." Negro is the Spanish *negro* = "black," and Nile is the Persian *nil* = "blue."—Stamp Collecting.

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The islands themselves are very unproductive, and the inhabitants are dependent entirely on the rainfall for the water supply, of which large reservoirs are kept in concrete reservoirs. No diseases have made their appearance, the islanders, like others in the Pacific being comparatively free from infection. The islands have a very healthy climate and every possible comfort is provided. One white man has lived on the island for 17 years, and is quite content to remain there, while the British Phosphate Commission has been besieged with applications for a position at the islands.

Nauru Island, which is 13 miles in circumference and rises to 200 feet above sea level, is encircled by a good road which carries all types of wheeled traffic from motor cars to bicycles, while Ocean Island, which is seven miles in circumference, is provided with a similar road. It is estimated that one in every six of the natives own a bicycle, which is generally the means of conveyance for his wife and children also.

The islands are constantly kept informed of events in other parts of the world by means of wireless telephony and although Ocean and Nauru Islands are 166 miles apart, there is no difficulty in communication. Wireless telephony has been carried on with places as distant as 900 miles.

Every modern convenience has been installed on the islands, which have electric light and sewerage systems. A feature is the electrically lit tennis court, while many indulge in pleasant recreation. There is a fleet of motor launch in commission, while music is provided by a native brass band. Each island has a model village, which contains a theatre, billiard saloons and other means of enjoyment. There are three medical officers on each island, and well-equipped hospitals. Both the natives and white inhabitants take great interest in sports and are keen cricketers. Swimming is favourite pastime. The Nauru Islanders have taken up football seriously, and have four teams, among whom are a number of promising players. The Europeans play Soccer.

The staffs of the Commission number 60 on each island, and there are also Government officials and a New Zealand trader. The populations are:—Nauru Island, 100 whites, 800 Chinese and 1,000 natives; Ocean Island, a number of white inhabitants, 300 Chinese and 800 natives.—Clipping by A. C. LEDUC from South Sea Philatelist.

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Singularly enough upon the same day (January 28) we received two applications for Honor Club membership from at live philatelic center, Detroit, Mich. helps to bear out Mr. Boers' contention that his city is a hive of philatelic activity. Two applications in a single day leads us to believe that there are others who propose to do their part in carrying the membership of the Honor Club to the thousand mark. Dr. Dowling resides at 2100 Seyburn Ave. and Mr. Bott's address is 909 Transportation Bldg.

We also take pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of a check for \$5 for five years renewal of subscription from E. J. Heitzenroeder, 3128 Texas Ave., St. Louis, Mo. We are glad to add him to our list as an Honor Club member. As we go to press a fourth application comes from G. H. Wilson, Coronado, Calif., and a fifth from Albert G. Rivers, Phoenixville, Penn. Thanks.

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On January 28th the Buffalo (N. Y.) Stamp Club gave a testimonial dinner to John W. Schaefer, oldest member and dean of Buffalo collectors. It came as a distinct surprise to Mr. Schaefer.

The WEEKLY regrets that it could not be represented upon this occasion. The philatelic activities of Mr. Schaefer have covered many years and the tribute paid him was well deserved.

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Personally, Mr. Schaefer is a very companionable man. His kindly nature has endeared him to the Buffalo stamp men and especially the younger collectors. He resides in Hamburg, N. Y., and every Friday evening travels fourteen miles to attend the meetings of the Buffalo Club.

The dinner referred to above was a most delightful affair. George Graham presented Mr. Schaefer with a hand-tooled gold morocco book in which each member had written a testimonial and mounted a copy of his favorite stamp. Pres. Adolph Steeg, Dr. Francis Miller, Cuba, N. Y., LeRoy Brown, Olean, N. Y., Kenneth Cobb, N. Y. City, F. P. James, Lancaster, N. Y., Leslie Davenport, Toronto, Can., Fred Koepf, Theodore Gundlach and R. C. Fisher, M. D.,

made brief speeches, to which Mr. Schaefer responded.

Telegrams and letters were received from a score of collectors and an auction sale and bourse concluded the evening's program. The committee in charge consisted of:—F. J. Sleght, James Storer and Theodore Gundlach.

SAMOA

By HERMANN FOCKE

This little Colony has sprung a surprise on us with the recent issue of the new 2sh and 3sh stamps of New Zealand, with portrait of King George in Admiral's uniform, surcharged SAMOA in the usual type, thus supplanting the same two values of the N. Z. Revenues, Scott's type, A19, and considering that the 3sh violet of the latter was only issued in 1925, and was probably not used extensively, this stamp should become a scarce article in the near future.

Scott, fortunately, does not overburden the general collector with the varieties of these Postal-Revenues with rough and clean-cut perforations, of which a specialist, however, should take cognizance, because there is a decided difference in the colours and general appearance of the two kinds. The 2s 6d value comes only with rough, and the 3sh and £2 only with clean-cut perfs.; the 2sh blue with the former having been issued only in 1918 and superseded immediately by the one with clean-cut perfs. is a decidedly hard to get stamp, and Stanley Gibbons who prices the first issue of 1914 with rough perfs. at double the value of the second issue, fails to give any price for this particular 2sh stamp. Who is the lucky owner of a good postally used copy?

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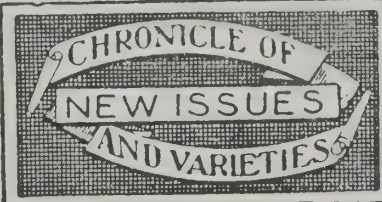
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United States

3c and 10c Perforated 11x10 1/2
Announcement was recently made in this column that the 2c rotary had been issued in sheet form, perforated 11x10 1/2. Under date of Thursday, February 3rd, there was placed on sale at Washington further denominations with the same perforation, the product of the rotary press, namely, the 3c purple, portrait of Lincoln, and the 10c yellow, portrait of Monroe. The Bureau is distributing these denominations to other post offices as the stock now being made up, of the rotary press sheets, are being perforated in this size. We may look for the 1c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 7c, 8c and 9c in short order.

Mr. A. W. Hall, Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, writes, "at this time that no change in the perforation" at present used on the coil stamps is anticipated. These will remain perforated 10 as heretofore.

Air Mail Notes

The Information Service of the Post Office Department announced, under date of January 28th, that the Postmaster General had just awarded to the Boeing Airplane Company of Seattle the contract for carrying mail between Chicago and San Francisco. Bids on the eastern portion of the transcontinental route were rejected with the announcement that new bids would be called for shortly. The western route will be covered at the rate of \$1.50 per pound for the first thousand miles and 15c a pound for each hundred miles additional. The route covered is 1,906 miles long.

The financial responsibility of the company is regarded by the Postmaster Gen-

eral as beyond question, while the practical part of the business is under the direction of Edward Hubbard, who has flown the oldest established contract lines operated under the Post Office Department between Seattle, Wash., and Victoria, B. C., where connection is made with the trans-Pacific steamers. This information comes as news to me, for I was not aware of the fact that the Department operated a contract line into Canada.

The reason that the bids for the eastern portion of the route were not awarded is due to the unsatisfactory offers.

"Specimen" Departments, Imperforate

A few weeks back mention was made in this column of the existence of certain "Specimen" Departments in imperforate condition in the collection of Mr. Arthur Hind. These came through Mr. John A. Klemann, who informs me that they are on the regular paper used for printing these varieties and are in the same colors as the perforated stamps. They are not from the Ferrari collection, as I had surmised.

Narcotic Varieties

Heretofore two of the Narcotic strip stamps have been known in imperforate condition, having been issued in this form in order that they might be applied to packages by means of a special machine designed to take the imperforate variety. This company has just had occasion to use a further stamp, namely, the 1c, size I, and this variety now comes not only rouletted, but imperforate as well.

I desire to thank Mr. Allan P. Vestal, who states that he has seen a copy of this new imperforate stamp, for the information.

Philippines

Mr. Walter Bruggman, in writing of the new commemorative series, advises that while they were produced locally by primitive methods, that they are giving better satisfaction to the collector, as the sheets are reasonably well centered and there are no straight edges. He states here of late that it is difficult to get more than fifteen well centered stamps out of the average sheet produced by the Bureau.

Mr. Bruggman is under the impression that no more stamps for the Philippine Islands will be produced in Washington and he is informed that proper machinery will be installed so that Philippine stamps in the future will be made at home. The

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ALBANIA.—The current Air M stamps have been overprinted "Republi Shqiptare" and it has been arranged to the Air Mail service between Tirane and Valone will be carried on during the winter. The current issue of ordinary stamps with portrait of President Abdi Bey Zogu are to be overprinted with a crown and will subsequently be superseded by a new issue now being printed in Paris.—*Whitfield King & Co's Philatelic Bulletin.*

AUSTRIA.—Whitfield King & Co. report the appearance of the 5 groschen red and the 28 groschen blue postage stamps in the design of D11.

BELGIUM.—Mr. Henry Hooreman sends for note copies of the 5fr bright green and 10fr brown in the design of A58.

CEYLON.—The Economist Co. of Whitfield King & Co. send copies of the 2c brown-orange, Die 2, and 5c violet, Die 1, both on script watermark paper.

DENMARK.—Whitfield King & Co. send for chronicle the following varieties in the new ship design: 155 red, 160 grey, 250 light blue, 300 yellow, 350 brown-red and 400 green.

DOMINICA.—Mr. John Edgar tells me that he has heard that the 3s purple-yellow (Mult. wmk.) is obsolete and procurable in the Colony. From the Crown Agents for the Colonies we have information that a supply of this variety together with the 5s black and green has been printed on Script CA paper and will be sent out to Roseau at the earliest possible moment.—*Stamp Collecting.*

FRANCE.—Whitfield King & Co. of the Economist Stamp Co. have shown us the 65c Sower type, in green, the postage due stamp, type D2, in magenta and the 30c light brown and 60c red type D3.

FRENCH COLONIES.—Rev. J. Drer S. M., in writing to us under date of 25th of Jan., advises that the Mirror of Colonies has decided to modify the present types of stamps of the va-

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NEW ZEALAND.—The chalky paper of the 6d Express Delivery stamp, comb perf. 14X14½, chronicled in our October 23rd issue, is Messrs. Cowan's manufacture.—Stamp Collecting.

PERSIA.—"Regne de Pahlavi."—An additional value is reported in *Champion's Bulletin*. 30k carmine and brown. From the same source we learn that the 12c is now on issue. This leaves only the 9 and 10ch still to be issued.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—Mr. R. Roberts advises that the 1c lilac postage due stamp has been issued. This value has been held up for some time and has not been available.

TANGANYIKA.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown us the new King's Head design of this colony. The 5c to 75c are in the same design as the Nyasaland ½p to 1sh and the new design of British Honduras. They bear the inscription "Mandated Territory of Tanganyika" and are printed in unbroken sheets of 100 (10X10). On the 1sh value the head plate is the same as that used for the high values of Nyasaland with the following differences: the word "Postage-Revenue" takes the place of the written value in the upper tablet, the value only appearing on either side at top as before, the space on the side is filled in by the design continuing from the bottom of the stamp; the name tablet is a clear curve instead of a wavy one. The values and shades are: 5c black and green, 10c black and yellow-orange, 15c black and rose, 20c black and light brown, 25c black and blue, 30c black and purple, 40c black and brown, 50c black and green, 75c black and olive and 1sh black and green.

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Modern Used British Colonials

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The following article will attempt to cover the various British colonies in much the same way as the French colonies were covered, although there will be some omissions, due to lack of sufficient data. It should be repeated that these are merely my own conclusions. In no case has there been made any effort to obtain exhaustive information; and in no case is any claim made that the experiences of others will coincide, either exactly or approximately, with my own. Rather is it hoped that these notes imperfect as they are known to be, will encourage others to report in like manner and improve on the haphazard method of presentation.

Colonies not mentioned at all are those whose stamps used are obviously less valuable than unused.

Aitutaki—A considerable difference in favor of the used stamps, a difference which is fairly consistent throughout all issues.

Ascension—Used are better. The first issue used, with correctly dated postmarks, is at least twice as good as the same unused. Later issue less so.

Antigua—I consider all issues better unused. There are some postmarks, however, which are very scarce on some stamps; lack of definite information leads me to omit mention of these.

Bahamas—Generally the same used or unused (later issues only). War Tax all slightly better used.

Barbados—With a very few unimportant exceptions, all are better unused.

Barbuda—Obsolete now. Correctly dated postmarks raise the value of a used stamp much above the same stamp unused, and covers ought to bring very good figures in the not too distant future.

Bechuanaland Protectorate—With some important exceptions, used are a trifle better. Occasionally no difference worth noting. The difference in favor of the used stamps seems to increase with the later issues.

British Honduras—All seem to be better unused with the sole exception of the War stamps, which are scarcer used.

British Solomon Islands—Without an exception, used are as good as, or better than, unused. There seems to be less difference in favor of the used stamps in the first and fourth issues than in the second and third. Tulagi is by far the commonest postmark.

Brunei—All issues are quite uncommon used, which might be explained by the fact that the present white population of the colony amounts to the total

of 35! Covers of the first (provisional) issue are very scarce.

Cayman Islands—A slight difference in favor of used. Covers of the pre-Georgian epoch seem rather scarce.

Cook Islands—Used are slightly preferable; but much less so than most of the other Pacific Islands—which seems unreasonable in view of the much greater importance of some of them, Samoa for example.

Cyprus—Of the more recent Cyprus stamps, there seems to be none which holds any promise of being better used.

Dominica—Of the twentieth century stamps (the only ones being considered), all values above twopence halfpenny (and lately threepence) are somewhat better used. Lower values better unused.

Falkland Islands—Exactly the same as Dominica. The difference in favor of the used high values is greater than in the case of Dominica. These stamps used in South Georgia are very hard to find.

Fiji—With two minor exceptions, used are more common.

Gambia—Unused are always at least as good as used, with the possible exception of Scott's Nos. 33-40 and 49-52 inclusive. In view of the comparative insignificance of this colony, this is rather surprising.

Gibraltar—Unused are better, except for Scott's Nos. 54-57.

Gilbert and Ellice Islands—All issues slightly better used, the second (pandanus) issue more so than the others. The difference is very slight in some of the more recent stamps, however.

Gold Coast—All stamps are at least as good unused as used.

Grenada—Same as Gold Coast.

Hejaz—Unused are at least as good as used in every case, I believe, in spite of the fact that unused are offered more frequently. There are a few stamps which are very hard to find on correctly dated covers, but I haven't enough information to be more definite than this.

Indian States—No information.

Iraq—All issues seem to be much better unused.

Kenya—Better unused, with the possible exception of the high rupee values.

Kuwait—So far, the used are much better. If the present set continues to be current, however, it is almost certain that this difference in favor of the used stamps will diminish and perhaps altogether disappear.

Leeward Islands—Unused are a little better, with some unimportant exceptions.

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Nauru—Very little information, but I believe used are slightly better.

New Guinea—Used are a very little bit better so far, but, like Kuwait, this condition is very likely to disappear altogether. Rabaul and Kawieng are by far the commonest postmarks of the thirteen to be found in all.

New Hebrides—Used seem to be somewhat better on the average, but there are wide variations. The 1911 set is about the same in either condition.

Niue—Earlier issues are quite a bit better used, and especially so on cover, in which condition they are very seldom found. In later issues the difference in favor of used is comparatively small, but still pronounced.

North Borneo—Legitimate town cancellations are generally of more value than an unused stamp, but this is far from invariable. Important exceptions are Scott's Nos. 117-117c and Nos. 149-156.

Northern Rhodesia—No information. Nyasaland Protectorate—Unused are generally better. The high values are possible exceptions.

Palestine—Unused are invariably better.

Papua—Used may be slightly better, but hardly enough. I believe to justify the Gibbons quotations. Later issues are about the same either way, with any difference in favor of used.

Penrhyn—Early issues used certainly justify Scott's prices. These stamps are by far the most difficult to obtain used of any of the three New Zealand dependencies—Aitutaki, Niue, and Penrhyn. The total population is 400!

St. Helena—Very little difference in any of the modern stamps. Used are generally a bit commoner.

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Sarawak—Generally much better unused, except for No. 48. Postmarks other than Kuching are seldom seen.

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Somaliland Protectorate—Used stamps are slightly better, with the exception of the one anna values. Some postmarks are very scarce; Berbera is by far the commonest.

Southern Rhodesia—No information.

Tanganyika—Used and unused are about the same at present. Used will likely be commoner in the future.

Tonga—The last (and only twentieth century) issue is a bit better used so far, with the doubtful exception of No. 54.

Transjordan—Much better used, generally; numbers 1-11 less so. Some of the numerous issues are almost impossible to get used with proper dates. Covers should be good property. The 5m and 1 pia. values are commoner used, particularly Scott's Nos. 13, 19, 20, and 66. How many postmarks have you besides "Amman"?

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WHERE ARE THE SANDWICH ISLANDS?

By PERCY MCGRAW MANN.

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The Canadian stamp was, however, made by the American Bank Note Company and the error in topography should not have occurred. It is probable, however, that the design supplied, possibly, by the Canadian Government, likewise omitted the Hawaiian Islands, an American possession.

But what is one to say about the exhibition label? An American production, made by the self-same American Bank Note Company and, albeit, freely donated by them to an American event, doubling an identical error, omitting the most valuable possessions of the United States from a picturing of the world!

Surely this was not intentional. Was it through ignorance? Or, what kind of maps are used as models by the designers or engravers of stamps?

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Mr. C. W. Parker has sent a lot of covers, mostly used, from 1893 to 1898, and of course most of them are cancelled and postmarked in the prevailing and regulation types of that period. That is some time ago and perhaps a good many of our present-day collectors do not know what were the prevailing types and a few notes on them may be in order.

Most of the larger places were using machines which postmarked the letter and cancelled the stamp at the same time. The postmark was usually circular with the name of the city at the top. The abbreviation of the name of the State at the bottom, and the date in the center, or with the name of the city and abbreviation of the state name at the top, the year at the bottom, and the month and hour in the center. The year was not always included in the first type. Some other forms were in use but these were the most common ones.

There were several types of obliterations. One was to represent a flag flying from a staff. Stars in the upper left corner and several curved lines extending to the right to cancel the stamp. Another form was made up of the wavy bars alone, and another of straight bars. Then there were two or more types made up of a number of diagonal lines.

Smaller places ordinarily used hand-stamps. The postmark was also circular, with the name of the town at the top, the abbreviation of the state name at the bottom, and the date, including the year and hour, in the center. Most of the obliterations seem to have been cut in cork or wood, and the number of designs was not large. Sometimes there is just a round solid disk, sometimes there are white streaks through it, and again it is divided into quarters.

Another favorite type was concentric circles, or as it's frequently called, a target. Then there was the disk with cuts both ways, making little squares, or cut so that each segment was a triangle with its outer side curved. Perhaps others were common but they are not recalled just now, and this will suffice for the present, as this is not to be an exhaustive treatise on the subject.

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A solid star in a circle is used as an obliterator on the stamp at Highmore, Colo., July 16, 1895, on a 2c Columbian at Waucoma, Iowa, Dec. 6, 1893, at Percival, Iowa, Feb. 21, 1895, and at Long Grove, Iowa, Nov. 22, 1893.

From Defiance, Iowa, July 8, 1895, comes a five pointed star, probably cut in wood, so that the star shows colorless, and the uncut portion appears as a small pentagon in the center with triangles between the points and inside the lines forming the points. This type is more frequently seen in the '60s and '70s than as late as this.

Mountain Dale, Colo., on Nov. 25, 1893, used a postmark with fancy slanted letters, and this cover shows that Jefferson, Colo., on the next day used a postmark with the date in a single line across the center of a circle, and an obliterator in the form of an oval grid of 16 bars. The stamp is a 2c Columbian.

Hamburg, Iowa, July 20, 1 P.M., 1893, cancelled a 2c Columbian stamp with a round black disk, into which was cut an H.

The postmark at Ute, Iowa, on Mar. 20, 1895, has the names of both town and state at the top and is struck squarely on the stamp. Unusual for a postmaster to do this so late, but very much more satisfactory than some of the blobs and blots not infrequently seen.

Chicago, Ill., July 19, 7.30 P.M., 1895,

used an obliterator of six long heavy wavy bars, with a break in the center of the four inner ones in which appears a large letter B, and on June 24, 7.30 P. 1895, the obliterator is six straight bars with the two center ones broken in the middle for a letter O. The letters perhaps designate branch Post Offices. Who knows?

Perhaps it would not be amiss to say that a number of the obl iterators used in the 70s and 80s, of the elliptical grid type with a figure or a letter in the center were still used in these years, and some of the other types used in those earlier years had not been entirely discarded and are not infrequently found even later than the years in which the above lot of covers were used.

Mr. L. A. Heilman has sent some more of his interesting items. This time a 3c green, from Ilion, N. Y., Jan. 23, 1878, cancelled by a solid star all in magenta, another from Lenox Furnace, Nov. 4, 1881, Berkshire Co., Mass., in a double circle. The name of the town at the top following the curve, and the rest in three horizontal lines, with three short curved lines above them. The obliterator is a colorless star in a disk, surrounded by a circle.

A large envelope addressed to London, has a red New York P. O. postmark and a 12c and 6c Continental stamps cancelled by the New York Foreign Mail obliterator which Mr. J. M. Bartels has listed as A10 in his *Collectors Club Philatelist* list. It also bears the red London receiving mark dated 26 Jan 75.

Then there are some 1c Continental covers. Three from Meadville, Pa., with a large colorless M in a round block as an obliterator. A strip of three with postmark and bull's eye canceller in magenta from Mason, Mich., and another strip of three with postmark and bull's eye in blue from Minneapolis,

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IN the *Export Trade and Finance* for Nov. 20 and 27, appears a valuable article on "Chinese Money" which is an admirable survey of the currencies of China. We contemplated the reprinting of it, as the publishers very courteously released to us this copyrighted production of Mr. Warrack Wallace. We find, however, that the article is too lengthy and not sufficiently philatelic for us to reprint. Interested parties can secure copies of the two issues above mentioned by remitting 20c to the publishers, 20 Vesey St., N. Y. City.

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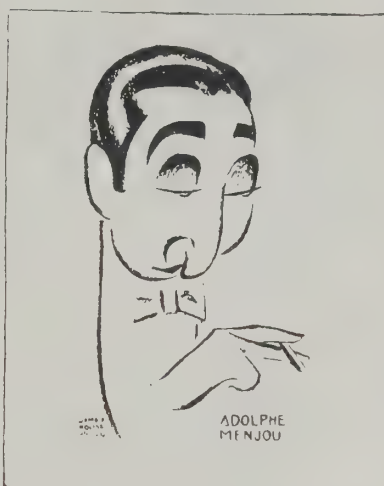
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Many messages of good-will have come as a consequence of the issue celebrating the high-water circulation mark of ten thousand. We are gratified to hear from the readers who seem to take a personal interest in the WEEKLY's welfare and their opinions are welcome; and expressions from brother editors have been music to our ears. One of the non-philatelic publishers who circulates about a million of his monthly and whose mentorship is welcome says: "It is a feat to get a real swing of ten thousand copies for a paper that cannot go out into the highways but must content itself by working in the by-ways. Your success indicates that your readers do something to help you along and you are fortunate to have the co-operation of a host of them." We know it!

Ever since we published references to the imperforate Philippines of the current issue, we have been receiving comments in connection with the stamps. Mr. Charles F. Becker, Livermore, California, says that a correspondent in the islands remarks that the only canceled copies that he knows of are in the possession of two collectors; and that the stamps are few in number. Mr. Becker forwards a picture of an envelope bearing the complete set, including the special delivery, of the imperforates, which is accompanied by the following statement of the Director of Posts, Manila, September 24, 1925: "This is to certify that this envelope was the only one of its kind which bore unperforated postage stamps, carried by Commander Francesco de Pinedo from Manila to Aparri. The stamps are also a complete set of all Philippine postage stamps." The stamps are canceled with the aeroplane cancellation, "via Pinedo's flight round the world."

A correspondent in Montevideo, Uruguay, says that the commemorative issues of recent years have stimulated stamp interest there; and he adds the usual comment that the very early issues of Uruguay are most elusive there, although many of them are held in great collections in South America.

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From the somewhat veiled allusions of a friend who writes from Washington, one or more drives are impending for commemorative issues but no definite information is given. One thing is certain and that is that the movement for additional stamps of the kind does not originate in the post office department!

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A correspondent knowing of our interest in the earlier phases of philately, which in the aggregate may be said to constitute its history, has sent us an interesting notice that was distributed by an enterprising citizen of Kansas City, Mo., over fifty years ago or in January, 1875. The following card was addressed to Postmasters and was signed by Harlow J. Boyce, Postoffice Building, Kansas City, Mo.: "I would call attention of postmasters to the fact that there is now in their hands a large number of postage stamps and stamped envelopes of the issues of 1861 and 1869, which I am desirous of obtaining to fill collections. If any postmaster will inform me of the amount of these stamps and envelopes he may have, I will immediately send him the money to purchase the same, which will not only assist him, but prove a benefit to the Postoffice Department by withdrawing the stamps from sale. This will not in any way infringe on the P. M. General's order that forbids the soliciting the sale of stamps by a postmaster outside of the delivery of his office, as the soliciting is altogether on my side, neither does it injure the department in any way."

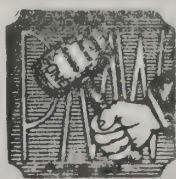
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The foregoing offer was made in the *Coin and Stamp Journal*, Number One,

Volume One, published at Kansas City, Mo., by W. E. Winner and dated January, 1875. In its second year, this paper was issued by Joseph J. Casey, New York, and some time later, Mr. Casey, who is well remembered for his long association with philately, ran afoul of M. Kottshofski, New York, publisher of the *Philatelic Snoozer* and sued him for defamation of character. The philatelic editors were fire-eaters in those days and many of them thought it a sign of weakness to dwell in amity with their fellow editors.

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From two of our readers we have received samples of unused U. S. locals that have been in their possession for many years and they have high hopes that their holdings may be of great value. Naturally, they will be disappointed to learn that their stamps are almost valueless as they are to be classified as reprints or worse. Almost from the beginning of philately, there was a demand for locals from Europe where they seem to have been appreciated more than at home. As a consequence, it was said by Mr. W. P. Brown in 1870, that Mr. Kline of Philadelphia and Mr. Hussey of New York brought about a condition to meet the desires of collectors for the stamps. It is said that they were instrumental in securing from the proprietors of some of the posts quantities of the original stamps and that from others they obtained the original plates which were utilized to largely increase the visible supply of the stamps. These reprints were in original colors approximately. It was not long before the market was demoralized as a consequence because of



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the difficulty of segregating originals from reprints. Then fancy colors came forth to spur interest and S. Allen Taylor and others turned their maladroitness to imitating the locals and the results of this activity made the locals danger-signal to the ordinary collector. However, for years, reprints of the locals were sold by large dealers at cheap prices and they were employed by mail collectors to fill in the pages of the album. One of the arguments of the vendors of the stamps was that the originals were beyond the reach of the collector and that the fac-similes filled the "unsightly gaps" on the album pages. Today, those who specialize in U. S. locals want the stamps on the original cover not alone because of the interest in such covers carry, but because they lose authenticity to the stamps.

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It is to be said that the Confederate locals similarly were sold as fac-similes soon after they appeared and collectors were aware of their desirability. For instance, in 1872, an eastern dealer advertised that he would supply fifty varieties of them for eighteen cents, postage free, and it was a poor collector, indeed who could not afford to avail himself of this bargain price. For that matter the same dealer advertised U. S. locals at three dollars per thousand stamps when they were put up in sets of 25, 50,

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have appeared. On the contrary, they
are condemned by all those who have
any knowledge of the surprising circum-
stances of the sale of the stamps. An
ideal is made that the four surcharges
are boycotted as they represent speculation
and riot. It is said that King Fuad,
whose philatelic enthusiasm is established,
was presented with two hundred sets of
stamps. The prediction is made that
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#308, 1p 1st LONDON	.05
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#312, 3p brown & black	.12
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#314, 1p 2nd LONDON	.05
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#106, 1/2p 1/2p gray—NICE	.10
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#152, 1/2p green, black surch.	.35
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#154, 1p violet, yellow	.14
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#302, 3p YELLOW BACK	.30
#303, 3p WHITE BACK, SCARCE	.85
#304, 1/2p green, small 2-line	.04
#305, 1/2p orange, small 2-line	.08
#306, 3p violet, yellow	.20
#307, 1/2p green, large 2-line	.02
#308, 1/2p orange, large 2-line	.06
#309, 3p violet, yellow, large	.12
#310, 1/2p green, red surch.	.03
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MALTA—#201, 1/2p green, "WAR TAX"	.03
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#102, 1/2p green, black surch.	.03
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#151, 1p scarlet, 1st LOCAL	.08
#152, 1/2p green, "WAR TAX"	.07
#153, 1p scarlet, "WAR TAX"	.07
#154, 1/2p green, tall letters	.12
#155, 1p scarlet, tall letters	.08
#156, 1/2p green, heavy type	.03
#157, 1p scarlet, heavy type	.05
#158, 1/2p green, closer spacing	.03
#159, 1p GOOD, closer spacing	1.45
#161, 1p scarlet, fine type	.05
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#105, 1p Bottom, VIOLET INK	.12
#106, 3p Bottom, RED INK, RARE	1.75
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#108, 3p heavy type, black ink	.15
#109, 3p heavy type, red ink	.15
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Junior Gossip

—A junior wants to know where he can get the book, "Postage Stamps of Rhodesia." Please try Eugene Klein, whose address is given on our first page.

—Roy Danford sends us a clipping giving the particulars of the activities of the stamp club connected with the Piedmont (Cal.) High School. It has had six months of life and is proving very successful.

Are These Stamps Alike?



No. I.



No. II.

Above are two 1d King George stamps of Great Britain. Can any of our Juniors detect a tangible difference? If so write us a letter and you may get something for your trouble.

"Postfaerge"

The Parcel Post stamps of Denmark, 1910-24, have the word "POSTFAERGE" surcharged on the regular issues of 1913-22. The stamps are used for postal packets sent by the Esbjerg-Fano and Logstor-Aggersund Ferry Services. The variety "POSTFAERGE" occurs once in the setting of the surcharge and is found on all values.

We have been very much pleased at the interest shown by our Juniors in locating "Postfaerge" on the stamps of Denmark. All kinds of letters accompanied the solutions received, and we are very glad that we have been able to provide our young readers with a worthwhile hunt. We list the names of those who found the word. A suitable stamp award has been sent to each, and it is probable that a supplementary list of names will be published next week:—

F. W. Monarch (17), J. C. Brooks, David Van Voorhis Jr., Jerome M. Contune, O. Fay Allen Jr. (14), Lois P. Allen (10), Jack Morgan (11), Alexander A. Zoesch (13), John F. Halleran (15), James Staver, G. Harrison Townsend (16), Chester Marcinkowski (15), Edw. Merrill, Louis A. Otto Jr. (15), Joseph Wilker, Chas. S. Latham, Fred B. MacMahon, Robert Raffan (11), Max Meiere, Wm. S. Kinney Jr.

Junior Glossary

"Jubilee" Line.—A colored rule surrounding the sheet (on the margins) on most of the surface-printed issues of Great Britain and Colonies, first adopted in 1887 (Queen Victoria's Jubilee). This line also protects the outer rows of clichés from undue wear.

Key Plate or Head Plate.—The plate from which the head and general features of design, apart from name and value, is produced in modern British Colonial stamps.

Locals.—Stamps having a franking power limited to a town, district, or route.

Marginal Inscriptions.—In addition to having control numbers and letters on the margins, some sheets of stamps have inscriptions such as:—names of printers, dates of manufacture, instructions as to use and value, etc. Marginal inscriptions are sometimes watermarked in the paper.

Margins.—The paper around a sheet or pane of stamps.

Mint.—Means an unused stamp in perfect condition with full gum, as when issued by the post office.

Obsolete.—Stamps no longer current, but not necessarily demonetized.

Nauru

By WM. S. K. JENKINS.

Nauru was once owned by Germany and called Pleasant Island, but its affairs were handled at the Marshall Islands capital Jaluit. The first German stamps were overprinted Marshall-Inseln and were of the Colonial Ship type. When the Great World war broke out, the Australian troops occupied the Island, the British Government decided to hold a temporary control of the Island, and sent British stamps with the overprint Nauru. These stamps are very interesting.

The Junior's Dictionary

Used Abroad.—A term applied to the stamps of a country used in one of its colonies, protectorates or consular offices maintained in a foreign country. In many of the British colonies British stamps were on sale before the colonies issued their own distinctive stamps and these are generally termed "British used abroad." Similarly the United States stamps used at the consular office at Shanghai are "U. S. used abroad."

U. S. I. R. (United States Internal Revenue).—A watermark found in connection with many United States revenue stamps.

Uskub.—A city of Turkey. This word with Turkish hieroglyphics was surcharged on certain stamps of Turkey to commemorate a visit of the Sultan to Rumelia in 1910.

U. S. Mail.—Appears on the 2c carrier's stamp of New York issued in 1846.

U. S. Penny Post.—Is shown upon the first 2c carrier's stamp issued in Boston in 1849.

U. S. P. O. (United States Post Office).—These letters are shown upon all the Philadelphia carrier's stamps issued in 1849-52.

U. S. P. O. Despatch.—Appears on the 1c Eagle carrier's stamp issued in 1851.



U. S. Postage.—Shown on most of the postage stamps of the United States.

U. S. P. S.—These letters were watermarked in most of the United States postage stamps issued between 1895 and 1916. They stand for "United States Postal Service."

Origin of Countries' Names

(Insert in Your Album.)

NATAL.—Vasca da Gama had a view of the place from the sea on his voyage to India on Christmas Day, 1497, and called it "Terra Natalis," with reference to *Dies Natalis* = "the Birthday of Our Lord."

ST. CHRISTOPHER.—This name was bestowed by Columbus, who discovered the island in 1493. The name means "Christ Bearer," from the well known legend.

ST. HELENA, after whom this island was named by Joao da Nova, its discoverer, on May 21st, 1502, was the wife of Constantine the First, and the mother of Constantine the Great. When of great age she went a pilgrimage to Jerusalem and as a legend tells, was associated with finding the Cross upon which Christ was crucified, in memory of which event the Festival the "Invention of the Cross" was founded. In Greek mythology Helen is *Sarama* = "The Dawn." In the myth, the bright cows, i.e., the rays of the sun, are stolen by the Panis, the powers of darkness, and *Sarama*, the early dawn, is sent to look for them. The verse, "*Sarama* is looking for the cows," meant "dawn is beginning to break."

ST. LUCIA is so named because discovered by Columbus on St. Lucia's Day. The name is the feminine of *Lucius* = "born at daylight" from Latin *lux, lucis* = "light."—*Stamp Collecting.*

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LETTER FROM A JUNIOR

(The following letter is a fair sample of many that are coming to the Managing Editor in connection with our new feature of the Junior Page. It indicates the interest that being taken by juniors in stamp collecting, and the absolute necessity of cultivating that interest. Philatelic newspapers and societies generally will do well to meet the great need of educating juniors in the fundamentals of philately. We publish this letter without asking Mr. Todd's consent, believing that it carries with it, its own lesson to those who consider themselves advanced collectors.—Ed.)

DEAR JUNIOR EDITOR:

I have been wanting to write to you for quite a while, but as I graduate from high school this week, and have little to do, I have finally found time. I am almost seventeen years old and my collection of about 6,000 was started in 1922.

My collection is mainly general, but of late I have been specializing as much as my purse will allow, in Hong-Kong. My brother, who is twelve years of age, has a collection about as large as mine mainly because he started at the time I did and gets half of all the stamps that come into the house. He specializes in Barbados, and we each get first call on our specialties, and then fight over the other countries.

I have a paper route and manage to make enough money to buy a million of the stamps I want.

I notice that quite a few of my Queen Hong Kong are cancelled with a gr. that has B62 in the center. Is this cancellation merely the one allotted to by the British government, or what?

My brother and I manage to get a number of the new issues by going in the banks and importing houses and asking for stamps. We have the late Persian set, the one surcharged "Reign of Pahlavi," almost complete and many others, too.

I bought some White Plains stamps and found a dot over the T in state. This stamp is in the third row and first column of plate 18767.

One more question. I have some Orange River Free State Stamps surcharged TF. Their catalogue numbers unsurcharged are 43, 32, 2, 3, 24, and an ultramarine stamp with *Zes Pence* on it, the catalogue number must be 42a, but the one I have is used and the catalogue says it was not placed in use without a surcharge. Will you please tell me if the stamps are out-of-the-ordinary and what their value is? I enclose a stamp addressed envelope for a reply.

GEORGE TODD.

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STAMP CONTROVERSY IN GERMANY

The new German stamps have produced a storm of criticism in certain parts
of Germany. It is finding expression not only in the spoken word but in articles
and cartoons appearing in the German press. The two clippings which we print
below are taken from British papers, although our correspondent does not indicate
their names.

J. L. Riedel of Nurnberg has sent us a cartoon in colours which appeared in a
Bavarian paper. It shows the set of eight stamps and each is used for a head, for
a figure which portrays at full length the subject of the stamp. Underneath the
cartoon is the inscription "Bavarians, do not write any more letters. There are
only foreigners on our stamps."

A PRUSSIAN KING'S HEAD ON
REPUBLICAN STAMPS

BERLIN, Nov. 28.
The 10 pfennig stamps bearing the head
of Frederick the Great, popularly known
as "Fredericus stamps," were issued in
spite of Republican and Bavarian objec-
tions and have been in use for several
weeks, but now the Reichsbanner organ-
ization has suggested two methods of
recording Republican dissatisfaction with
this emblem of the Prussian monarchy.
One is to use on all envelopes requiring
ten pfennigs postage two 5 pfennig
stamps (bearing the head of Schiller),
and to indicate that this choice is delib-
erate by sticking one in each of the top
corners instead of both together in
the right-hand top corner. The other
method is to frame the head of Frederick
the Great in Republican colours. For
this purpose special squares of paper
with gummed backs have been provided.
Upon them a frame of black, red, and
gold is printed round a blank space the
size of a 10-pfennig stamp. These
squares are stuck in the corner of the
envelope and the "Fredericus" stamps
are affixed to them. The Minister of
Posts, however, has just issued a com-
munication warning the public that such
procedure is contrary to the postal
regulations and announcing that letters
stamped in this manner will not be
delivered.

REPUBLICANS' OBJECTION TO
FREDERICK THE GREAT

BERLIN, Dec. 28.
Although the 10 pfennig stamps bear-
ing the head of Frederick the Great have
been on sale for a number of weeks,
energetic Republicans are still inventing
new methods of recording their dis-
satisfaction. The Ministry of Posts put
a stop to the affixing of two 5 pfennig
stamps (bearing, in the new series, the
head of the poet Schiller) in opposite
corners of the envelope as a mark of
protest, and also to the ingenious process
by which the "Fredericus stamp" was
framed with the Republican colours.
Certain Republican institutions in the
Hanover district thereupon hit on the
idea of refusing all postal matter
stamped with the head of Frederick.

For this purpose they had special
labels prepared bearing the words "Ac-
ceptance refused because stamped with
Fredericus stamp, as protest against the
Monarchist-militarist propaganda of the
German Reichs Post Office." These la-
bels were affixed to all letters or pack-
ages arriving with the "Fredericus
stamp," which were then returned to the
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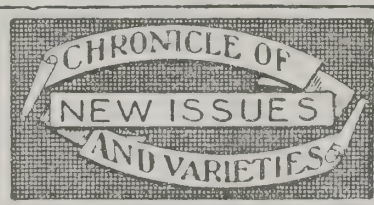
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United States

1922-25, 5c Rotary Double Paper

I have just been shown a strip of twenty of the 5c blue Roosevelt rotary print, perforated 10, on the double paper previously described in this column. This is due to a paste-up in the paper and has appeared on several other denominations heretofore. This strip was found at the San Francisco post office and shows the Bureau precancel of that city. It is from plate 16671.

The Nassau Stamp Company have also located the 1 1/2c rotary, perforated 10, showing a similar variety of paper.

2c Sesquicentennial

The Postal Bulletin of February 3rd carries a notice from Mr. R. S. Regar, Third Assistant Postmaster General, stating that the requisitions submitted by postmasters for Sesquicentennial Exhibition stamps in response to a notice published in the Bulletin of January 21st, have already exhausted the quantity available, and that a number of requisitions are now on file that cannot be filled from stock. Postmasters are, therefore, instructed to withhold further requisitions for these stamps. They are notified that those received after the depletion of the available stock will be returned to postmasters. This means that in so far as the Post Office Department at Washington is concerned, the Sesquicentennial issue is at an end.

White Plains Stamp

I understand that the Chamber of Commerce at White Plains was greatly disappointed to learn through a recent Postal Bulletin that the supply of White

Plains stamps had become exhausted and I am informed it is their intention to ask the Department to supply them with a further quantity. It is doubtful whether they will consent to reissue this variety, although the matter has not as yet been officially presented and, of course, no action can be taken until it is.

Air Mail Notes

As previously mentioned in this column, the new flat rate of 10c per half ounce on air mail in the United States, irrespective of destination, went into effect on February 1st. While special cancellations furnished by Washington were not supplied, several of the cities applied markings of interest and worthy of note.

The postmaster at Springfield, Ill., who solicited business with the understanding that the covers would bear a special postmark was unfortunately prevented by Washington from using this postmark. He, however, sent out very attractive communications in specially prepared envelopes and on the back of the covers, we find a marking in blue within a circle reading, "New Air Mail Rate 10c Per 1/2 Ounce—The Home of Lincoln" showing a portrait of the log cabin in the center. The postmaster at Salt Lake City had prepared a special violet marking in three lines reading, "First Flight New Rate—February 1, 1927—From Salt Lake City, Utah."

Those from Elko showed the well known violet insignia of the air mail service.

Seattle marked its communications in magenta, "Via Air Mail."

Minneapolis used a large stamp reading, "Air Mail."

Cleveland used an insignia similar to Elko but printed theirs in magenta.

Detroit had a most attractive marking, which by the way they applied on the front of the cover, wherein we find within three concentric circles the following: Air Mail Anywhere In U.S.A.—Feb. 1,—10c Each 1/2 Ounce." This was applied in magenta.

Letters on the first day from Los Angeles, San Francisco, Pasco, Fort Worth, Boston, Chicago and St. Louis, the other terminals of the several air mail routes, bore no special markings although they were all postmarked on both the front and back showing that they were carried on the first trip of the new rate.

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ried forward under the 10c rate. T

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Mr. R. Roberts copies of the 1p carmi

and black on watermarked paper sim

N Z and star.

ALBANIA.—Air stamps overprint

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Die Briefmarke. 5q, green, 10q, carmi

25q, blue, 50q, deep green, 1fr, black a

violet, 2fr, violet and olive-green and 3

deep green and chestnut.—Philate

Magazine.

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the current issue of this country ov

printed with star and crescent and addit

al value for Charity purposes: 5c+5c gre

10c+10c mauve, 15c+15c chestnut, 20c

20c red, 25c+25c green, 30c+30c p

blue, 35c+35c violet, 40c+40c olive, 50c

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CUBA.—Whitfield King & Co. advise that the Express stamp, their type "C", has been issued on the star watermarked paper.

EGYPT.—"Port Fuad."—M. M. La. Philatelic Orientale informs us that the surcharge was lithographed. A "considerable breeze" is going on in Egypt about these stamps, and we have received numerous newspaper reports but no official announcement seems to have been made yet.

Air Mail.—The same correspondents send us an Official Notice undated, which states that on the 12th inst. the Air Mail would be extended to Basra and announcing various changes in the postal rates. Our correspondent states that the present air stamp is likely to be withdrawn and, as no great quantity have been printed, become scarce.

Stop Press.—We are officially informed that 2,500 copies were printed of each of the three low values, and 1,500 copies of the 50pi, Port Fuad commemoratives.—Philatelic Magazine.

FIJI.—Mr. R. Roberts notes the following new issues: 1p purple, new color; 1 1/2p carmine, new value and 2sh purple and blue on blue, all script watermark.

FRANCE.—The Economist Stamp Co. inform us of the following new issues: 80c red-orange, Sower type, surcharged "50c" in black; semi postal issue, 1fr design as SP8, with the added value 25c; 1fr type D3, in red-lilac color.

GERMANY.—Mr. J. L. Riedel advises that the German Reichpost Minister announces that the whole stock of the 1924 and 1925 Charity issues, Scott's Nos. 482-485 and Nos. 486-488 have been burnt.

KELANTAN.—3c is on order in brown, being a change of colour and first time issued on script paper.—Philatelic Magazine.

LATVIA.—The Economist Stamp Co. send for mention a set of five values of oblong stamps 45mm long by 26mm wide, perf. 10, with the inscription in small letters at the base "Laikrakstu Parvada-jumu Samaksai." Figures of value are in each upper corner and in the centre the usual Coat of Arms with the words "Latvijas Dzelsceli." The values and colors are: 10s olive-gray, 15s red-lilac, 20s red-orange, 50s green and 1l yellow.

MAURITIUS.—We have received from the Economist Stamp Co., Mr. R. Roberts and Whitfield King & Co. copies of the 3c green, 8c orange and 10c carmine, King's Head type, script watermark.

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New GUINEA.—The Economist Stamp Co. call our attention to a new value in the current type. It is the 1 1/2p red-orange.

NYASALAND.—The 2sh blue and lilac on blue, script watermark, same design as the 1sh of the new set chronicled last week has been issued. Copies have been received from Mr. R. Roberts.

POLAND.—Two interesting new stamps are promised for early issue, viz.:—80gr, Portrait of Frédéric Chopin and 1zl, Portrait of new Polish President.—Stamp Collecting.

SAAR.—Mr. J. L. Riedel submits for chronicle a new 20c brown-red stamp of new design. It is oblong shape, perf. 13, and is the forerunner of a new series of fifteen different values. Mr. Riedel describes these stamps as "wonderful pictorials." Another correspondent advises that 10c and 30c will show the Fountain of St. Jean at Marche; the 15c and 75c, a view of the valley of the Saar at Guding; 20c and 40c, picture, Part of the Fortifications at Saarlouis; 25c, 50c and 5fr, the Abbey of Tholey with view of Schaumberg; 80c and 1fr have a scene of the Mine Pits and the 1fr 50c, 2 and 3fr "Burbacherhutte."

SAMOA.—Mr. R. Roberts advises that the 2sh and 3sh stamps of New Zealand, King George Admiral uniform type, have been overprinted in red, for use in this colony.

SEYCHELLES.—A new value has recently been issued. It is a 9c rose, script watermark. Mr. R. Roberts sends a copy for chronicle.

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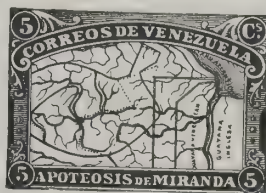
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Naturally, when one starts to study what map stamps can teach them they look to their own country first, and we find only the 10c Louisiana Purchase Issue, Scott's No. 327, with its story of the Louisiana Purchase in 1803 from Napoleon for \$15,000,000, carried through by Mr. Robert Livingston, then Ambassador to France. That map shows our country, but not North America, which we find depicted on a set of stamps, issued by the North American Telegraph Co. to frank their tolls, Scott's Nos. 3477-3484.

Canada was far reaching in this respect, issuing the two stamps, Scott's Nos. 82-83.

Newfoundland's one stamp shows in outline its entire country, Scott's No. 98. Mexico, fortunately, was not so ambitious, and she made no remarks on her two map stamps, Nos. 512 and 624.

It may seem odd that more map stamps have been issued by 14 different countries in the Western Hemisphere than in all the Eastern. But is this to be wondered at, when we realize that the people of these Western countries are far more concerned "about being on the map" than their older sisters of the Eastern Hemisphere?

In Central America we find more map stamps than in any other part of the World, for here we find those map stamps issued during the Seebeck Days by Nicaragua, to the number of 67, both in the general issues and her officials, Scott's Nos. 81-98i and 863-880i.

Then comes Costa Rica with her two beautiful stamps of 1923, with the map showing the Western Hemisphere and the head of Columbus, whom so many Western countries have delighted to honor, and his three caravels, Scott's Nos. 123 and 125.

Here we find Panama with her 130 map stamps, Nos. 1-83, 101-139, 151-162, 179-184, 196, 203, 205, 302, 341-346, 401-407, 431-435, 529-530, picturing two oceans and the Isthmus, celebrated because of the Canal.

The 18 Canal Zone stamps, Nos. 1-3, 9-15, 28-30, 46-48, on those of Panama, with the dark green stamp showing the relief map of the Zone, brings us to the single stamp of the Colombian Republic, Scott's No. 668, for which I had a long hunt—who has it used?

Brazil globes, Nos. 172-173, 215-217, 225-226, 234, and Argentina map stamps, Nos. 286-291, 308-309, 319, 629, are of interest, but the writer questions whether the former should be mentioned as map stamps.

Venezuela, in 1896, issued five stamps, Scott's Nos. 119-123.

Turning our faces North, we find the ten stamps of the Dominican Republic, Nos. 111-119, showing the Island with Haiti.

Cuba next adds its eight, Nos. 253-260. Crossing the Atlantic, we first reach the Azores, Nos. 74-77, with their four stamps surcharged on the Globe map stamps of Portugal, and the same four stamps, of course, by Portugal, Nos. 106-109.

Going North, we find three stamps with a figure that looks more like a bear than the map of Ireland, Nos. 46-48.

Belgium No. 53, Bulgaria 153 and Esthonia 76, each contribute one stamp to our collection.

Belgium's map is especially noticeable, as it is the tiniest of all shown, as well as the first issued (1884-5).

Bulgaria's is but an outline, while Esthonia's is nicely framed.

We find the Australian Commonwealth map stamps surcharged, North Western

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"WHAT NEXT?" ASKS MR. PHIL. ATLEE

By H. P. ATHERTON.

Did this jolly little query ever pop into your head when you had secured the last lone lingering standard catalog number in your pet country? It is a wonderful sensation, getting a fine specimen to fill the last vacant spot in your album pages. It has been done by many a collector, and in many of the countries. Collectors used to boast that they had one country complete; this was before the World War. They would open their album to Poland, where sure enough, right in the middle of the page would be a flat little narrow stamp, in pale blue and pink, now known as Poland No. 1. Yes, it was a complete collection—then.

They would turn back a few pages and bring to our gaze the three old friends in orange, blue and lake, the Ionian Islands, beautiful stamps, and rich colorings, yet there was a bit of regret always that we could not see a used copy. Some showed counterfeits, and never knew it, too. You hadn't the heart to tell them their prizes were "cft". There was lots of fun and rivalry in collecting in the old days, a stamp was a stamp in those days. Poland, however, has come to the front with a burst of speed since 1918, and in eight short years has put out over 225 postage stamps, and if their machinery doesn't get worn out completely, we will look for more issues right along.

But to get back to Mr. Atlee, who has been collecting about one year, and has just asked himself "What Next?", the occasion being the arrival of a peach of a copy of No. 15, the 5 shilling violet, "C C" of 1871, which completes his Jamaicas, tho he hopes to be able some day to replace a few of his "pineapples" with specimens that have a better color.

What next? How about U. S.? No, most of his friend collectors have too big a start on him. How about France and Colonies? Too many of them. Same with Germany, Gt. Britain, Portugal and Spain. How about the Windward Is-

lands? Good idea. There's quite a lot of these, too, even if he has got Jamaica complete. He is looking at his Jamaicas as he ponders the question.

One of the stamps is cancelled with "A01" in a sort of ellipse formed by a couple of short curved lines at each side, and three lines above and below. That must signify a town cancellation, and probably the most prominent one, as many other A01s appear. He drags down the family Atlas, and finds that Kingston is in the biggest letters of any of the towns shown on the map, and he rightly muses, "So this is Kingston," and this Jamaica collection is not anywhere near complete, for here is an A32 with nothing between it and A01, and it would be fun to try and fill in those missing towns. He makes it a point to write a collector friend that day ending with a request for "the dope" on the cancellations of Jamaica. His friend is one of those good and helpful scouts, who laboriously copies all the list from an English catalog and sends it back with "Why don't you get a catalog that shows what these cancels mean?"

Mr. Atlee is now at just the point many collectors are, he collects stamps; but he has neglected the studying of stamps. He gets busy with a piece of tracing paper, and goes all round Jamaica on a little map which he got from a friend who is employed in a steamship agency. He gets to know the ports, and the locations of towns in the interior.

His steamship friend pays him a call one evening, to find him busily engaged in drawing the outline of Jamaica on one of his album pages, with notes, and lists, and dots for towns. He tells him Jamaica is a wonderful vacation resort and pretty soon the S. S. friend is getting interested himself in the stamps, for he allows he can get lots of stamps with pictures of "that girl mixing bread" (he means "Arawak making Cassava") and

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The "What Next?" can best be answered by yourself.

Shades, perfs., and watermarks offer interesting study to many. If you like cancellations the field is vast in the larger countries. If you like used blocks there is still a chance to gather them. If you like covers, early ones, you may be surprised at the small amount of letter writing some countries have done.

Early covers from many small countries are surprisingly hard to secure, Bermuda, Bosnia, Bolivia, China, Corea, Cuba, Cyprus, Dominican Republic, Hayti, and right on down the list, countries having stamps that catalog little, cents rather than dollars, these are among our "hard-to-gets." The argument that covers take up too much room is rather laughable when applied to many of these countries, for if you get one, a whole album page is where it belongs.

Take any small country, say Guatemala; there are 20 stamps of the regular issues catalogued at a dollar or less,

mostly less, before 1886. Sounds easy to get some of these on cover; but it isn't. Once in a while a parrot cover shows up; but you are indeed fortunate to find one of these quetzals (they have just named their coin for this bird, too) sitting on a cover, and the early heads and the shields are almost impossible to find. Try any other small countries—same way.

There is always an answer ready for your "what next?" Philately is big, and it is intricate.

OUR BOOK AGENCIES

Elsewhere in this issue on the Junior Page will be found a complete list of our book agencies, and subscribers interested in philatelic literature should examine our publications, of which there are over forty. The list is not published each week because of the space necessary to give it publicity.

We are frequently asked as to the remaining stock of our Dictionaries. We now have on hand some 300 copies out of an edition of two thousand. It is not likely that the book will be reprinted and those who desire to secure this valuable publication should do so at once.

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NEW YORK PRECANCEL CLUB

On Saturday, Feb. 5, at the Hoovers', 35 W. 33 St., the New York Precancel Club was organized with the following officers:— Pres. F. F. Greeley; Vice Pres. F. B. Bohnet; Treas. H. F. Willcox; Sec. E. A. Burchard. Meetings will be held the first Friday night of each month at the Hoovers'. A precancel auction will be staged at each meeting. J. C. Smith of Minneapolis, Minn., was a visitor. The next meeting will be held March 4. For information write Mr. Burchard at 394 Rugby Rd., Brooklyn, N. Y.

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COLONIAL NOTES
By "CALABAR."
Dealers Offers are always of interest to those who follow the market in modern Colonials, as they show quite clearly what stamps are in demand at the moment, as well as those which are due for further rises. By far the greater number of dealers' offers are made in the British philatelic press, which is only natural, in view of the fact that the London market, so far as modern Colonials are concerned, is the most active. Amongst the stamps wanted, I note the Cayman 10s 1921, Gibraltar 8s 1912, Jamaica 3s 1920, Malta 5s 1914, and 2s6d 1919, St. Kitts ½d to £1 1923, and Tanganyika 10s and £1 wmk. sideways. All of these are very popular stamps, and whilst selling in each instance at a substantial margin over face, top prices are still to be reached.

Barbados—It is surprising how few offers one sees of the large Seal type 3s 1916 printing—the more striking when compared with the numerous offers of its companion stamp, the 3s 1918. Whilst Catalogue prices are about the same for the two (22s and 20s, respectively, in the 1927 Gibbons) the market values show a much greater variation, the bi-coloured printing fetching 12s6d, with the other bringing close to £1. (This variation between market values, by the way, is less noticeable in the United States than elsewhere.) At the present time, the earlier printing is well worth buying, if obtainable at any considerable discount from Catalogue quotations.

Elsewhere in the philatelic press has appeared a most interesting article, which clears up, once and for all, the misunderstanding surrounding the particulars of the sale of the 1s small Seal type script. Hitherto, it has been assumed that the greater part of the issue was bought up by two or three speculators, whilst a few were disposed of over the counter. This assumption is now proved quite erroneous, the true facts being as follows. On September 18, 1924, a resident stamp vendor purchased 2,100 copies from the Treasury, Bridgetown, where the stamps had been deposited following their arrival from London. The G.P.O., learning of this transaction, took over the remaining stock—3,870—which they then put on sale. Two orders had already been cabled from dealers abroad, but owing to the limited stock on hand, the G.P.O. was unable to supply these in full. Of the 3,870 copies taken over by the G.P.O., 1,620 were used in filling orders from abroad, whilst the remaining 2,250 were disposed of to local buyers.

One other point, which the above-mentioned article settles, is worthy of note. Readers will recall that the 1s MCA was on sale again after the script printing had become exhausted. This fact has raised the question, why was the 1s script put on sale?—on the surface of things, a very natural question. As in the case of many other recent Colonials, however, there is more here than meets the eye. On September 18th, i.e., the date on which the 2,100 copies of the 1s script were purchased by the stamp vendor, a small supply of the MCA 1s was on hand at the G.P.O. In the ordinary course of events, the G.P.O. would have sold out this small supply before taking over the script variety, but this they were unable to do. Once the Treasury commenced selling the 1s script, the G.P.O. was

automatically forced to begin selling this stamp themselves. The 1s script was completely sold out at the end of ten days' time, the MCA variety not becoming exhausted till the end of the year.

Solomon Islands Protectorate—The minor coloured paper varieties, e.g., 1s "experimental," 4d on lemon and pale yellow, &c., should be picked up whilst still obtainable cheaply, as these are bound to show a steady upward trend as time goes on.

Dominica—According to indications which have appeared recently in several quarters, the current 3s is well worth keeping an eye on during the next few weeks. Last November this particular stamp was "wanted for immediate cash" by a certain Continental dealer. This was highly significant, and showed quite clearly to those with knowledge of market activities that "something was up." Now comes the news that Gibbons' pricing is cancelled, proving fairly conclusively that the party making the above offer was in possession of certain well-founded information, and that we may look for things to begin happening very shortly. Whether this stamp is destined to repeat the performance of several other recent Colonials, e.g., Caymans 10s MCA, Turks 2s MCA, etc., is, at the time of writing, purely a matter of guess-work. At any rate, it will be well not to let slip the opportunity, in the face of these indications. Copies obtainable at the usual current issue rate are recommended as worth seizing on at once—Blocks of four being especially good, and likely to prove quite desirable property.

Gambia—The 5s current Pictorial type, old wmk., appears to be much scarcer than one would expect, \$4 being asked several weeks ago in the WEEKLY. This stamp, readers are aware, exists on two distinct papers, viz., yellow and pale yellow. The latter is much the better of the two, and at present is changing hands for as high as £1 5s on the British market; the former, whilst quoted at a lower figure, is showing a steady hardening, rising from 12s6d to 18s6d in little more than a month. Used copies, postmarked during the proper period, are exceedingly hard to find anywhere, and, needless to add, of considerable rarity.

Speaking of used Colonials, the only safe way to ensure one's getting used copies of the scarcer items, is to make a practice of buying all sets of the out-of-the-way Colonies on entires as soon as they appear (or else pasting the stamps on the envelopes and sending them out oneself). Once a stamp starts soaring, even those dealers who handle modern Colonials on entires are, nine times out of ten, completely sold out, if the stamp in question is from one of the Colonies with a small stamp-using population.

DEATH OF H. A. MOUNT

Just as we go to press we hear of the death of H. A. Mount, through a letter from Philip H. Ward, Jr. None of the details incidental to the loss of this friend of Philately are available and the sad news will come as a severe shock to those who knew him. He had been in apparently good health. His connection with the Washington, D. C., Philatelic Agency brought him many friends through his unfailing courtesy.

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AN ENTOMOLOGICAL REFORM

By C. E. R.

In those dear dead departed days of yore, when Prohibition Was merely a mild theory, and not a stern condition, There lived a man named Henry Jones, a most congenial soul, Whose greatest fault was too much love for the well-known Flowing Bowl. A kind and gentle heart he had, likewise a loving wife, And a wondrous stamp collection which he valued more than life. His worship was distributed among the trinity Of Hymen, Philatelia, and Bacchus, these same three; But while at first he favored none, at last it came about, As has been intimated, that John Barleycorn won out. Then, driven past endurance, his wife took measures stern To break his shackles, so that he might to her arms return. She took some small domestic bugs, of various handy sizes, And glued to ev'ry insect's back one of Hank's paper prizes; She put them in a fancy box, and left it full in sight, And Jones, when he came reeling home, discovered it all right. He lifted up the cover, and before his starting eyes A hundred stamps erupted, to his horrified surprise. Some flew, some crawled, some hopped about, and Jones, he feebly said; "My eyesh hash sure gone back on me, I guesh I'll go to bed." He sought his cot, closed those said eyes, prepared to pass the night In trying to forget that horrid, fear-inspiring sight Whose memories were making him a feeble-minded wreck, When all at once a stamp came up and bit him on the neck! (The thing he thought was guilty was a black stamp from Bavaria, But the veritable villain was a Cimex Lectularia!) This was too much, oh, much too much, for his whiskey-weakened will, He took the pledge, and he kept it, and I think he keeps it still. For if he ever trips, his wife brings to his recollection That awful night, when he was bitten by his own collection!

Probably these suggestions are not novel except to myself, nor of any value; but such as they are I give them freely.

RADIO AND STAMP COLLECTING

Clipping from L. F. Beuchel.

A clear voice emitted by a loud speaker awakened in a stamp collector instant mental activity: "We have just received a letter from the steamship Cathlamet, a United States Shipping Board vessel, telling us that our program was received clearly off Gold Coast last week. The letter was mailed from Acora, Gold Coast. This is Station KDKA, Pittsburgh."

Gold Coast—Gold Coast! Why, he had no stamp from Gold Coast; in fact, he had never heard of it! The atlas was consulted; yes, there it was—a coast colony of the British Empire, along the Gulf of Guinea, in Northwestern Africa.

Now, how could he get that stamp? Would the management of KDKA let him have it? he wondered.

The next day he called at the studio and explained to the director what he wanted; told of his lifelong love for stamps, of the conflict which had been going on in his interests, between stamp collecting and the radio.

The director listened understandingly. He, too, had taken a great liking to his hobby of saving rare stamps. He had a whole drawer full of letters from far-

off countries, commenting on the programs from the stations, and he had preserved intact all the envelopes with their queer stamps.

Opening the drawer of his desk, lifted out a handful of odd envelopes, all shapes and sizes. Some of them were addressed in English; others were written in angular Teutonic, with straight lines and few curves; some were back printed in vivid inks from the many nations of the globe.

The collector feasted his eyes on the envelopes. Ah! he breathed, here indeed was a treat. Many of the stamps on the envelopes were mates of ones in his collection, many were strange.

The Gold Coast stamp was on top; threepence postage and revenue stamp gray-blue with relief printing along the sides, and blue letters on white background at top and bottom. The classic profile of a bearded man might have been one of the Georges in primeval dress it might have been a tribal chieftain of the early Christian era; a Roman Senator.

After looking over the collection the stamp collector sighed; but it was a sigh of happiness. Sincerely he thanked the director for the happy hour, and promised to come back soon. * * * With him he proudly bore the gray-blue Gold Coast beauty homeward.

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CANCELS—ESPECIALLY SHIP

By SEVARD.

One is happy to see his old friends, the Canadian slogans, repeating for the 1927 season. SPORTS D'HIVER, PARCELS POST and ANNUITY slogans are coming along as usual.

A rather queer looking handstamp, resembling our 29mm grid, emanates from Cuba, P. I. The grid has been swayed out to the outer circumference of the handstamp making the left hand a straight line. Instead of a circle town, the legends are placed at will, with this addition: ADDRESS MAIL TO STREET AND NUMBER. As this is a quite unusual postal marking in every respect, one can't help bringing it to notice. In the United States, we have, and have had, a number of handstamps bearing slogans and Homestead, Iowa, has been using one for the past few years. One will recall the deluge of handstamp slogans in the rubber face ADDRESS YOUR MAIL TO STREET AND NUMBER in cuts exactly like machine cancel. The difference lay in the town mark which was either a 29mm or a 31mm circle instead of the 20mm large-town mark. As the rubber marks came from small towns, unfortunately they were called 4th Class Slogans.

OCEAN BEACH, N. Y., was original in rubber 4th class slogan. It read ADDRESS OCEAN BEACH VIA BAY SHORE, N. Y. and put OCEAN BEACH in the town mark. Detroit and Dubuque in 1st class marks also added their town names in machine slogans.

The U. S. S. Wyoming once varied its regular station names which should appear between the three heavy lines to the right of the town mark. The postal clerk inserted DON'T FORGET BOX No. which evidently was a needed admonition on board the ship.

And the earliest navy cancel we have is a 5c 1847, cancelled with a shield, showing the legend U. S. NAVAL LYCEUM with the representation of a frigate—'tis what I believe it is. This cancel was shown in the "American Philatelist" one month ago.

Someone asked us when the navy marks were first used. Our earliest dating that we find is Jan 3 1910, for the 31mm thin line regulations, and MAY 10, 1914, for the 31mm three-line interpolations mark. The earliest naval registration mark is MAY 24, 1914, although we have a SEA POST, JAN. 20, 1912. Of course, the Navy Yard marks are all much earlier, but we refer to the purely naval cancels, used on board ship. Even so, the marks are scarce enough to make us want to know if anyone has or has seen earlier marks than these?

We were under the impression, quite founded except on hearsay, that the present mark for naval ships was first used in 1914 for the Vera Cruz incident. Many have these, I know, but who has the earliest?

Full of pathos, the prodigal son came home and got a very frigid welcome from father. Thus runs the tale in THE SUMS OF BERLIN, a foreign moving picture shown in the United States. The old man was too busy with his stamps, and the picture shows him with a few volumes of stamps, a pair of stamp tongs, and a magnifying glass. And I'll wager

the card lying on the desk was his A.P.S. membership card. We liked the picture very much, especially the father as a stamp collector, even though he was sort of mean. Or perhaps he was plotting the early issues?

6071 is the highest meter number just now, which means that we may expect to see our lists from 5,800 to 6,000 completed within the next month. Our highest New York 4th class permit is 9188. Which all has absolutely nothing to do with stamps.

MILWAUKEE EXHIBITS

What promises to be the most successful exhibition yet given under the auspices of the Milwaukee Philatelic Society is now on in the Public Museum. Nearly 1,000 album pages or approximately 10,000 stamps are displayed in special frames and cases, all stamps being under glass. Almost every stamp-issuing country in the world is represented and while there is an exceptionally large and fine showing of U. S. in all its branches the British Colonies, Old Europeans and other "pets" have by no means been overshadowed nor pushed aside.

Aside from the general educational feature, the main idea has been to "sell philately to the individual" rather than to the public as a whole. Many of the 100 members of the M. P. S. are well known otherwise than as philatelists, and, with this in mind, every single one was asked to show at least six sheets bearing his name so that friends or acquaintances might realize that he actually "collects stamps." A membership roll of the M. P. S. is also prominently displayed and we have heard almost hourly "Say!—I didn't know he collected stamps!" and "I know Mr. —, —I'm going to look him up." The above schemes combined with a very generous amount of newspaper publicity have given the public much of interest, added to new collectors knowledge of "how it is done," and resulted in several applications for membership in both the local and national societies. Many "hermit" collectors who did not realize there was so much to be gained from meeting regularly with and exchanging views with fellow-hobbyists, have "seen the light." Running from February 15th to March 15th, it is bound to aid philately in Milwaukee in all ways.

There are two ideas back of philatelic exhibitions,—one, a competition between philatelists and the display of their "rarities" based on monetary value,—and, two, a philatelic display made up from the standpoint of interest to the general public, the beginner, and the collector who "hasn't 'em all yet." A happy medium of the two has been attained here. Our "show" is a success,—why don't YOU have one?—R. L. HUSTIS.

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The following circular has been distributed by the post office department: "Following its policy of cutting corners in transportation and expediting the delivery of mail,—a policy exemplified in the development of the air service,—the post office department has completed reciprocal arrangements during the past year with twenty-three foreign countries for the extension of special delivery service. Until a year ago, Canada was the only country in which the American business man could obtain special delivery of his letters. Within a short time similar arrangements are expected to be consummated with the remaining important countries in the Universal Postal Union. The fee for the service is twenty cents. Under the agreement, foreign mail is entitled to secure the same service in the United States. Business men in the western part of the United States are speeding up the movement of their foreign destined letters by using the air mail service. Some of them, however, are saving an additional business day in the country of destination by paying the foreign special delivery fee which insures expeditious delivery abroad. The countries which thus far have entered into the reciprocal agreement are as follows: Austria, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, France, Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Germany, Hungary, Irish Free State, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Panama, Poland, Portugal, Sweden and Switzerland." This progressive step will be welcomed as a practical convenience and it is hoped that full particulars as to the operation of the plan will be forthcoming.

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How are we to write the history of philately in America? It is time that someone should attend to this duty that becomes more difficult of fulfillment as the years slip by. There are few collectors living whose connection with philately was established, say, in 1865 and who continued their association with stamps up to the present; and each year the number of collectors whose lives have spanned that of stamp collecting grows smaller. While it is to be supposed that the man whose mind is rich in philatelic associations is best equipped to act as historian, it is fortunate that it is not necessary to depend alone on him for data. The stamp papers of the times reflect in their columns the news, problems and conditions of philately; and such papers as were published in the centers of collecting naturally recorded local news as well as general philatelic intelligence. Inasmuch, as much of our history revolves around philatelic life in collecting centers, it follows that on these printed pages, there is much material for historical preservation, when once it is collated and its importance gauged. If the stamp history of the whole country is a subject that seems too formidable for one student to compass, the alternative that suggests itself is that a number of writers concentrate on the histories of their respective cities. A history of philately from the beginning to today in any large city would prove to be a

compilation of interest as well as an archivist's roll. It is suggested that the local stamp societies discuss the propriety of instituting measures having for their objective, contributions of the kind. With libraries rich in the periodical literature at his command, the person with some degree of leisure and an inclination for investigation could work with good results.

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Every now and then, an old collector resumes his stamp occupation that may have been lain aside for years and a letter comes from him telling of the days when he was in his philatelic prime. Reminiscences should not be lost or forgotten and the philatelic historian of a city will fortify his position by interviewing those who are known to have participated in the activities of former years and incorporate in his chronicle those recollections that strike notes out of the ordinary. It may be imagined that the recorder could become enthusiastic about his work which, after all, would not cover a great number of years and which if once began would not lag for lack of interest of the historian in his task.

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We have spoken before of the need of a philatelic history and the receipt of an inquiry from Mr. Jason D. Shumway, London, England: "Where may I obtain a history of philately in America?" prompts our present utterance. The proposed history would show the progress of the pursuit in a way to impress the collector and the outsider alike, and even the dissenters would be impressed by the material success that stamp collecting has

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commanded. The romance of the growth of philately makes a fascinating story. It is almost unbelievable that in 18 when the New York Ledger, which Robert Bonner made famous in his day, was hailed in so many hearths where words were accepted as final could tell what "philately" was. The mass mind of the Ledger's correspondent column admitted that he was floored by the question and said: "We have searched cyclopedias and dictionaries in vain, and can find no trace of 'Philately.'" means a friend of something, but what that something is, is the thing that puzzles us. The ately part of the word, neither Latin, Greek, French, German, Italian, Spanish or Hebrew, and admits of no interpretation as a noun substantive in either of those languages. Perhaps it is Sanscrit or Chinese. Write Koopmanschop, of San Francisco, and maybe he can enlighten you." The construction of the word, philately, is not too happy, but that fact does not explain the editor's ignorance, which was due to the fact that philately's flame flickered fitfully in those days.

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The following clipping from the Chicago Tribune is handed in and is appropriate at this season of the year when Lincoln is so much in mind: "Joe Drinkwater has also acquired a new hobby, which is nothing less than an extremely old one—namely, the collecting of postage stamps. His collection, however, is not the ordinary affair of a small boy, as he is specializing in the stamps of the United States, which are some of the most beautiful issues in the world, as well as the most interesting. It would be delightful to know the hobbies of more of our distinguished writers." Drinkwater has commenced himself to us because of his reverence for Lincoln and his play on the subject of the great personage stands forth as masterly and appreciative handling of the theme. In our opinion, the stamp showing Lincoln's features embraces an important place in a collection of Lincoln material and it is certain that Drinkwater emphasizes this aspect of his specialized collection of U. S. stamps.



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On Feb. 3 we received two applications for membership in our Honor Club. One was from Royce Robertson, of Gardena, Cal., and the other from M. D. Meiser, 687 W. Lexington Av., Elkhart, Ind. Mr. Robertson includes in his check, \$1 additional for a new subscription for a friend, which makes his application doubly welcome. Mr. Meiser remarks that we have but a small number of Honor Club members from Indiana and he desires to swell this state's list of members.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

PORT ORANGE, N. Y., STAMP CLUB
The Exhibition Committee for the Port Orange Stamp Club has just provided a fine program in connection with the exhibition held during the week of Feb. 21, in the Rotunda of the Educational Building at Albany, N. Y. The stamp exhibits were classified according to chronological and historical interest. On the evening of Feb. 22, Dr. James Meyer, state librarian, addressed the Club. "The 3c U. S. Imperforate of 1851." The collection of Theodore Horton was exhibited and used to illustrate the many interesting varieties. March 1 there will be a talk on "U. S. Commemoratives" with exhibition by Mr. Conley.—CHESTER J. MOORE.

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WALTER C. RITTER sends us a clipping from the *Knickerbocker Press* in which is printed the news that the Oneida County (N. Y.) Historical Society has petitioned Congress to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the defeat of the Burgoyne campaign that resulted in the setting up of the U. S. as a nation. This society goes the ordinary publicity campaign one better in that it asks for four different 2c issues. It claims that this would be an "educational stamp issue." Evidently the time has arrived when philatelic societies should let Washington know that the postal department should not be used for advertising purposes.

FROM Mr. Ritter we also learn that the Fort Orange (N. Y.) Stamp Club held an exhibition during the week of Feb. 21. The plan of the exhibition is quite extensive and we shall be very glad to give a report of the event.

ANYONE interested in airflight covers should write to Arthur Barger & Co., 839 Beacon St., Boston, Mass., for the current number of the Flying Salesman published by that firm. It is a very comprehensive list.

HERMAN TOASPERN addressed the New Haven Philatelic Society's mid-winter meeting, February 8, in a downtown restaurant before two score members. A midnight lunch was enjoyed before sending Brother Toaspern

back to New York by a late train. The New Haven Society, M. Ray Sanborn of Yale Library, president, and Earl A. Young, Sec.-Treas., sent a letter of congratulation to former member Ireland because of his work on the New Haven postmaster issue.—R. T. BULKELEY.

FLINT, Mich., will entertain Saturday, April 9. Bourse at 3.30 P. M., banquet at 6.30 and an auction at 8. Collectors and nearby clubs are invited to attend. Over a hundred collectors will be in attendance and make this a real meeting. Reservations and auction catalogs should be secured from Irving C. Root, Sec., 211 W. Newall St.

"IN the March issue of the *Blue Book Magazine* is a story dealing with postage stamps entitled, "Salvage" by Stephen Hopkins Orcutt, which is worth reading. The main plot hinges on stamps.—FRANK BENNETT.

F. J. Hagan, Bishop, Cal., has in his possession some A.E.F. covers bearing a blue official notice from Statistical Division 8, A.E.F. Interested parties will please communicate with Mr. Hagan, who wishes to know concerning the rarity of covers of this kind.

DEATH OF G. F. RAPKIN

We learn from the British press with deep regret of the death of G. F. Rapkin, which occurred Feb. 1. Mr. Rapkin's name is a philatelic household word in its association with albums and other philatelic accessories. Our relations with him have always been most pleasant and satisfactory and his death is a distinct loss to World philately. We shall later publish a more extended notice.

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Junior Gossip

—A Junior Stamp Club has been organized at the Central High School, La-Crosse, Wis. It has twenty-five active collectors. F. W. Pederson thus informs us.

—George W. Mayo writes us an interesting letter concerning a junior club of stamp collectors at the Masonic Home at Franklin, Ind. Quite recently the membership consisted of three adult members, thirty-nine boys from 9 to 18, and three girls about 12. Mr. Mayo has been sponsor for the club and writes enthusiastically concerning stamp collecting as a hobby for juniors.

—Karl D. Ebers.—If you will write to Dr. Evans he will no doubt be able to give you the information you desire in regard to railway post offices.

—Lee Hoover informs us that the Oregon Journal of Portland, Ore., has a stamp club called the Oregon Journal Junior Stamp Exchange, with a membership of one hundred. The Beaver Stamp Club of Portland has adopted this junior club instead of starting a junior department.

—Edward Sandell (12) sends us a limerick which has merit, but not quite sufficient to warrant our using it. However, we appreciate Edward's interest in our Junior Page.

—From Moose Jaw, Sask., Can., comes a letter in which Lewis Broatch enters a criticism of those who would dictate what others shall collect. Lewis makes a good argument for general collecting and without a doubt nearly every stamp collector is a general collector until he has arrived at the stage where he prefers to specialize.

—Bertram Balthis calls our attention to the fact that an interesting anniversary will soon be here. March 3, 1847, was the date when stamps were first issued in the United States.

—F. B. M.—Your stamp with one edge imperforate is not unusual. The stamp is imperforate horizontally as you have described it.

—Two essays have been received that are meritorious but not enough so for us to print them. One is by F. B. McMahon, Tarrytown, N. Y., on San Marino, and the other by Eugene H. Funke, St. Louis, Mo., on the Trans-Mississippi issue. Will our Juniors accept the suggestion not to place too much dependence upon the catalog in preparing their essays?

—In connection with the Staten Island Institute of Arts and Sciences a stamp club for juniors meets every Monday at 3:30 o'clock. Mrs. P. A. Bonney assisted by Miss Anna King have charge of the club. The Institute is located at the Museum, Stuyvesant Place and Wall St., Staten Island. Mrs. Bonney advises us of the activities of the club and sends us a complete list of the membership for us to sample copy.

Postfaerge

We are very much gratified at the large number of answers that have been received to our POSTFAERGE contest. We supplement the list published last week with the following names, also prize winners:—

Clarence Hartis, Allen Harding, Walter Lang, J. Raymond White, Wesley L. Furste 2nd, (11), George Todd, Teddy Platt, Donald Favor, H. M. Faser Jr. (16), R. A. Bowman Jr., David Q. Weaver, Kazuo Sakaue, Kathleen Petersen (12), Mary Elizabeth Phillips (12).

My Dream — A Limerick

The postmarks were green, blue, and red,
Letters of the long ago dead;

My fortune is made,
My collection's "A" grade;—

But just then I fell out of bed.

KENNETH MARKHAM (12).

Sewing Machine Perforations

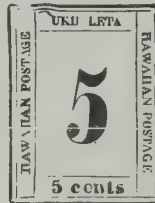
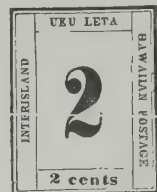
Sewing machine perforations are perforations to be found upon stamps which have either been actually applied by running the sheet through a sewing machine or have received indentations similar in appearance to those that have been run through a sewing machine. The only United States stamps that I recall with such perforations are several revenues of the Civil War period. The perforations were not applied officially but it is believed that the stamps were actually issued in imperforate condition and the sewing machine perforation was applied after they had left the possession of the Department.—PHILIP WARD, JR.

The Junior's Dictionary

Ukraine.—The region of the middle Dnieper Valley from the marshes of Pinsk to the cataracts below Ekaterinoslav. As a result of the great war Ukraine became an independent republic.

Ukrainska Narodna Republika.—An inscription shown on the stamps of Ukraine, meaning "Ukrainian Peoples Republic."

Uku Leta.—An inscription shown upon all of the numeral stamps of the Hawaiian Islands signifying "paid letters."



Unissued.—These are stamps prepared for use and in some instances even distributed to post offices and then, for some reason or other, never placed in circulation.

United States of America.—Issued its first governmental postage stamps on August 5, 1847, though the postmasters of some cities anticipated this important step by issuing stamps under their own authority one or two years previously.

"United We Stand, Divided We Fall".—The motto shown upon the stamps issued by the postmaster of St. Louis in 1845.

Unio Catalogne.—Certain small labels bearing this inscription and a nondescript device were issued in 1919 to raise funds for the cause of Catalonian self-government. They were not postage stamps, and the Spanish government quickly applied a quietus.

Union Postal Universal.—An inscription shown on certain stamps of Colombia, Nicaragua, etc., to show those countries are members of the Universal Postal Union.

Uno official.—These are varieties which never received official sanction, such as the "Susse" perforation on early French stamps, the roulettes on the triangular stamps of the Cape of Good Hope, etc.

Origin of Countries' Names

(Insert in Your Album)

Tasmania was discovered by a Dutch navigator, Tasman, 1642, and by him named "Van Diemen's Land," in honour of his patron.

Turks Island is so named because the island abounds with a certain cactus, the *melocactus communis*, known as the "melon-thistle," "Turk's-cap," and "Turk's head," from the appearance of the head of the plant. The Turks came originally from Central Asia, and were known to the Chinese as Hiung-nu, and as Tu-Kiu, of which latter word the name Turk is said to be a corruption, and also to mean "brave, fierce." A probable derivation because the Tu-Kiu, from a very small tribe, became a great empire.

Vancouver is named after George Vancouver, an English navigator, who explored the island in 1792.

Zanzibar.—In the eighth and following centuries small Arab States, called Zeng

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A Precancel Limerick

John J. Fitzgibbons sends in a limerick that falls on good ground. The editor recognizes it as a good publicity stunt but we fall for it right away. We shall print all the precancel dope that we can lay our hands on. Jack, your limerick wins a stamp award:—

To the one who edits this page I say,
Some news on precancels would surely pay.
Though the game is new,
It should have its due,
So do not, forsooth, reply with a "nay".

JOHN J. FITZGIBBONS.

Junior Glossary

Original Gum (o.g.).—The gum as applied to the back of a stamp at the time of its manufacture.

Overprint.—Something printed on the face of a stamp after the stamp was completed, either an inscription or device, the name of another country.

Pair.—Two unsevered stamps.

Pane of Stamps.—Sheets of stamps are frequently divided into sections or panes by means of horizontal or vertical (often both) margins.

PERFORATION.—**Clean Cut.**—Denotes that the holes are well cut out.

Comb.—A machine which perforates three sides of each stamp in a row at the same time.

Harrow.—A machine which perforates a block or sheet of stamps at one operation.

Machine Perforation.—Rows of holes punched between the stamps, the small round pieces of paper being cut out.

Perforation.—(Perf., Pl.). First devised by Henry Archer, in 1852, as a more convenient mode of separating stamps than cutting them apart with scissors. It consists of small rows of holes punched out from between the stamps to facilitate their separation.

Pin Perforation.—A row of small holes, merely pricked between the stamps without removing any paper.

Rough.—When the holes are not clean cut, but ragged.

Roulette.—A line of short cuts, either straight, oblique, or triangular, punched between the stamps. A primitive form of perforation.

Single Line or Guillotine.—A machine which perforates one vertical or horizontal row at a time.

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MARKET IN MODERN COLONIALS
Batoums.—We are always willing to deal in these notes with queries concerning Modern Colonials, but sometimes points are raised that it is difficult to reply to accurately. A reader recently asked the face value of the Batoum note as on the stamps of that country, and whether the stamps are still available for postage there.
 I believe the paper rouble it represents has been demonetised, as it has been in the Soviet Republic. At the time the stamps were issued it was about 1d or 2d. Any reader can send along more accurate information, we may be able to do it.

Off Centred Stamps.—Another query is propounded by a correspondent as to the relative value of well centred and off centred modern stamps. Is a subscriber to a new issue service entitled to return stamps that are not well centred? he asked. No, sir! I think not, unless some special agreement to that effect exists.
 Dealers cannot sell stamps in better condition than are issued by the post office. In certain stamps quite a proportion are more or less off centre. It is also as well to sound a note of warning against the fastidiousness on this question. Firstly any stamps are mathematically exact in their centring, but provided the perforation does not actually or almost approach on the design, the collector need not grouse.
 It is chiefly in certain rarities where the design is appreciably smaller than the stamp itself that a substantial difference in market price occurs, as in the high value Malas and St. Kitts Tercentenary, of the 10sh Malta, an off centre copy of which recently sold for about the previously mentioned figure.
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But there are a number of others, including the 2s6d Dominica, old design, on script paper.		
In France, also, with the franc going below 150 to the £1, many stamps are fetching appreciably higher prices than here, especially in the group of Modern Colonials so popular there, such as the Mediterranean Colonies. In a recent bargain price list, issued by a Paris dealer, the writer noted the following:		
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All these show the world trend of prices in Modern Colonials, and with the depressed trade conditions in this country, many fine pieces are making prices here below the average, and are, incidentally, leaving the country.

For those who have the courage and foresight to invest now while prices are relatively low here, there is no cheaper market than London at the present time.
 —*Philatelic Magazine.*

FINDS INSIDE OF COVERS

By W. W. MACLAREN

The specialist, upon being shown a 3c '51 or a "penny black" instinctively reaches for his glass. The experienced stamp hunter just as naturally holds every cover to the light. Why? Because he hopes to find something some one had forgotten. Handling many thousands of covers every year, many and curious are the things found in them. Perhaps the most common is a sample of cloth—mother or daughter was making a new dress, and wanted the other to see what the material was like.

Then there are the news clippings, usually a death or obituary notice, a verse of poetry, or a brief personal mention from the town paper.

One Confederate cover from a soldier at the start of the war now in my collection, apparently had a stamp in it, judging by its appearance, but when shaken out it proved to be a piece of paper folded up the size of a postage stamp on which was written "sample of camp fleas"—now we call them "cooties." I opened it very carefully, as I did not want any of them to get on me, but would you believe it? Every one of them was dead—evidently for sixty years or more.

Shin plasters, small scrap pictures, a small valentine, invitation card or folder—these are amongst the commoner things found.

Those things of especial interest to a stamp collector consist usually of unused postage stamps, meant for return postage, or occasionally a small remittance. I have found quite a number of mint copies of 3c '57 and '61, including several

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pairs, and one beautiful vertical strip of three 3c '61, with the top and left sheet margins intact. Not at all common, but occasionally found, especially with Confederate covers, are the turned envelopes, with stamp, etc., of course, inside.

Frequently the stamp has been removed—you can imagine my grief at finding one such, from which a pair of 5c '47 had been peeled, leaving just enough of the stamps to show what they were.

One of the best turned covers in my collection has a 3c '61 on outside, and a 2c Black Jack inside, the envelope having first been used for local mail. Most of those I have kept have either 3c '51 or 10c Confederate on both sides.—*The Stamp Hunter.*

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"There was originally one sheet of sixty, but half of the sheet was destroyed; twelve unused copies and one postally used copy are known; seventeen more are supposed to have been used for telegraph purposes of which eleven or twelve have turned up."

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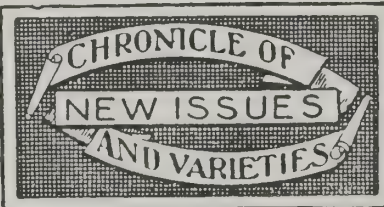
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United States

Washington Notes

As mentioned previously, the 2c, 3c and 10c rotary prints, perforated 11x10 1/2, have made their appearance in both unused as well as precancelled condition. I am now informed that the 1 1/2c and 5c have been distributed from the Bureau in precancelled condition, and that these two values will appear through the Agency possibly before these notes reach the public. The perforating machines for producing these stamps are gradually being changed and in a short time the rotary sheets of one hundred, perforated 10, will be a thing of the past.

So far the new perforations in the case of the 3c have been from plates 18445 and 18446 and the 10c plates have been numbers 18614 and 18615.

As our readers appreciate, the imperforate stamps heretofore have been issued in order that they might be made up into special coils by the manufacturers of vending and affixing machines. The imperforate sheets from the rotary press delivered here of late to these people have been unsatisfactory, due to the large gutters between panes, which have resulted in coils which cannot be used in their machines. Rather than furnish further flat plate stamps, the

Department has been considering the advisability of making up coils of three thousand subjects with the gum side out, with the usual perforations as heretofore, namely, perforated 10. These coils, however, will differ from the normal in that one or two perforations have been left out at the edges for strength. If they are finally furnished in this condition, there will no doubt be two denominations, namely, the 1 1/2c and 2c. It is doubtful if the 1c will be coiled in this manner unless, of course, the postal rates are changed, making necessary the extensive use of the 1c denomination.

The attention of our readers was recently called to the fact that the Department had asked postmasters to return to Washington for redemption the 8c, 16c and 24c air mail stamps in their possession. The supplies are gradually reaching Washington and are being destroyed. A substantial supply, however, will be retained by the Philatelic Agency in order to take care of the requirements of collectors and dealers. No more of the 15c air mail stamps will be printed but those now in the hands of postmasters will not be recalled.

The Philatelic Agency at Washington is still about ten days behind in their work and it is my personal impression that a great amount of trouble, as well as delay, is caused by the fact that the Agency is handling envelopes. The average order calls for one of each kind, which necessitates the picking out of from thirty to fifty varieties and figuring them up on the basis of their face value plus the fractional value of each envelope, which results in an unusual amount of labor. It is at times as difficult to fill one envelope order as it would be to fill ten or twelve normal adhesive stamp orders. The demand for this stationery is not great and if the handling by the Agency was entirely eliminated, it would decrease the number of complaints which have been received in the past due to the slow delivery of stamps ordered. The Agency has not the facilities for

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handling the many sizes, dies, knives and the like, consequently the collector or dealer may obtain very little better service from the Agency than he might from his own post office. The elimination of the sale of this stationery would hardly cause any inconvenience and would facilitate the delivery by the Agency of regular orders.

Under date of February 14th, the Information Service of the Post Office Department announced that reciprocal arrangements have been made with the following countries covering the delivery on arrival of special delivery mail. Reason such foreign mail in addition to regular postage is 20c for the special delivery service, which will cover the prompt handling of the mail both in this country as well as prompt delivery at destination. The countries in question are: Austria, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, France, Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Germany, Hungary, Irish Free State, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Panama, Poland, Portugal, Sweden and Switzerland.

Navy 24c "Sepcimen" Error

The *American Journal of Philately* for February records the finding of the Navy with "Sepcimen" error overprinted.

Cancellations

Rev. J. Dreyer and Mr. Herman V. Boers kindly mailed covers from Springfield, Ill., the birthplace of Lincoln, Lincoln's birthday, February 12th last, where the efficient and wide awake postmaster arranged for a special postmark printed in blue in two lines reading "Lincoln's Birthday, February 12."

Mr. LeGrand Payne sends a cover from Lincoln, Ind.

Canal Zone

Mr. P. K. Stone has submitted for inspection a single copy on part cover the 2c perf. 10 rotary overprinted "Canal Zone" in the second type with the point "A's." This is the first rotary star overprinted for the Zone that has come to my attention, but no doubt others will appear in due order, for the manufacture of the flat plates on the denomination from 1c to 10c inclusive, have been discontinued and there is no possibility of more such plates being made. I am inquiring of Washington as to what other denominations from the rotary press have been overprinted.

Philippines

Mr. F. R. Jellerman has shown me a pair of the current 2 centavos, green

CORK-CARVERS

vs.

ENGRAVERS

THE JACK-KNIFE ARTISTS

THE ENGRAVERS

As Philately has developed in America during the past few years is is a question whether the place of honor, among stamp makers, goes to the cork-carvers or the engravers.

Canton, Miss., or Waterbury, Ct.

Of the cork-carvers two were and are pre-eminent. They were the lads who used the pen-knife and then the easily accessible champagne corks. The gentleman from Canton, Miss., seems to have been the only man in the post-office department of the 1850's to have produced a whole series of complicated design. His Canton lyre is a household word among those who like stamps or covers with strange "killers", or obliterations. There were two types of the lyre, one rather coarse and stodgy, the other a thing of ethereal beauty (with obvious apologies to B. L. D.) Then there came a series of open stars, of geometrical designs, and a weird PAID 3 in blank letters centered in a blob of black. After the lyre the most desired of these cancellations is the I. O. O. F., post mark with its three links at the top over crossed arrows. Even the Canton, Mi., town canc. is desirable either in black or red, and also the nice little circular red grid which ties some stamps to the covers of the Carroll-Hoy and Buchanan-Carroll correspondence. We have a very nice lot of these Canton, Mi., covers from the Dr. Carroll Chase collection of 3c 1851's. Among other nice things from this lot we have a LIVINGSTONE, TEXAS, with a beautiful PAID in oval on the stamp, some lovely red, green, brown and blue town cancellations, and some scarce railroads and carriers. One cover with a strip of four '55 printing and a strip of four '56 shade from Auburn, Calif., makes a nice item.

The second great jack-knife artist hailed from Waterbury, Ct. Of his masterpieces we usually have a few nice things in stock. Our classified stock of cancellations from 1847 to date is probably the most extensive in existence.

Only on the 1851 issue of United States stamps do we find any extensive work of retouching. It is this work makes the 1c, 3c, 10c and 12c stamps of 1851 so popular with studious collectors throughout the world. Until recently it has been almost impossible for the dilettante to understand and to intelligently collect these very interesting varieties. However, since the completion of Dr. Carroll Chase's monumental work on the 3c stamps of 1851, and the important monograph by Stanley Ashbrook on the 1c stamps of the same issue, it is a simple matter to form a useful acquaintance with these stamps. Col. Tracy has done a great deal to simplify acquaintance with the 12c black, its shifts, recuts, etc., and there is extant a useful article on the 10c green.

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Many minor varieties of the foregoing stamps are as yet sadly neglected. The scarcity of the "full shells" from the bottom row of Plate 1 of the 10c cataloging only \$12.50 should rank nearer the Type 1a of the 1c from the bottom row of Plate IV, cataloging \$125. Many interesting varieties of shifts, errors of recutting, and combinations or recutting are still uncataloged and well worth digging into from the standpoint either of the student or the speculator.

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perforated 11, in which one stamp showed a very distinct re-entry or what we generally call a double transfer. Almost the entire stamp was double.

BAHAMAS.—Mr. R. Roberts sends for chronicle copies of the 4p orange, which is a much different shade than the last issue. The former color was more of a yellow orange, while this is a deep orange shade.

BELGIUM.—The following new values are momentarily expected: 30c mauve, 50c rose, 90c grey-blue, 10fr green, 20fr rose. Gibbons Monthly Journal describes a used strip of the 25c violet, current type, in which one stamp shows four stars on the collar instead of three, the fourth star being in a line with, and immediately above, the two right-hand stars. The additional star is stated to be as clearly formed as the others.

Parcel Post.—M. Gisquiere reports receipt of four new high values in the "Chemins de fer" (presumably 1923-24 transverse oblong) type, viz.: 6fr brown, 7fr yellow, 8fr brown and 9fr lilac.—Stamp Collecting.

FRANCE.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the appearance of the 65c Sower type, in green.

HONDURAS.—We have received from Whitfield King & Co. copies of the 2c carmine, No. 185, and 2c carmine, No. 175, surcharged "Habilitado 1926" in two lines in green. Our correspondent informs us that the latter stamp is in sheets of 100 surcharged 50 at a time, the right hand portion of the sheet being printed the reverse way to the left hand portion so that the two centre rows are tête bêche pairs. They have also received a new Air Post stamp, 50c blue, large size, showing an aeroplane in flight over the great Cordilleras. The stamp is inscribed in a tablet at the top "Porto por expreso aero" and in a tablet at the base of the stamp "Central American Air Lines, Honduras, C. A.". These stamps are printed in small sheets of four with margins all round, each sheet being numbered, whilst on the back of

the stamp is a rubber stamp impression with the date "Dec. 19, 1926."

HUNGARY.—According to L'Echo de la Timbrologie, five denominations of the air mail set of 1924-5 are about to be employed as provisional Postage Dues, thus:—

1fr on 500k yellow-green and green.
2fr on 1,000k brown and bistre.
3fr on 2,000k blue and deep blue.
5fr on 5,000k mauve and violet.
10fr on 10,000k purple and carmine.

These will be followed by 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 32, 50 and 80 filler values in the definitive Postage Due type of last year.—Stamp Collecting.

ITALY.—The handsome pictorial issue emitted in aid of the much discussed "Fascist Militia" was printed in the following quantities:—40+20c, 200,000; 60+30c, 200,000; 1.25+60c, 100,000; 5.00+2.50l, 100,000, says Champion's Bulletin.—Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.

JAPAN.—Mr. E. Y. Teramoto tells us that the current 1 yen stamp, printed 50 to a sheet, instead of 100 to the sheet as are all the sen values, has hitherto been perforated either 10 3/4 or 12 by single-line machine. Now it is to be perforated 13x13 1/2 (comb).

He states that the paper used for stamp booklets of 1 1/2 and 3 sen has been improved recently, the quality being that of the 3 sen stamps printed on the Goebel machine.—Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.

NEW GUINEA.—Referring to the new denomination reported last issue, 1 1/2p brick red, this stamp was engraved and printed by the Commonwealth Treasury at Melbourne.

PORTUGAL.—Our Oporto correspondent, Mr. C. J. Chambers, reports having received a new 4c due from the Mint on January 9th:—Postage Due, 4 centavos grey-green.—Stamp Collecting.

RUSSIA.—In a recent letter received from the Russian Stamp, Coin and Art Collection Co., they advise that the 10 kopec stamp for Russian Children's Relief, 1926, on watermarked and unwatermarked paper, has already been

announced, but a 20 kopec stamp in blue has been issued recently and are also two types, with and without watermark. The complete issues number only 400,000 stamps and are semi-postal charity stamps for general use in Russia and for foreign mail. The design has been made by the artist, Kuprianoff. The 10 kopecs from each stamp is to be used for Children's Relief. Besides the Post Office of the Soviet Union these stamps are being sold in local administrative centres, governmental departments, banks and by postmen. As mentioned these stamps are valid for ordinary registered mail leaving the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics for any country that is included in the International Postal Union.

VIRGIN ISLANDS.—Mr. R. Roberts advises of the issuance of the 1p violet, and the 1 1/2p red, both on script watermarked paper. The latter value is a new one for this colony.

JANUARY SUBSCRIPTIONS

January was a very busy month with new subscriptions. No fewer than eleven dealers sent in more than ten subscriptions each, and we are extremely gratified with the showing. First honors to the month go to the Hawkeye Stamp Co. for 27 subscriptions, and the Anchor Stamp Co. follows with 19. There is a newcomer this month in the Johns Stamp Co. of Jamestown, N. Y. The firm has sent in 18 subscriptions during January. The following have ten or more to their credit for the past month:—

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Now that the Exhibition is a thing of
the past and one can coolly consider the
reception Aero Philately received there,
it seems fitting that we who are con-
cerned with the future of this interesting
and rapidly growing hobby should go on
record as to the treatment accorded to Air-
mail collectors there; not in the spirit of
harsh criticism but with a desire to show
what should be done in the future, in or-
der that such collectors may feel that it
is worth while for them to exhibit. For
it is obvious that in most of the Exhibi-
tions within the last two or three years,
the Airmail collectors, through ignorance
of what Aero Philately is, has not re-
ceived just consideration.

To begin with it was only after much
protesting that Airmails were given a
section by themselves; after having been
classed in the first program with "Phil-
atelic Stationery" and other odds and
ends, and then was only given two
classes e. g. Unused Stamps and used
on covers, with no recognition of the va-
rious special classifications made by col-
lectors. Moreover, even when the final
classification was made stamps were con-
sidered more important than the Flown
Covers, as was shown by the fact that a
Gold Medal was offered for stamps and
only a Silver-gilt for Flown Covers.

Moreover, having invited entries from
Airmail collectors the world over the
committee then failed to place on the
Jury any Judges familiar with this special-
ty. It is true Mr. Fred Melville inter-
ested in Air Stamps from the beginning,
was on the Jury, but he was not given
any part in judging Airmails. Every
other specialty was provided for by quali-
fied judges. Why not Air Mails?
Surely such collectors had a right to ex-
pect the same treatment as was accorded
to other specialties. To make matters
worse the Chairman of the Jury recog-
nized its inability to handle this judging,
since just before the opening of the Show

he told one of the Exhibitors that there
would be no difficulty in judging stamps
but they did not know anything about the
covers and every one that was competent
whom they might get, was exhibiting.
He was told the names of several people
present at the Exhibition who were well
versed in Airmails but judging from the
results, their advice was not asked for.
It seems to Airmail collectors from past
experience, and it is true abroad as well
as in this country, that there is a pro-
nounced tendency on the part of the regu-
lar Stamp Collector to treat Aero Philately
as an unimportant newcomer that
will probably soon disappear from the
Philatelic world and even when recog-
nizing its existence they try to apply to
the collecting of Flown Covers the same
standards as they do to stamps—appari-
tly ignorant of the fact that while akin
to Philately, Aero Philately depends not
on the stamps but upon the cancellations
and cachets which prove that they have
been carried on historic and interesting
flights, thus recording progress in the
conquest of the air and proving the value
of the Aeroplane in the transportation of
mails over long distances.

Hence, the lack of open-mindedness
towards something new and this igno-
rance of the principles of Aero Philately
are both responsible for the many mis-
takes made in the classification of exhi-
bits and their judging at the Show. For
example, an exhibit of "Rarities" which
included a number of valuable Flown
Covers and only about twelve rare stamps
in singles, strips, and blocks, was placed
in a class devoted to stamps alone and
was actually given a medal. It was igno-
rance which failed to give any recog-
nition to a complete and carefully an-
notated collection of Pigeon Post
covers of New Zealand which showed
scholarly Philatelic research. Above all,
in the section for Flown Covers, through
ignorance, the judges were unable to
rightly estimate the relative value of
great rarities and were carried away by
admiration for some truly beautiful and
artistic mountings, giving a first place
to a collection which rightly should have
come in after three others. It was lack
of interest that allowed the Airmail Col-
lections to be separated, so that part were
mounted in one corner of the Hall and
another lot in the farthest removed other
corner.

Still another matter for criticism was
the fact that Section 4, for Commercial
Flights and Section 6, First Day Flights,
were merged into Section 6, although
Section 4 was clearly intended for Con-
tract Airmail Covers. Yet with the
merging of seven entries in the Class
only two prizes were given, and Mr.
Dinnebier's complete and beautifully
mounted exhibit of Contract Airmail
covers received no recognition whatever.

One of the outstanding exhibits at the
New York Show to which we feel enough
notice has not been given, was that of the
Przemysl Siege covers exhibited by
A. D. Von Arx of Switzerland. It
was unfortunate that it was placed in
competition with two very remarkable
exhibits of Paris Siege covers or it
would undoubtedly have received a Gold
Medal. His exhibit shown in four
frames was arranged historically begin-
ning with the covers flown during the
first Siege, which are very rare, and then
those covers flown during the second
Siege by Aeroplane and Balloon. The
exhibit was practically complete in va-
rieties of color and surcharges, and was
accompanied by a great deal of historical
information, so that the whole exhibit
showed a good deal of painstaking re-
search and he should be highly recom-
mended for the contribution he has made
to this field of Aero Philately about
which not much has hitherto been known.
He has written a brief account of these
Siege covers and we hope shortly to be
able to publish it in our paper.

Surely such facts give Airmail Collec-
tors a right to protest and we feel that
as the only definite Airmail Organiza-
tion in this country we should come for-
ward and voice our feelings. Not that
anything can be done regarding the past,
that is over, but so that future exhibi-
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Modern colonials on entire are frequently criticised on the grounds that they are practically "cancelled to order," having been pasted on envelopes and sent out to the colony for no other reason than to receive the postmark. Now, whilst this is quite true, the nature of the stamps themselves, I think, is sufficient to justify this procedure whatever its offense in the eyes of the philatelic purists. To remove successfully coloured paper and chalked surface varieties from the original envelopes is exceedingly difficult without harming the colour or the paper. Probably this very fact accounts for the disfavour with which many collectors regard used colonials. Rather than go to the trouble of looking up a dealer whose specialty is modern colonials on entire, or pasting the stamps on the envelopes themselves and sending them out to the colonies, they confine their attentions to mint colonials, which, in these days of New Issue Services, are easily procurable, provided the chequebook holds out.

Covers in Demand.—This state of affairs, most observers will agree, is slowly but none the less surely changing. The interest taken in, and the demand for, original covers is greater today than ever before. More and more are collectors turning to this specialty finding in the postmarks a fascination and a flavour of romance which is quite lacking from a collection of mint stamps. The quaint postal markings (in Arabic) of the Kuwait P.O., for example, carry with them a suggestion of the bizarre splendour of the East; whilst the small, neat postmarks of Ascension and St. Helena call to mind with a peculiar vividness these lonely outposts of the South Atlantic. What stimulants to the imagination are the big purple cancellations of Tonga, which seem to breathe the witching spells of the vast South Seas.

The Investment Standpoint.—Aside from the romantic angle, original covers are of especial interest from the investment standpoint. If wisely chosen, their eventual possibilities are as excellent as those of any of the mint colonials which are recommended from time to time in the columns of this paper. Not all colonies, obviously, are suitable in this connection, and whilst it is next to impossible to draw any hard and fast line, I should be inclined to consider the stamps of Ascension, Barbuda, the Cayman Islands, the Falkland Islands, Gambia, the Gilberts, Kuwait, Nauru, New Guinea, the New Hebrides, the New Zealand Dependencies—Aitutaki, Niue and Penrhyn Island—the Solomon Islands Protectorate, St. Helena, St. Kitts, Tonga, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the Virgin Islands as offering a sound field for those wishing to invest in original covers. (I am speaking in this list of the modern issues only.) In the case of Nauru, exception must be taken to the lower values of the overprinted series—½d to 1sh—which are quite common used. Similar remarks apply to certain of the North-West Pacific overprints.

Postmark Interest.—In nearly all of the above-mentioned colonies there are several P.O.s, and, of course, the smaller the office the scarcer the cancellation. Thus, for example, the Cayman Brac postmark is more desirable than the Georgetown (Grand Cayman) pmk., the Virgin Gorda pmk. more desirable than the Roadtown (Tortola) pmk., etc., etc. Generally speaking, the number of offices varies in accordance with the size of the colony, but this is not always the case. For instance, there are only four P.O.s in the Solomon Islands, as against, say, the Fijis, where there are more than forty scattered throughout the group.

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The nation-wide search instigated by the American Philatelic Society for Willard O'Connor, 19, of 1105½ Broadway, and hundreds of dollars' worth of French and British colonial stamps ended here yesterday when the youth was arrested by operatives of the Lightcap detective agency.

Circulars announcing two awards for the lad's apprehension were mailed to police departments in all large cities last October after O'Connor disappeared with three lots of the society's stamps.

O'Connor is charged with grand larceny. The affidavit against him was filed by L. A. Pike, 4221 South Jefferson Street.

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J. E. Guest, of Dallas, Tex., sales manager of the American Philatelic Society offered one of the rewards for the arrest of the youth. Mr. Pike offered the other one.

According to officials of the Lightcap detective agency, O'Connor confessed to them that he sold a \$200 set of the society's stamps to a New York stamp merchant for \$50.

Other stamps, which O'Connor is said to have disposed of illegally, have been located in New York. Texas authorities have been notified of his arrest.

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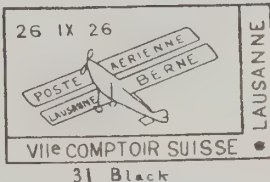
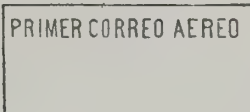
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Airpost Collectors' Chronicle

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Albania.—The set of seven airpost stamps, first issued in 1925, has now been overprinted "REPUBLIKA SHQIPTARE" and will probably be in use on the Tirano-Valona line during this winter.

Australia.—The new official cachet in use at Camooweal, on the Western Queensland service, is here shown (No. 30).

Bulgaria.—The first Bulgarian service took place on September 28, 1926, reports *Champion's Bulletin*. Covers were franked with the ordinary stamps obliterated in red, in Bulgarian characters as follows: "Vasdouchna Pochta 1926." The service was of short duration, being suspended for the winter.

China.—Our Pekin correspondent advises us that there was an airmail between Sungyan and Yenkou in 1924. It operated for a few days only, the first being on May 1st.

Guatemala.—Cachets numbered 27 and 28 were applied to the mail flights listed in January, the former being applied for the Esquipulas mail from the capital, and the second for the Guatemala-Santa Rosa flight.

Germany.—Referring to our paragraph last month on the Chemnitz Flugplatz (1911) postmark, our information regarding the number flown is incorrect. Mr. Bein advised us that twenty pieces were despatched by each of two friends, and as others must have been sent in the ordinary course—though it is improbable

many were afterwards preserved—there would be about 60, at a fair estimate, in existence. We are indebted to him for pointing out the discrepancy and repeating the details given in his first letter.

Hungary.—Special labels were prepared and issued for the first Budapest-Miskolce airmail last year, writes Mr. Orvos Janos, but fortunately the postal authorities refused to sanction their use, though not until the last minute. They depicted a raven carrying a letter, in flight, and were printed in black and brown on various shades of paper. From the same correspondent, we learn that the vignettes used on the Przemysl Commemorative Balloon mail of last year, were printed in the following quantities: Printed in blue, 2,000 copies; black, 400 copies; violet, 200 copies, and green, 100 copies.

Italy.—The first flight from Trieste to Zara took place on October 15th last year. The mail carried to Zara, an Italian town on the Dalmatian coast did not exceed 200 pieces, we are informed by Dr. Martini. The Trieste air postmark then used was of a different type (No. 26) from that of the first flight to Turin in the previous April. It reads "Trieste Posta Aerea 15.10.26." The return flight was made the same day, but ordinary postmarks only were applied to the mail.

Iraq.—Messrs. Stack and Leete, whose achievement is noted elsewhere in this issue, carried the first official air mail

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Major H. C. Mason, to whom we are indebted for this news, states that the original mail bag weighed 6lbs., and contained 408 covers. Later, a further mail of fifty-seven letters, postmarked either 22nd or 23rd of December, was included, bringing the total weight to 7lbs. 3 1/2 ozs. The special official cachet illustrated (No. 23) was used to obliterate the franking stamps, the quantities of each denomination being:—1/2 anna, 190; 1 anna, 137; 1 1/2a, 157; 2a, 147; 3a, 156; 4a, 102; 6a, 110; 8a, 37; 1 rupee, 11; 2r, 8; 5r, 4; 10r, 4 in the first mail; and in the additional mail:—1/2 anna, 35 stamps; 1a, 25; 1 1/2a, 33; 2a, 32; 3a, 32; 4a, 27; 6a, 16; 8a, 13; 1r, 7; 2r, 3; 5r, 3; 10r, 3. Three covers, bearing one 10r, one 5r, and one 2r stamps arrived too late, but were given the special overprint and returned to the sender. These were addressed to Aziz Dand.

Newfoundland.—We have been shown a cover of the Harbour Grace trans-Atlantic flight attempt which bears an uncatalogued oval cachet in black, inscribed "Atlantic Aerial Mail June 14 1919 Handley Page."

Perhaps the greatest rarity in airport stamps that we have been privileged to examine for some time is the manuscript airmail "overprint" on the 3c Caribou stamp, in unused condition. The Postmaster of Newfoundland at the time of the Atlantic flight trials, Mr. J. A. Robinson, personally inscribed the stamps on a few of the letters contained in the mail that was prepared for the attempt of Messrs. Morgan and Raynham, after the adhesives had been attached to the envelopes, but this stamp appears to have been the only copy that was not postmarked, and its genuineness in all respects is undoubted, for there is known to experts a definite method of detecting forgeries.

Sarawak.—The following check list of first airmails has been compiled through the courtesy of Mr. F. P. Raynham.

First Airmail in Sarawak: Carried by seaplane from Sibiu to Kuching on July 18, 1926, about 70 letters flown, 6c and 4c Sarawak stamps were used, and the

covers inscribed "By Air Mail" by the Sibiu postmaster.

Other mails were flown between these towns on later dates, but no special postmarks or inscriptions were applied.

On August 17th, mail was flown from Kuching to Singapore, ordinary 6c stamps being used. About 100 letters were carried, and were backstamped at Singapore on August 20th. Special postmark "Kuching Air Mail, 17 Aug."

At Singapore, mail was picked up for Port Swettenham. Stamps were obliterated on August 21st. The contents of one bag were backstamped "Port Swettenham, 12.30 p. m. 23 Aug."

Switzerland.—Dr. Vogler sends us a photograph of the statement of the Postmaster at Basel as to the numbers of letters constituting the first flight Basel—Stuttgart—Berlin. Forty-one were addressed to Stuttgart, 1 to Leipzig, 74 to Berlin, 50 to Frankfurt-on-Maine, 1 to Erfurt, and 15 to Stockholm. We shall report his special information regarding the Swiss—Africa flight mail next month (see cachet No. 29).

The other Swiss cachet (No. 31), is that of the Lausanne Comptoir flight mentioned in December.

Union of South Africa.—Particulars of the rare airmail flown by Sir Alan Cobham on his return from Cape Town to London are given us by Mr. Baldwin. The mail consisted of 18 letters only, three of which were addressed by the Governor-General, including one to His Majesty the King. Of the remaining 15, twelve were for one London address, and three for another. The mail was franked with Union stamps, postmarked at Cape Town on February 26th, and at Hampstead on March 27, 1926, and autographed by the pilot.—The Aero Field.

FROM AN OLD-TIMER

By THOS. P. MARTIN, Okla. City, Okla.

A copy of your excellent paper, under date of January 31, has been received and for which I thank you. I have read over carefully your "Ten Thousand Strong" article on page 54, and it reminds me that I was a subscriber to your paper when first published at St. Louis. I started to collect stamps in 1881 at Fort Worth, Texas, where in 1883 I published a stamp magazine called the Texas Stamp, and in which venture I was backed by George H. Richmond, 5 Beekman Street, New York, and of whom I have lost track for many years, to my sorrow.

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DENVER MAN IN THE PUBLIC EYE
The press recently published the following despatch, but we have not had the opportunity of corroborating the statements:—
DENVER, Feb. 17. Reversal of the procedure which takes American dollars to Europe for curiosities and antiques, has brought a fortune of \$38,000 from Vienna to the door of a poor man—August Luttenken of Denver. This is the price a Vienna stamp dealer has agreed to pay for Luttenken's collection of stamps, for the latter demurred and said he would rather pleasure from collecting them rather than from money.
The collection includes about 250,000 catalogued and mounted stamps, mostly of the United States, but including a book of stamps of foreign countries. Luttenken is 68 years old, and since he was 15 has followed the hobby. He accumulated many of the stamps during 18 years of service in the British navy. His wife also is a proficient philatelist.

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CANTON, MI. ART.

An almost complete set of these scarce cancellations as illustrated in Dr. Carroll Chase's recent articles in the "American Philatelist". There are both types of the lyre, PAID 3 in blank letters, various stars, etc.

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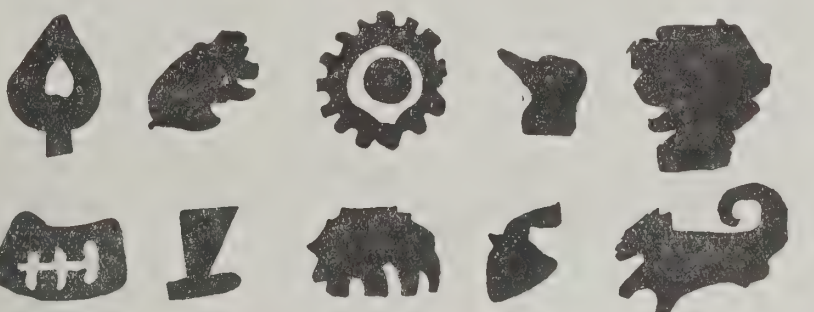
This lot consists of more than 100 unusual town cancellations. There are reds, greens, ultramarines, browns, blues, magentas. Many of them are rare, and in view of the steadily advancing prices we think them not only a pleasure to own but a nice little investment. Quotations of course, and on approval if known to us.

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THE FORUM—UNITED STATES ISSUES 1847-70

By H. P. ATHERTON, 1562 Main St., Springfield, Mass.

Devoted to United States postage stamps, 1847-1870 only. Cancellations, Minor Varieties, Rates, and all interesting Material and Data welcomed. Your accompanying letters are subject to entry in this Column in whole or in part. Return postage and registration requested with all sendings.



No.	Stamp.	Town.	Color.	GROUP NO. 1.
1	3c 1861	Columbus, Ga.	Black	Reported by S. C. Rogers
2	3c Amer.	?	"	H. Lacks
3	2c 1875	?	"	S. C. Rogers
4	2c 1879	?	"	S. C. Rogers
5	2c 1873	?	"	H. P. A.
6	3c 1867	Philadelphia, Pa.	"	A. Bode
7	2c 1890	?	"	J. H. Preston
8	10c Amer.	?	"	W. E. Whitnall
9	3c 1873	Lee, Mass.	"	W. S. Eager
10	3c Cont'l	?	"	H. P. A.

Here's the Forum back again. It started Sept. 20, 1924. The first group of cancellations started on Jan. 4, 1926, the twentieth and last of that series ended on Oct. 4, 1926. This is mentioned so that you may check up on these if you wish to keep a file of these cancellations. With this group we begin the second lot of twenty groups. Some of these have never shown up in duplicate, so you may look for some real rarities in the cancellation collecting.

Above is a "Whatdoyoucallit" group for a starter. There is one more of these groups of unknowns in our second twenty groups, and I'd be obliged if you would answer the question implied in the name of the group if you can do so to any of these. Would like to know the town that used them, what they may be, and why adopted?

The first is probably a conventionalized leaf. All in this group are struck very clearly on the stamps, and are drawn as accurately as possible in order that you will see the same thing that I do. Number 2, 3, 4 and 5 will remain mysteries unless some kind reader tells us what they are.

The last five should be solved—they look like something, but what? I am interested in learning what No. 6 really is, for it is not uncommon at all. Some say it is a set of false teeth, but to me they do not look exactly fitting, tho they may be of cast iron. It is said that George Washington wore iron false teeth.

No. 7 might be a sand shaker, used in lieu of blotters in the sixties. No. 8 is said to be an elephant gaily caparisoned, wearing a palanquin; maybe it has to be something unusual to make such an odd shaped elephant. Maybe it's something else?

What is No. 9? Looks like an antique of some kind. No. 10, I am assured, is a wolf.

Against these cancellations you will see my initials under the "Reported by" column, more often than you really should, for some of the senders of these cancellations do not wish to be bothered by mail asking about them. In some cases the sender was a bit bashful possibly, take for example our No. 5, this sad creature is said to be the top of a Totem Pole in profile. Can you blame the

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owner for having me put H.P.A. after a thing like that, rather than the correct name of the owner? Of course the No. 10 is different, for I am assured that this is actually a wof, as told by its bark, moreover, it is closely related to the goof, and together these quaint animals delight in chasing dodos, their choicest food morsels.

This is a rather insipid lot of cancellations to begin with. There is but one more group of nondescripts, which is well.

Am still owing letters to several readers, and these are being returned little by little, so that if yours is not back yet, do not give up all hope, as I get away a few some days, and none on other days.

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A STUDY OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND HER ESCUTCHEON

By HERMANN FOCKE.

It may be a little outside of the realm of philately to speak about the Coat of Arms or Heraldic Shield of a country, but seeing that all the issues of this Republic, aside of commemoratives, have it as their main subject, it may be permitted to pass some comment on the matter.

The Coat originally consisted of a shield in the national colors of dark blue and red in four fields divided crosswise by two broad white bars, thus the upper left and lower right field are dark blue and the upper right and lower left field are red, as shown on the commemorative issue of 1913-14. Stretched across this shield are four and sometimes six national flags in the same colors, two or three pointing to either side, with their ends folded into a loose knot.

Between the staffs of the flag there is placed an open book, presumably the Bible, over which there is a large cross, against which there was leaning in the original design another staff with a liberty cap, or the "gorro de la libertad" as it is called by the Spaniards.

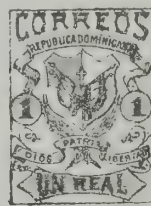
Entwining the lower part of the shield there are two branches, one of laurel to the left and one of palm to the right, covered by a waved ribbon, bearing the words DIOS—PATRIA—LIBERTAD (God, Fatherland, Liberty) to further explain the meaning of the escutcheons design.

The first issue of stamps was decreed on September 20, 1865, typographed in Santo Domingo City and issued shortly after, consisting of two values, on wove paper, 1/2 Real black on rose and 1 Real black on green, and a few months later the same two values appeared on laid paper respectively green and yellow. All

these four stamps had the escutcheon as described above, minus the branches and the ribbon.

In 1866 there appeared a third issue, also printed locally on paper of various colors, having a more complete design of the escutcheon, but the ribbon with the words DIOS, PATRIA, LIBERTAD was stretched over the top, whereas across the branches there is stretched a second ribbon without any inscription.

Almost every successive year brought new issues of the same design, but on differently colored papers, until 1879, when in July a new issue of four stamps appeared, printed by N. F. Seebeck, in New York, consisting of the same two values, 1/2 and 1 Real each on white and on colored paper. This time the escutcheon has been altered considerably, the red fields of the shield appear unshaded or white, the Cap has been omitted and the ribbon has been returned to its place at the bottom, while at top there is a second ribbon bearing the words Republica Dominicana.



In October, 1880, there appeared another issue, this time lithographed from stone plates by the Manhattan Bank Note Co., of N. Y., on which the shield shows again the white fields and the ribbon with the word DIOS, PATRIA, LIBERTAD is once more removed to the top.

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printing by the American Bank Note
appeared, with no change in
escutcheon.

In 1901 there appeared another issue
a smaller design, this time printed by
German Imperial Printing Works
Berlin, with the same shield as the
vious two issues, successive change
colors of the same stamps appeared
1905, 1906 and 1907.

In 1911 there was another issue,
printed in Berlin, but this time the sh
has been corrected in as far as all
fields are lined, the blue ones ha
horizontal and the red ones ver
lines, but on the other hand the rib
with DIOS, PATRIA, LIBERTAD, has
more taken its place at the top, whe
the name of the country appears o
second ribbon at the bottom.

change must have evidently been bro
about by orders from Santo Domi
and it may therefore be consid
official and due to an actual change in
National Coat of Arms at that time.

Due to the war and the impossib
of getting further supplies from
many, since 1915 the stamps have
printed again in Santo Domingo, in
same design as that of the 1911 issue,
in one color, and the addition of the
of issue in red, until 1924, when
present issue began to appear, consis
so far of four values, the 1c green
scarlet, 5c dark blue, and the 10c
issued in light blue with black centre,
here the flags have undergone a cha
inasmuch as the white cross, divid
the four fields is much wider and n
pronounced, too much so, in fact, ar
no wonder—the Bible has appare
been dusted and replaced in a diff
angle, inclining towards the left, ins
of to the right, as it had from the be
ning and presumably should today.

So that is the philatelic history of
escutcheon on the stamps of this
turbulent Republic, and who knows
it will look on the next issue to appe

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S. A. G. stands for Saint Anthony Guide. Automotive engineers may have been wondering. Roman Catholics have been writing S. A. G. on the backs of letters since July 23, 1729, says our historian, and the custom of invoking St. Anthony's protection in regard to mail originated when a first day cover was sent from Lima, Peru to Oviedo, Spain.
Then there are those SANITARIUM stamps, Religious Associations, the various Relief Societies, like the Dental Relief. This last often worries us, as we believe in dental relief of any sort. Be kind to your teeth or they will be false to you.
Mountain, Wisconsin, has a homemade cancel, evidently copied from a 31mm regulation, embellished in the sinuosity of wavy lines attached to the townmark. There are several cancels from small towns which one can only catalog as homemade, and one or two of them are worthy of emulation.
Save your star plate numbers. And then study them.
Sometime ago, mention was made of the three classes of postal markings. These were (1) the townmark, (2) the subsidiary mark, or auxiliary, such as a

star, a grid, wavy lines, or a slogan and (3) dispatch marks. Applying these to United States marks at the present, one feels that a fourth class should be made, that of the joined marks, such as the handstamps and machine cancels. Then our cataloging is much simpler, and we have:
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2. Independent canceller.
3. Townmark and auxiliary joined.
4. Dispatch marks.

Progressing one more step, we divide our classes into kinds, or under each, in general, we may note whether the mark is a City Mark, a Received, a Rate Mark, Ship, R. P. O., C. O. D., Transfer Clerk, Drop Letter, R. F. D., M. O. B., Parcels Post, Returned to Writer, Steamship, Penny Post, Carrier, Registered, or what have you? Of course, all of these do not appear under each class, but it is queer to note how many really do.

In arranging the townmarks some years ago, on the 3c 1851's, one noted that similarity ran geographically, and one reached the postulate—not the kind you barked out on in the calculus—that a postmark salesman did the country there and about, running his overcoat into the expense column, selling these very types of townmarks. And one could romance over the chap starting north from Chicago, hitting the trail, until they caught him in La Crosse. Then were the happy days when mail came twice a year, and no gas bills.

THE MATTER OF CREDIT
The WEEKLY is co-operating with the A. S. D. A. and proposes to make it increasingly difficult for irresponsible dealers to prey upon philatelists. We appreciate the energy the secretary, Tom V. Binmore, is displaying in weeding out this class of advertising, and we urge dealers to actively support that organization. Our recent experience with a San Francisco transient advertiser, whose patronage was accepted upon the basis of A. P. S. membership, leads us to a decision to accept only banking, commercial or A. S. D. A. references in the future.
As one who for years has been a member of the A. P. S., and has served it officially, the Managing Editor earnestly suggests that it co-operate with the A. S. D. A., and clean house of those members who are financially irresponsible. Moreover, speed is necessary in dealing with tricksters, and for that reason the closer the union, the better.
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STOCK TRANSFER AND FUTURE DELIVERY

We indicated last week a sweeping decision by the U. S. Commissioner of Internal Revenue dealing with the possession and sale of stock transfer and future delivery stamps. It is a comprehensive decision as will be seen by the text which follows. This means that the WEEKLY cannot in the future accept any advertising of these stamps. The decision will undoubtedly work a great hardship in certain quarters, and especially with those dealers who may happen to have a supply of these stamps on hand. Our columns must be closed to any further advertising of these stamps. The decision follows:—

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has, through Treasury Decision 3976, amended Article 80, Regulations 71, relating to the distribution and sale of adhesive stamps, by changing the designation of paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) to (c), (d) and (e), respectively, and by adding paragraphs (a) and (b), reading as follows:

(a) No person other than a collector of internal revenue or duly authorized deputy collector of internal revenue, or designated United States depository, shall sell or expose for sale, give away, traffic in, trade, barter, lend, borrow, or exchange any stock transfer or future delivery stamps issued pursuant to these regulations: Provided, That any person or corporation which has been duly appointed and constituted, and is acting agent of any State for the sale of stock transfer stamps of such State may, upon approval by the commissioner and upon giving a bond satisfactory to the collector, sell United States stamps issued pursuant to these regulations: Provided further, That a bond shall not be required when such person or corporation uniformly purchases such stamps from the collector for cash.

(b) No person shall buy, receive, or have in his possession, or under his control, any stock transfer or future delivery stamps issued pursuant to these regulations, unless such stamps have been purchased directly from the collector of internal revenue, or duly authorized deputy collector of internal revenue, United States designated depository, or a designated agent for the sale of State stock transfer stamps, authorized by the commissioner, in the district in which the stamps are to be used.

MARKET IN MODERN COLONIALS

Canadian Provisionals.—Much interest has been aroused in the recent Canadian provisional 2c on 3c, and a wide range of prices having already been quoted, a few notes on these may be of interest. The figures of numbers issued are given, presumably authoritatively, as 50,000 and 100,000 for the two printings. At first sight this seems a very small number for so large a country, and one might expect

only a small number would be available for philatelic purposes. It transpires, however, that the overprints were not passed for general use, and that the above figures represent the number that were retained for use for philatelic purposes and issued by the Philatelic Bureau. Only the best examples were kept, and the quantities were based on the approximate estimated demand. One might wish that they had all been destroyed, as collectors do not require varieties to be kept for their special benefit if they are not going to be used in the ordinary way.

Considering that the vast majority of these stamps will have come into philatelic hands, there is no need to anticipate any acute shortage, and the value should be comparable with any small or popular Colonial issue. The commonness of the Tongan surcharges, 2d on 5d (1924, was issued to the number of 28,000 and now, after two or three years, 10 tails for about 15h each, or to take provisional of the same denomination the 1d on 15h St. Vincent, cat. at 6 after 10 years, was issued to the approximate number of 15,000, or less than on third of the scarcer Canadian provisionals 2c on 3c. This stamp, like the ones under discussion, appears to have been largely bought up by speculators.

New Shades.—The 6d Virgins (current type) has recently been reissued, a slightly different shade. The 6d Gibraltar was the first of the 6d scripts to be issued in a new shade, and already the old shade has appreciated to 3 or times its original value. Some change in colour of the 2sh duties are all worth watching; here again Gibraltar was one of the first countries to be noted although several other of the less popular groups have made the same change, but whether this is permanent or not remains to be seen. In both the above cases the recent printings of 6d and 2sh values show more red with the blue, although whether future printings will conform to the new standard is not clear.

Barbados.—The new Commemorative stamp should, from the advance description, be an interesting addition to the album. Judging by the numbers usually ordered of this denomination (1d) from the Colony there should be plenty to go around, but one never can tell. In the Peace Issue about 500,000 were printed of the 1d Script watermark, as against 50,000 of the 2d. A difference that is not yet fully shown in the respective catalogue prices.

A reader asks for numbers printed of the 1912 and 1916 issues, but I am unable to oblige. If we knew the number overprinted of the former issue, it might help (for revenue purposes). In the connection it is interesting to observe that they were overprinted "Revenue" in two different settings, and about seven different colours. What an outcry there would have been if they had been postage stamps, about varieties made for collectors, etc.! But it rather gives the lie to the statement that these various overprints, etc., are made for collectors. As a matter of fact, practically all recent Colonial overprints or provisionals are made irrespective of what philatelists may or may not want, and herein lies one of the reasons for the popularity of and the great market strength of modern Colonials.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

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Egypt presents us with another set of commemoratives, this time for the International Naval Congress. There are three stamps in the set, all bi-colors; 5 mils. brown and black, 10 mils. carmine and black, and 15 mils. blue and black.

The stamps are of the same format as last year's Agricultural Congress set, but are vastly more interesting historically. The design is a reproduction of a painting on one of the dividing walls of the Temple of Deir-el-Bahari, erected by Queen Hatshepsut, and shows one of her ships.

Queen Hatshepsut Maat-ka-Ra, to give her of her titles, reigned from B. C. 16 to B. C. 1481. One of the XVIII dynasty, she was the daughter and heir of Aa-Kheper-ka-Ra, Thothmes I, and succeeded him on the throne of Upper and Lower Egypt. In accordance with the Egyptian custom, she married her half-brother, Thothmes II.

Hatshepsut is one of the most interesting women in all history on account of her vigorous administration of her government, and her devotion to the pursuit of peace and progress, rather than war and conquest.

She erected the magnificent temple of Deir-el-Bahari, unique in its way, beneath the Theban Hills. The greatest historic interest of this shrine lies in the presentations of her commercial expedition to Punt, or Ta-neter, the "Land of God." Aug. Mariette, H. Brugsch, and Gaston Maspero, all great authorities, consider Punt to be that part of the African coast extending from the Straits of Bab-el-Mandeb (Arabic "Gate of Tears") to Cape Guardafui.

Punt was a country rich in ivory, incense, amber, and other things dear to the ceremonial-loving Egyptians, and the expedition of Hatshepsut, consisting of five large vessels, was purely scientific and commercial. The fleet returned with full cargoes of ivory, ebony, pyrrh, and gold, not to mention many other things, and the complete story is set forth at Deir-el-Bahari.

Hatshepsut also erected two obelisks at Karnak, the larger of which is about 10 feet high, simply enormous, which as quarried at Assouan, inscribed, polished, and set up in the almost unbelievably short space of seven months!

In the upper left corner of the design of the stamps, one notices a royal cartouche and hieroglyphic inscription. This refers to the reigning king of Egypt, and translated as follows, beginning with the upper left glyph, as the animals are coming to the left:

"He is the King of Upper and Lower Egypt. Fuad. Great King, live forever." This translation is made by the writer on the basis of Arabic idiom, which the modern Egyptian is turning into ancient Egyptian, expressed in hieroglyphs.

The glyphs have the following values. Upper left, the male determinative meaning "he." Upper right, the earliest-known symbol of royalty, a bee. This is found on a sarcophagus of the III dynasty, and means "king." These two glyphs are written above small characters resembling capital D's, and the group of four as a whole mean "Upper and Lower Egypt."

The four characters written vertically in the cartouche, as all royal names are inscribed, are, reading downward, F—U—A—D, the present sovereign. Below the cartouche are two other glyphs, that at the left being "ankh," which means "life," the group of three at the right reading "tchetta," which means "eternity" or "forever." Hence the rendition as first given.

Above the central design is the name "EGYPT" with corresponding Arabic inscriptions at either side. At left is the value, as "CINQ MILLIEMES," with the corresponding Arabic at the right—the position of honor. The value appears in the lower corners, and between is the label with "Congres International de Navigation" in small sans-serif caps, and above it the Arabic equivalent.

Below the ship, i. e., inside the picture, we find "Le Caire" (Cairo) at left, and "1926" at right.

The issue is limited to 400,000 sets, and is to remain in use, if not sooner sold out, until March 9.

Some of these stamps were overprinted PORT-FUAD and sold at the opening of this new Egyptian port on the Suez Canal. Port Fuad is opposite Port Said. It is named in accordance with the Egyptian custom, which requires that towns along the canal be named after reigning Egyptian sovereigns. Thus, we have Ismailia, for the Khedive Ismail, 1863-1879; Port Said for the Viceroy Said Pasha, who gave de Lesseps the canal concession; and finally, Port Fuad.

NEWS NOTES:—

ANYONE interested in United States warship cancellations will do well to note the Strasser advertising. He submits an interesting one from the U. S. S. Denver, under date of Jan. 31, 1927, which bears on a White Plains stamp, a Nicaragua marking. Thanks for the courtesy.

THE State Stamp Company of New Kensington, Pa., has removed its office to the Logan Trust Bank Bldg., of that city. The firm's office space has been tripled and it is now in a better position than ever before for the conduct of its business.

PONCA CITY, OKLA., has been designated as a stop on air-mail route No. 3, Chicago-Dallas. The date of starting will be close to March 15. A first-flight cancellation will be provided for use at Ponca City on the opening day. Those desiring first-flight covers may send them to the postmaster of Ponca City.

SOME months ago we suggested a shower of postage stamps for Raymond J. Burke of Dubuque, Iowa, who was then in the Sunnycrest Sanatorium. We think it well to quote the following from a letter just at hand:—"While yet in bed sixteen hours a day, I am gaining strength rapidly. I wish to inform you that I received over 13,000 stamps in reply to the item published in your paper last August. My collection now numbers 4,000 different, where it was then 1,500. I have made many friendships which I surely appreciate. There seems to be a fine bond of fellowship existing between stamp collectors. I want to add that certain stamp dealers favored me

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BRITISH EMPIRE

The following new printings are noted by the Crown Agents for the Colonies. We list only those which imply new catalogue varieties, and some of these may have been mentioned before.

Antigua. 2½d reverting to blue.
Barbados. 1d Tercentenary commemorative. Portraits of Charles I and King George V.
British Honduras. 2c red, Script.
Ceylon. 1c, 2c and 5c Script.
Dominica. 3s and 5s Script.
Falkland Is. 2½d reverting to blue.
Federated Malay States. 3c brown, Script.
Fiji. 1d violet; 1½d red (new value); 2s (new value).
Gambia. 7½d Script.
Iraq. 1r portrait of King Feisal, ordinary and service.
Kelantan. 3c brown, Script.
Mauritius. 1c, 10c, 12c and 20c King's Head type.
Nyasaland. 10s Script.
St. Helena. 1s 6d, 2s 6d, 5s Script.
St. Vincent. 3d reverting to purple on yellow, but on Script paper.
Seychelles. 3c and 12c reverting to green and grey respectively; 9c red (new value).
Virgin Is. 1d violet; 1½d red (new value); 2½d reverts to blue.—Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.

U. S. Commemorative Bargains

	Cat.	Net
Columbian, 3, 4, 5, 8 & 10c .....	.33	.10
15c Green .....	.33	.10
30c Orge. Bro.	1.00	.50
Trans-Miss., 4c Orange .....	.30	.10
Hud.-Ful., 2c Perf. & Imp. ....	.17	.10
Pan.-Pac., 5c & 10c .....	.24	.10
Walloon, 1c & 2c, Uns. Pairs16	.10
Victory & Sesque., Uns. Pairs ..	.24	.10
Parcels Post, 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5c23	.10
25 & 50c45	.15

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If you would select your stamps wisely and well, in a field where your dollar, too, will bring **CAPACITY VALUE**, study the values below and send in your order TODAY. We'll make a little wager with you that after just one trial, you'll embrace with unbounded enthusiasm this new, economical method of stamp-buying!

AFRICA

Alexandria, Cape of Good Hope, Cameroons, Eritrea, Funchal, Gambia, Libia, Mauritius, Morocco, Niger, Reunion, St. Helena, Sierra Leone, Togo, Ubangi, Zambesia, and many other countries and colonies of the mysterious "Dark Continent."



100 different	Price \$.45
200 different	" 1.50
300 different	" 2.25
500 different	" 5.00
1000 different, mounted	" 15.00
1500 different, mounted	" 37.50

ARGENTINA

50 different, cat. \$1.25	Price \$.30
100 different	" 1.75

ASIA

Ceylon, Cyprus, Dutch Indies, Indo China, Palestine, Persia, Siam, Malay, Johore, Straits Settlements and others are included in these popular packets.



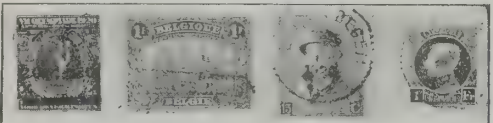
100 different	Price \$.50
200 different	" 1.50
300 different	" 3.00
500 different, mounted	" 6.00
1000 different, mounted	" 22.50

BALKAN COUNTRIES

100 different	Price \$.35
200 different	" 1.00
300 different	" 2.00
400 different	" 2.50
500 different, mounted	" 4.00
750 different, mounted	" 8.50
1000 different, mounted	" 13.50
1500 different, mounted	" 27.50

BELGIUM

A martyr of the war, her stamps have a real significance for the philatelist. Several customers have told us that our Belgian packets are marvels for value.



100 different, cat. \$2.75	Price \$.50
150 different	" .75
200 different	" 1.50
250 different, cat. \$10.00	" 2.50
300 different, cat. \$18.00	" 4.00
50 Parcel Post only	" .50

BOSNIA

Gone forever is the country of Bosnia and only a few stamps remain to bear mute witness of her former wealth and power. The most beautiful issues in existence and priced at substantial discounts from catalogue.

25 different, cat. \$1.00	Price \$.25
50 different, cat. \$2.25	" .60
75 different	" 1.50
100 different, cat. \$5.68	" 2.25
150 different, splendid, cat. \$13.00	" 5.00

BRITISH COLONIES

The important feature of these packets is their restriction to face-different varieties only, which means that stamps with perforation and watermark distinctions (of which there are thousands) have been completely eliminated. This point alone represents a value-increase of twenty to thirty per cent over similar-sized packets offered by other wholesalers.



100 different	Price \$.30
150 different	" .60
200 different	" 1.00
300 different	" 2.00
500 different	" 4.00
1000 different, cat. \$42.00	" 11.00
1500 different	" 27.50

The following are alphabetically hinge-mounted in large books. Very attractive:

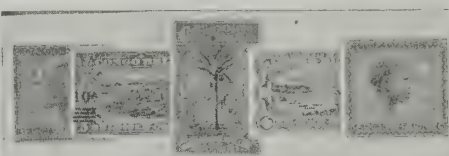
500 different	Price \$ 4.00
1000 different	" 11.50
1500 different	" 28.50
2000 different	" 50.00
2500 different	" 95.00
3000 different	" 175.00
4000 different	" 395.00

BULGARIA

50 different	Price \$.20
100 different, cat. \$3.00	" .75
150 different	" 2.50
200 different, cat. \$25.00	" 6.00

CONGO

Assembled strictly according to the Scott catalogue, which means a total exclusion of the scores of minor varieties, "tax" surcharges, etc., always found in European packets. Includes the A. O. & Ruanda Urundi surcharges.



25 different, cat. \$1.50	Price \$.50
50 different, cat. \$4.00	" 1.25
75 different	" 3.00
100 different, fine!, cat. \$25.00	" 5.00
125 different, a wonder!	" 7.95

CRETE

10 different (cat. 48c)	Price \$.20
25 different (cat. \$2.35)	" .75
50 different (cat. \$8.75)	" 3.00

DANZIG

Danzig is now on a gold basis and all issues in mark currency are obsolete and rapidly rising in value. The following packets, acquired at an exceptionally low price, are outstanding bargains:



100 different, cat. \$3.50	Price \$.65
150 different, cat. \$6.00	" 1.35
175 different	" 1.75
200 different, cat. \$10.00	" 2.50
250 different, cat. \$21.00	" 4.95

DUTCH INDIES

Attractive stamps, popular with all collectors—and never before so low in price!



25 different	Price \$.20
40 different	" .60
50 different, cat. \$2.00	" .75
60 different	" .85
75 different	" 1.00
100 different, cat. \$8.50	" 2.50

EGYPT



25 different, cat. 75c	Price \$.20
50 different, cat. \$1.95	" .80
75 different, cat. \$4.06	" 1.75
100 different, cat. \$7.00	" 3.00

EPIRUS

10 different	Price \$.15
25 different, cat. \$2.00	" .40
50 different, cat. \$9.00	" 2.00
90 different, cat. \$60.00	" 15.00

EUROPE



1000 different	Price \$1.75
2000 different	" 4.00
3500 different, mounted	" 10.00
4000 different, mounted	" 18.00
5000 different, mounted	" 50.00
6000 different, mounted	" 75.00

FRENCH COLONIES

200 different	Price \$1.00
300 different	" 2.00

The following are neatly mounted in booklets:

500 different	Price \$ 4.00
1000 different	" 11.95
1500 different	" 30.00
2000 different	" 60.00
2500 different	" 100.00
3000 different	" 150.00

GERMAN COLONIALS

20 different, cat. \$1.10	Price \$.35
50 different, cat. \$4.50	" 1.75
100 different, cat. \$12.25	" 4.00
150 different, cat. \$20.00	" 7.50

GREECE

(Including several Thrace in smaller packets)

50 different, cat. \$2.75	Price \$.40
100 different, cat. \$6.00	" 1.00
200 different (mounted, cat. \$25.00)	" 5.00
300 different, cat. \$69.50	" 20.00
400 different, cat. \$150.00	" 37.50

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GUATEMALA

Picture issues, commemoratives and provisionals galore—and every one a ready seller.



25 different, cat. 70c	Price \$.30
50 different, cat. \$2.50	" 1.00
60 different	" 1.50
75 different, cat. \$6.00	" 2.00
100 different, cat. \$8.00	" 3.00
150 different. A magnificent lot. Cat. over \$30.00	" 8.50

HEJAZ

25 different, cat. \$21.00	Price \$ 2.95
50 different, cat. \$98.00	" 9.95
243 different (almost complete, cat. \$1050.00)	" 165.00

ICELAND

10 different, cat. 40c	Price \$.15
20 different, cat. \$1.00	" .40
30 different, cat. \$1.75	" .75
50 different, cat. \$4.00	" 1.25
100 different, cat. \$15.00	" 4.95

JUGOSLAVIA

Q.—Where can I obtain stamps of popular Yugoslavia at big discounts?
Ans.—Buy a Harrisco Quality-Bilt packet!

50 different, cat. \$2.00	Price \$.25
75 different	" .50
100 different, cat. \$5.00	" .90
150 different	" 1.75
200 different, mounted, cat. \$12.50	" 4.00
250 different, mounted, cat. \$25.00	" 7.50



LIBERIA

10 different, cat. 50c	Price \$.25
25 different, cat. \$1.75	" .75
50 different, cat. \$5.00	" 1.75
75 different, cat. \$8.00	" 2.50
100 different, cat. \$12.00	" 5.00
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LITHUANIA

25 different, cat. \$1.25	Price \$.40
50 different, cat. \$4.00	" 1.50
100 different, cat. \$12.50	" 4.00

LUXEMBURG

Well, look who we have with us! Step up, students, and meet little Miss Luxembourg. In size, she's just about as large—or small—as Podunk, Mo.; and, O Boy, how proud he is with her glorious standing army, including the general, of 430 men!

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3,000 stamps, all different, mounted in booklets	8.50	12,000 stamps, all different, mounted in booklets	113.50
4,000 stamps, all different, mounted in booklets	12.50	15,000 stamps, all different, mounted in booklets	215.00
5,000 stamps, all different, unmounted	18.00	20,000 stamps, all different, mounted in booklets	395.00

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50 different, cat. \$3.00	" .90
100 different, cat. \$9.00	" 2.25

MEMEL

25 different, cat. 95c	Price \$.35
50 different, cat. \$3.00	" .75
100 different, cat. \$10.00	" 2.25

MEXICO

100 different, cat. \$15.00, very fine	Price \$3.50
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NETHERLANDS

50 different, cat. \$1.50	Price \$.35
100 different	" 1.75

NEW ZEALAND

25 different, cat. 80c	Price \$.20
50 different, cat. \$2.10	" .85
60 different	" 1.00
75 different	" 1.75
100 different, fine!	" 2.50

NORWAY

25 different	Price \$.15
50 different	" .65
75 different	" 2.25
100 different	" 5.00



15 different, cat. 59c	Price \$.25
25 different, cat. \$1.25	" .50
50 different, cat. \$3.40	" 1.25
69 different, cat. \$6.75	" 2.50

OCEANICA

50 different	Price \$.30
100 different	" .90
200 different	" 3.00
300 different	" 7.50
500 different, nicely mounted	" 15.00

PORTUGAL

50 different	Price \$.15
100 different	" 1.00
200 different, fine	" 3.00

PORTUGUESE COLONIES

It looks like Portuguese Colonials, after several years of unwarranted abuse, are coming into their own again—and stronger than ever before. Our Lisbon correspondent advises that most of the stamps which were fairly plentiful twelve months ago now seem to have completely disappeared from the market.



50 different	Price \$.20
100 different	" .50
200 different, cat. \$6.50	" 1.50
300 different	" 3.00
500 different, cat. \$35.00	" 5.50
The following are neatly mounted in booklets:	
1000 different, cat. \$110.00	Price \$17.50
1500 different, cat. \$245.00	" 43.50
2000 different	" 117.50
2500 different	" 180.00
3100 different	" 375.00

PARAGUAY

100 different, cat. \$10.00	Price \$3.50
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PERSIA

The Shah of Persia has been deposed and the Government is now in the hands of an ambitious Dictator, Reza Khan Pehlevi, an ex-stable boy! What will be the future for this age old country of nomads, the once-mighty of Asia,

25 different, cat. 75c	Price \$.25
50 different, cat. \$2.00	" .50
100 different, cat. \$4.40	" 1.25
200 different, cat. \$21.00	" 5.00
300 different, mounted, cat. \$42.00	" 10.50

SALVADOR

100 different, cat. \$9.00	Price \$1.75
200 different, cat. \$19.00	" 4.00

SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES

100 different	Price \$.30
200 different	" 1.50
300 different	" 3.50

SERBIA

30 different	Price \$.45
50 different	" 1.25
100 different	" 2.50

SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA



50 different	Price \$.20
100 different	" .50
200 different	" 1.25
300 different	" 2.25
500 different, Cat. \$30.00	" 6.00
1000 different, Cat. \$75.00	" 14.95

SOVIET RUSSIA

25 different	Price \$.25
50 different, cat. \$3.50	" .50

SWITZERLAND

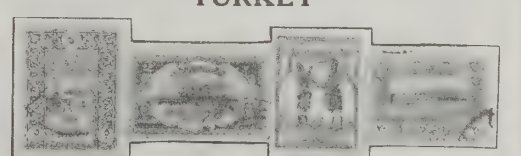
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75 different	" .75
100 different	" 1.50
150 different	" 3.00
200 different, fine!	" 7.00

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10 different Triangles	Price \$.25
15 different Triangles	" .40
25 different Triangles	" 1.00
50 different Triangles	" 3.95



50 different	Price \$.30
100 different	" .75
The following are neatly mounted in booklets:	
200 different	Price \$2.50
300 different	" 5.00
400 different	" 11.00
500 different	" 16.25
600 different	" 29.75
700 different	" 55.00
200 different, War Issues, 1914-23, cat. \$75.00	" 15.00

WURTEMBERG

25 different, cat. 50c	Price \$.10
50 different, cat. \$1.50	" .25
60 different	" .50
75 different, cat. \$2.80	" .75
100 different, cat. \$3.50	" 1.50

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EDITORIAL

We have received a letter from a connection in Washington that is of some importance in its intimation that stamp collecting may have the sanction of the government, to the extent that the authorities will encourage it as circulating a knowledge of the post office department and its accomplishments and ambitions. In short, the post office department is animated with a desire to have the public interested in its work. Latterly, we know that the department has been alert to improve and amplify its service and its record is one that bespeaks energy and intelligence. The co-operation of the public is sought to improve conditions as time goes on; and it is to advantage to have the people think of this branch of the government, with which they come directly in contact. In some respects the history of the department is a fascinating one and if the public once attends seriously to what has been done for it and what is being done to better the service, general benefit will result. We regret that nothing definite is said about any plan that Washington may have to encourage the collecting of stamps, U. S. presumably, in order that through the stamp issues an appreciation may be gained of what has been done and of what is to be done.

 In our opinion, the authorities could publish a history of the postal office department in popular form with effective results. A book of the kind, conceived in popular vein would meet with favor and would center attention on the progress of the postal system from the beginning to the present day. There are many developments that have a story worth telling surrounding them and the interest that all people have in the postal organization would be enlarged by the work, it is fair to assume. If we are not mistaken, the government at different times in the past, has circulated literature that described the coinage of the country and it would seem that stamps should have an inning.

Mr. LeGrand Payne, Indianapolis, Indiana, writes: "I saw a write-up in a

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" 2	Confederate Usage	7	"	" 37	PAID & Numeral with Cts. 1	"	"
" 3	Domestic Rates	29	"	" 38	PAID in Town Postmarks 6	"	"
" 4	Bisected 3c 1851's	3	"	" 39	Numeral in Town Postmarks Alone	4	"
" 5	Used with Carriers, Locals, etc.	9	"	" 40	Numeral in Town Postmarks with Cts.	4	"
" 6	Foreign Rates	15	"	" 41	PAID and Numeral in Town Postmarks	10	"
" 7	Pre-stamp Covers	4	"	" 42	PAID and Numeral in Town Postmarks with Cts.	2	"
" 8	Town Postmarks—Various Colors and Sizes	46	"	" 43	PAID BY STAMPS in Town Postmark	1	"
" 9	Year-dated Town Canc.	47	"	" 44	FREE Postmarks	4	"
" 10	Odd-shaped Town Punks, 10	"	"	" 45	Gridiron Obliterations	38	"
" 11	Town Postmarks with Double Ring	8	"	" 46	Target Obliterations	6	"
" 12	Town Postmarks with Name between Circles	8	"	" 47	Star Obliterations	8	"
" 13	Town Postmarks with County 2	"	"	" 48	Group of Dots Obliterations 16	"	"
" 14	Town Postmarks with Territorial 5	"	"	" 49	Pinwheel, Rosette, etc., Obliterations	8	"
" 15	Town Postmarks with College 4	"	"	" 50	Manuscript Obliterations. 3	"	"
" 16	Town Postmarks in the Quaker Manner	2	"	" 51	Canton Mississippi Obliterations	11	"
" 17	Town Postmarks with Date in Manuscript	5	"	" 52	Worcester, Mass., Obliterations	5	"
" 18	Town Postmarks including Bars or Ornaments. 8	"	"	" 53	Miscellaneous Obliterations 10	"	"
" 19	Town Postmarks with Odd Names	5	"	" 54	Town and Killer on the same handstamp	4	"
" 20	Town Punks. In Manuscript 2	"	"	" 55	Two Color Cancellations. 11	"	"
" 21	Town Punks. Miscellaneous 12	"	"	" 56	Carrier Postmarks	13	"
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Mr. R. W. Ireland, general traffic manager of the National Air Transport, Inc., Chicago, writes to tell of an extension of the Chicago-Dallas air route: "Confirming our conversation, the Post Office Department has authorized the extension of air mail service to Ponca City, Oklahoma. This stop will be included as a part of C.A.M. 3, operated by the National Air Transport between Chicago and Dallas, Texas, with existing stops at the tri-cities (Moline, Rock Island and Davenport), St. Joseph, Kansas City, Mo., Wichita, Kan., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and Fort Worth. Ponca City lies between Oklahoma City and Wichita. The Post Office Department has advised that a special first flight cancellation stamp will be used on air mail letters leaving Ponca City on the first day's flight, going either north or south. The exact date of the flight depends upon the time the work on the Ponca City landing field is completed but it will probably be about March 15th, certainly not earlier. Collectors and others interested in first

flight covers may send them to the Postmaster at Ponca City, Oklahoma, with the request that they be held for dispatch on the first day's flight. The letters may be addressed to any point in the United States." The air mail postage of ten cents a half-ounce will apply and letters should be marked distinctively and preferably air mail stamps should be used, although any other stamps will serve the purpose. Letters could be sent to the Ponca City postmaster by air mail.

 We thank **Mr. S. Tanner Green,** Quebec, Canada, for an envelope bearing two of the one Canada jubilee stamps canceled with the Quebec Sports' slug, the cancellation showing a dog-team and driver, such as the eighteen that will compete in the "dog derby" the last week in February. Above the spirited picture are the words, "Quebec Winter Sports D'Hiver."

 At the banquet of the Chicago Philatelic Society, held February 17th, the sixty members and friends present had the privilege of inspecting a large block of the counterfeit two cent stamps that were discovered some time ago by Mr. Stern of New York. Through the courtesy of Mr. H. F. Rech and T. C. E. Hunter, president of the Chicago Philatelic Society and the secret service department of the Post Office, those in attendance were enabled to examine the forgeries and listen to the graphic account of how the counterfeits were made and circulated by the crooks who were soon brought to grief. The counterfeits



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More than one hundred members and guests attended the housewarming entertainment recently in the new home of the Collectors Club, 51 West Forty-eighth Street. John N. Luff, the United States stamp expert, and a former President, said it was the first time since the organization of the club, thirty-one years ago, that it had ever held Ladies' night. Since the club took possession of its building, between Fifth and Sixth Avenues, it has been almost entirely refurnished, and ample space has been provided on the top floor for the philatelic library, which is one of the half dozen largest collections of the kind in the world.

The new President, Harry L. Lindquist, who has a choice collection of early Norwegian stamps, was master of ceremonies, assisted by the trustees and governors, including Charles Curie, Dr. J. Brace Chittenden, Charles J. Phillips, John N. Luff, Alfred F. Lichtenstein, the leading prize winner in the recent international stamps exhibition; Theodore E. Steinway, Julius C. Morgenthau, Joseph S. Rich, Harry M. Lewy and Harry M. Konwiser, the new Secretary.

Other well-known philatelists present were Hugh M. Clark, J. Murray Bartels, Max Ohlman, George B. Sloane, Elliott Perry, Herman Toasperm and Percy T. Berry of Australia, one of the judges at the international exhibition last October, and who arrived in New York with Mrs. Berry during the week from England on his way back to Australia.

Centre of Philatelic Trade
The Collectors Club occupies the upper floors of the four-story building which stands on Columbia University property. Several stamp dealers occupy offices there, and it has become the philatelic trade and club centre of the city. The stamp exhibition meetings this season have been of more than usual interest. Dr. J. Brace Chittenden will show a portion of his Austrian and Lombardy - Venice collection on March 2.
Several balloon post letters sent up in

balloons from Paris during its siege by the Germans at the close of the Franco-Prussian War in 1870 will be sold by Max Ohlman in his forthcoming sale on March 4, 5 and 9 at 116 Nassau Street. For several weeks that was the only way by which news could be sent to the outside world from Paris, and fine copies of the balloon letters with the official postmarks seldom appear in the auction room. All of the copies in the sale have the 20-centime stamp of that year affixed for postage and they were sent out of Paris from September to December, 1870.

Another interesting lot of envelopes is in J. Murray Bartels' sale next Friday and Saturday at 116 Nassau Street. The collection includes more than forty hand-stamped envelopes from many post-offices in the Confederate States during 1861 and 1862. Several of the offices at the outbreak of the war used specially designed provisional stamps, but they were soon superseded by the regular issue. There was often a scarcity of stamps, and the postal rate was then hand-stamped on the envelope with the town postmark. Within recent years these early reminders of postal conditions in the Confederacy during the war have been eagerly sought, and good specimens have advanced in value during the last half dozen years.

To Sell American Issues
The concluding portion of the British colonial stamps in the William Wolter's collection of Honolulu will be sold by J. C. Morgenthau at the Collectors Club on March 2, 3, 7 and 8; and George B. Sloane will sell a general assortment of United States and foreign stamps at the same place next Wednesday and Thursday.

A striking illustration of the enhanced value attached to a comparatively common stamp, owing to some unusual use, was presented in a London stamp auction recently when a copy of the Great Britain 1 penny black used on the first day of issue, May 6, 1840, and on the original cover sold for \$45. That was

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—POSTFAERGE.—We have already published two lists of names of subscribers who have been able to solve this puzzle. A few additional names have been received, including:—Florence Lyons, Francis T. Laney, Paul Hardacre, Moritz L. Hammer, E. P. Chamberlayne, M. Lernow and Doris M. Wood.

—Our Swedish milkman says "faerge" means scow or barge, the whole word "postfaerge" meaning mail carried on a boat. My Dad says "faerge" is probably the same as our word ferry. He has taken MEKEEL'S for many years and now when he is through with it he gives it to me for the Junior page.—MARY ELIZABETH PHILLIPS (age 12).

—"I have been doomed to be a philatelist ever since I was born, as Dad had some stamps saved then. In fact, I cannot remember the day when I was not interested in them. I now have a general collection of nearly 11,000 different, a specialized collection of Austria, Germany, etc., am president of the Moscow Stamp Club and S. P. A. No. 4707. Of course I am supposed to be the only member of the family interested in stamps, but in the past week Dad (who is a college professor) has sorted more than nine pounds of mission mix, and mother comes snooping around whenever I am sorting stamps to exclaim about the cancellations."—FRANCIS T. LANEY (age 12).

To Measure Perforations

Perforations seem to puzzle the young beginner more than any other of the features of stamps that must be reckoned with in collecting. But there is no reason why they should present any difficulty. First of all, banish the notion that we count the perforations at the top, bottom, or sides of a stamp. We do not count them, but measure them.

Our measure—called a perforation gauge—shows us how many perforations fall within a measured line of twenty millimetres. The gauge bears a scale of dots ranged to represent perforations of different sizes. You pass the edge of the stamp up or down this scale to find that somewhere the perforations will fit the dots on the scale. The number at the dots give you the gauge or measure of the perforation of that particular stamp.

The edge of your stamp may be longer or shorter than twenty millimetres, but no matter; if the perforations and scale coincide so far as they go, you need not bother further.

Do You Know?

Do you know that there is a picture on a postage stamp, of a person milking a cow? This is found on North Ingermanland 80p of the pictorial set of 1920.

Do you know that there is a picture of a "ford" on a postage stamp? No, you guessed wrong! It is the kind of ford where you wade through a shallow river. The ford of Kitim is shown on the 1913 set of French Guinea.

Do you know that there is a picture of a man climbing a tree shown on a postage stamp? Look up the 1913 set of Dahomey and see whether you could do the stunt in the same way.

Do you know that there is a stamp showing a plowman's horses scared at the approach of an airplane overhead? The air post stamps for Denmark, series of 1925, show a pair of horses rearing on their hind legs, supposedly because of the roar of the airplane engine. Can't blame them much if it is as close as it looks!—A. C. LEDUC.

More About the Chinese Junk

By Miss FLORENCE LYONS.

Several weeks ago I read on the Junior Page an article on the Chinese Junk. One came to Norfolk recently which had crossed the Pacific in 87 days. It was painted without brushes and made without nails. The Chinese smear the paint on with their hands and use wooden plugs instead of nails. The man on board said the crew had left because the ship was "cross-eyed," that is, the wooden eyes on the bow were not straight. The Chinese think that if a ship is cross-eyed it will run into storms. The Junk had lightning painted on the deck to frighten the real lightning away.

The Junior Dictionary

Uniontown, Ala.—Confederate postmaster provisionals issued during the Civil War in three denominations. They are very rare.



Universal Postal Union.—A confederation or association of most of the countries of the civilized world having mutual arrangements governing the receipt and despatch of international mail matter. It was founded in Berne, Switzerland, in 1874, when delegates from twenty-two countries signed a treaty agreeing to certain fixed charges on certain classes of mail. Most countries are now members of the Union, which retains permanent headquarters at Berne, and meetings are held every five years so that international postal regulations may be revised and amended as required.

Unpaid Letter Stamps.—These are special stamps affixed by the postal authorities in many countries to unpaid or insufficiently prepaid letters to denote the amount of postage or fine to be collected from the addressee.

Unperforated (not perforated).—A word frequently used in the early days of philately and now superseded by "imperforate."

Grace—A Limerick

There was a young lady named Grace
Her album consisted of Thrace,
She found to her joy
A rare one—Oh Boy!
And she smiled all over her face.
LAWRENCE J. KENNEDY (15).

The World's Rarest Stamp

By ROBERT STRAUSS (15).

A junior collector of stamps, L. Vernon Vaughan in 1872, while searching through some old papers for stamps, came across a few old Guianas. One of these was the one-cent magenta of 1856. To him this stamp did not seem unusual and removing it from the letter sheet, he put the stamp in his album.



Later he decided to sell this stamp and he did, to N. R. McKinnon, for six shillings, about \$1.50. Mr. McKinnon, a short time afterwards, sold his collection to Thomas Redpath for £120 (\$600). Then the stamp was sold to Philip Ferrary of Paris, for £125 (\$625).

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Persia

By E. P. CHAMBERLAYNE.

Persia is a large country of southern western Asia, most of which is desert. Its capital is Teheran. The ruler is called the "Shah." The stamps of Persia were issued in 1872. These stamps had pictures on them of the Persian lion holding a sword, with the sun shining brightly from behind. The "Gold and Silver" stamps of Persia are generally acknowledged to be among the most beautiful stamps in the world. They are so called because of their gold and silver borders.

Ne Pas Livrer Le Dimanche

The above is a French inscription appearing on a tablet at the base of all Egyptian stamps issued from 1893 until 1914 meaning literally "Do not deliver Sunday." Letters franked with stamps from which these labels were not removed were not delivered to addressees on Sunday. Sometimes the label may be found attached at the top, due to an improper separation of the stamp from the sheet. Emil F. Scholz who writes us regarding this matter says: "I am 15 years old and started collecting stamps about two years ago. My first stamps came from—dump. But at that time I didn't know that there was a stamp company in town. Now, my collection numbers but 1,500."

Orange Free State Surcharge TF

George Todd wants to know about Orange Free State with overprint. It is found on many stamps supposed to have been used for telegraph purposes, but many of these were allowed to be used for postage in spite of the overprint. The initials are the first and last letters of the word "telegraaf."

Origin of Countries' Names

(Insert in Your Album.)

St. Vincent, discovered by Columbus on St. Vincent's Day, therefore so named. The name comes from the Latin *vincere*—"conquering."

Salonica was built 315 B. C. on the site of the ancient city of Therma. Cassander, and named by him after his wife Thessalonica, half-sister of Alexander the Great.

Sierra Leone was discovered by Portuguese navigator Pedro de Sintra in 1462, and named by him "Serra Leoa" from Portuguese *serro*—"a saw," "mountain," and *leone*—"lion-like."

Solomon Islands (British).—Discovered in 1567 by a Spaniard named Álvaro Mendana, who, being an optimist named them "Islas de Salomon," with visions of riches to come.

Sudan.—This name is an abbreviation of the Arabic term *Bilad-as-Sudan*—"the country of the blacks."—*Stamp Collecting.*

B, C OF PRECANCEL COLLECTING

By W. B. HOOVER
HAND STAMPS

The Post Office Department supplies individual postmasters with the means for PREcancelling by the method best suited to his needs:

(a) When the amount of outgoing mail does not warrant the printed type rubber stamp with the city, name and date is supplied. It is with this stamp at the smaller cities PREcancel. The impression is generally less clearly defined than the printed type and although the theory the majority use black ink, the PREcancellation generally looks gray. This condition exists always with any rubber stamp on any paper as can be understood. The styles of type are similar to those used on the electros. The and stamps are made in various sizes—generally to cover 5, 10, 15, 20 or 25 subjects.

(b) Rubber roller. In this type which is not very common, the lines are generally thick and instead of the name of the city being printed on the line and the state centered under it, will be seen that the top line contains the rotation the name of the city and state and repeated the full width of the sheet. The second line is physically the same in appearance, but because the two lines do not start directly under each other the impression on the stamp is one of staggered appearance, like this:

Orange, Mass., Orange, Mass.
Mass, Orange, Mass., Orange,

(c) Mail Order Cancellations. In some of the large mail order houses which use so many of the higher denominations for mailing and who receive so many stamps in payment of bills, provision is made whereby under supervision of the Post Office Department, they are permitted to precancel the stamps they receive and use them for mailing outgoing packages or other mail. These houses are assigned a rubber stamp of special design and for their use only. There is no rule that can be given to distinguish this class.

So, we have divided PREcancels into two (2) major classes, of which there is a total of eight (8) sub-classifications:

- 1) Printed
 - (a) Electros
 - (b) Typeset
 - (c) Coils
 - (d) Bureau Prints
 - (e) Multigraphed and Mimeographed
- 2) Rubber Stamped
 - (a) Flat Hand Stamp
 - (b) Rubber Roller
 - (c) Mail Order Stamp

Now, in the matter of the style of type used: First, let us say that there is a term used that has a great bearing on the description of a style of type. *Serif*, a little line on the bottom of an "I" or "T" that sort of gives it a base on which to stand. These little lines, of course, are on other letters, such as the "ang-overs" of the "T."

In the beginning we referred to an existing catalog of PREcancels. This catalog is published by the Rotnem Stamp Company, 709 Northwestern Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn. A chart is used as a guide in classifying the styles of type. We quote from their catalog in explaining what is called the Universal Style System. "We use a Universal Style System, by which all regular types of PREcancels which are similar and used by different cities are grouped into 'Universal Styles,' which means that all plain, Gothic letters without serifs of an approximate height of 3 1/2 millimeters and less than 1/2 millimeter in thickness are used. If Printed safely be called Universal style No. 1 or abbreviated U1. The Universal Styles 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or U1, U2, U3, U4, U5, U6, U7, U8, are all according to this Universal Style (heart), plain letters without serifs, but of different sizes and shapes. U9, U10, and U11 all have serifs on their letters. Beginning at U51, we have the hand-stamps and up to and including U60 have serifs above and below. U61 is a rubber roller described, in which Orange,

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Mass., was used as the illustration. U71 to U81 are *Hand Stamps with Lines* and in various shapes and sizes—with and without serifs. U91 to U97 are the regularly PREcanceled coils (not Bureau Prints). A chart showing all these Universal Styles will be supplied to new collectors of PREcancels, without charge, by applying to the author.

This concludes a general description of PREcanceled stamps and probably after reading it one is inclined to believe, after all, that there cannot be a great deal more value in them than in ordinary postage. To that question let me make this reply: With every commodity, whether it be elephants' tusks or postage stamps, the value is dependent upon the supply as compared with the demand. Therefore, it is obvious that the small towns having only one or two firms using precanceled stamps, do not issue as many precancels as New York or Chicago would. And the rule holds good, too. For, as an instance, precancels from small towns in Louisiana, Mississippi, etc., are scarce, hard to get and have value. Compare this condition with regularly cancelled stamps that have their origin in these same towns.

Take the 2c current issue as an example—with a regular cancellation on it; it is worth about five cents a thousand—but let that 2c stamp have a precancellation Shreveport, La., on it and it has a catalog value of fifteen cents. Why? Because so many less are PREcanceled than regularly cancelled.

So it can be seen that the value-setting of precancels has a logical foundation and one is assured of a positive increase in value as years go on.—*Stamp Collector's Magazine*.

LOOKING ROUND

By "MARQUETTE."

Critics of the new *Danish* list in Gibbons 1927 Catalogue are almost unanimous in stating that the inverted frame varieties are overpriced. If this is so, and it may be true for the moment, one cannot agree with the remark that in the majority of cases the inverted frames are as common as the normal. The 8 öre, 1896-99, is certainly plentiful, and one or two other values of the same issue are not scarce, but taking them all round, the inverted frames are only a fraction of any wholesale parcel examined. Collectors are now seeking them, and this demand will tend to hold up prices, though some of them may fall.

I was looking through the price list of a Continental dealer who specializes in Jugo-Slavian "Chain-breakers" the other day, and was not surprised to find that his wholesale prices for many of the scarcer shades and printings were far above "Gibbons." I glanced at our Publishers' stock books, which have been strong in these issues since the old *Monthly Circular* days, and found that most of the better things were disappearing rapidly. I anticipate a big rise in all but the dozen or so of commoner shades and printings. Not so long ago complete sheets of many "Chain-breakers" were on offer from the Continent. Now sheets or blocks are rarely seen. If any reader knows of complete sheets for sale he can introduce the owner to "Marquette."

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The 4d New Zealand, South Seas Exhibition, is selling at anything up to half a crown in London. New Zealand dealers report "no offers" of this set, and I do not imagine that there are any large stocks in England. The Exhibition sets of 1906 and 1913 are also improving.

I cannot refrain from a word of praise for the new Luxembourg series. If this beautiful set draws attention to the earlier stamps of this interesting country, it will be a good thing for collectors, as they have been too long neglected.

I recommend the 8d and 10d values of Rhodesia, both double-portrait and Admiral types, as worth watching. Also any modern Rhodesians catalogued at less than three times face value, unused. There are not many of the latter, but the all-round demand for Rhodesians must force up their price.

South-West Africa does not seem to be represented by any considerable London stocks, and if dealers are to buy it seems as though many selling prices will have to be raised. South African holders might do well to offer now to London dealers, as unless stamps are soon available English collectors will give up South-West in disgust, through sheer inability to get even the ordinary items.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal*.

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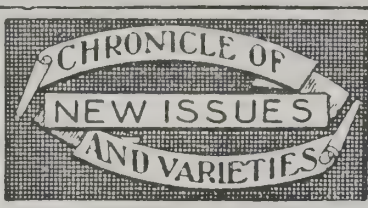
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United States

Washington Stamps

In the President's address to Congress on February 22nd, he brought to their attention, as well as to the millions of listeners in on the radio, the fact that in five years we would be celebrating the 200th anniversary of the birth of George Washington. A commission was appointed by Congress a little over two years ago to look into the subject and arrange for a suitable celebration and the President is now asking for the participation of the several states. He also asks for general suggestions and it goes without saying, that the attention of the commission in charge will be brought to the fact that a suitable series of postage stamps should be issued at that time, picturing possibly the events of importance in the life of our national leader. It is too early at the present time for the Department to give consideration to the subject, but it should not be allowed to be forgotten until the last minute, for in such a case we will get one stamp of little importance such as the Sesquicentennial variety. This was an opportunity for a series of unusual interest but due to the lax method in which the subject was taken up with the Department, it resulted in the stamp being asked for just a few weeks before the Exposition was ready to open. In the hurry, one stamp alone was produced and this one possibly the most unsatisfactory ever issued by this country.

New Compounds

Rev. J. Dreyer, S. M., kindly sends for inspection one of the new 1 1/2c perforated 11x10 1/2, precancelled Chicago. The 5c has also been issued in similar condition. So far neither of these stamps have been issued in an uncanceled condition and I understand in view of their distribution in precancelled condition, the

Philatelic Agency at Washington is not likely to arrange for first day covers for any of the remaining values. As stated in this column before, the Bureau has changed over its presses and as all of the rotary work being turned out in sheet form now have these perforations, they are unable to say exactly when a certain stamp is issued as most of the supplies are precanceled and these are sent out just as soon as available.

So far, the 1 1/2c, 2c, 3c, 5c and 10c have appeared. The 4c, 6c, 7c, 8c and 9c will no doubt be in the hands of the public before these notes appear. It is doubtful if we will get the 1c immediately as the demand for this denomination under the present postal rates is not large. Of course, if some city asks for the 1c precanceled, a supply will be run through, in which case the Agency will arrange for some of them without the cancellation.

Hawaiian Stamps Suggested

Mr. James A. Garvie kindly sends newspaper clipping evidently from the Hawaiian Islands in which it is suggested that American postage stamps picturing some of the incidents associated with the discovery of Hawaii by Captain James Cook in 1778 will be recommended to Washington by Postmaster J. Frank Woolley. The clipping states that he has had the proposal before him for some time and recently received valuable suggestions from Mr. Garvie, a well-known philatelist of the Hawaiian Islands.

The Hawaiian Historical Society at a recent meeting gave further consideration to the subject, inasmuch as the matter of such issuance was proposed to a committee of the society a year or more back.

It is stated that stamps issued at post offices in the islands and cancelled by a dater advertising the proposed sesquicentennial anniversary of the discovery by Cook would greatly advertise the Hawaiian Islands.

Among the pictures suggested are the Cook monument, head of Captain Cook such as now found on some of the stamps of the South Sea Islands, head of Kamahameha I, as well as one showing his statue, together with a stamp showing the expedition ships Resolution and Discovery.

Air Mail Notes

Mr. R. W. Ireland, the General Traffic Manager of National Air Transport, Inc., advises under date of February 21st that contract air mail route No. 3, which runs from Chicago to Dallas,

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E. T. PARKER, BETHLEHEM, P.

will locate a terminal at Ponca City, Oklahoma. The date of starting this service has not been definitely fixed but will probably be close to March 15. Mr. Ireland writes that the Post Office Department has announced that a flight cancellation stamp will be provided for use at Ponca City on the opening day. This canceller will no doubt, the well known cartwheel postmark used on first day contract air mail from other cities.

I wish to thank Messrs. Herman Boe and LeGrand Payne for covers from Valentine and Washington, mailed February 14th and 22nd respectively.

Canal Zone

I mentioned in this column last week that I had been shown a copy of the Canal Zone, perf. 10, the product of the rotary press. I now learn officially from Washington that the following stamps all perforated 10 and the product of the rotary press were furnished the Canal Zone Government. Of the 2c, 890,000 3c, 200,000 and 10c, 100,000, there were also 228,000 of the 2c furnished in booklet form of the 25c type with 120,000 booklets of the 49c type. As previously mentioned, none of the flat plates of the low denominations are now being run, that future deliveries to the Zone of values through the 10c will be of the rotary type.

ABYSSINIA.—Whitfield King & Co. inform us that two new provisionals have made their appearance. They are the guerche on \$1 and the 1 guerche on \$2. Both surcharges are in two lines in black.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.—The 1s 4d turquoise has appeared with the imprint of Mr. A. J. Mullett on the obverse.

The 1d green, K.G., has arrived, per 13 1/2x12 1/2, by new comb machine (issued 22.12.26). Mr. A. Rosenblum, B.S., who sends us our first copy from Melbourne, informs us that all values of the Georgian issue are expected with the perf., and that the new wmk., 1d ar 1 1/2d (perf. 14), should be good.—Stan Collecting.

BRAZIL.—Our agent at Rio de Janeiro writes us that Brazil is to alter its monetary system from "milreis" to "cruzeiro," based on gold standard which will undoubtedly necessitate a complete new issue of stamps, but this is not likely to materialize for at least another six months.—Whitfield King & Co.'s Philatelic Bulletin.

CUBA.—We have received a small quantity of the current 1c and 2c stamp watermarked star, imperforate. Our agent informs us that he hopes to send a few more shortly. These stamps were originally issued in this state for use in automatic slot machines, but owing to the excessive humidity of the Cuban climate the stamps stuck together and the machines failed to operate, and in consequence the remaining stock of the

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GREAT BRITAIN.—It may interest your readers to hear of a find that we have recently made in a Great Britain K.G. embossed stamped to order envelope. Apparently an order of envelopes sent in to Somerset House to be stamped with a 1d embossed stamp were by mistake stamped with the 1/2d impression, but in red, colour of the 1d. Rather than waste the envelopes the authorities seem to have blocked out the error impression with a large red oval shape grille, rather larger than the stamp, and stamped the correct 1d red impression underneath. We have never seen or heard of this variety before, perhaps some of your readers may know of it, especially those interested in British postal stationery. The postmark of the specimen we have is March, 1919, now a matter of eight years ago, and yet apparently it has never been heard of or recorded.—BRIGHT & SON.
GREECE.—Mr. P. J. Drossos informs us that the current 40l and 1dr have been printed in Austria for some months past, and that sheets so printed do not, of course, bear the marginal imprint of Aspiotis Freres. The Austrian printing produces stamps slightly taller and narrower than the Aspiotis issue.—Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.
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TUNIS.—Whitfield King & Co. send us a copy of the new Parcel Post design of this country and report that the following values are on sale: 5c brown and blue, 10c carmine and green, 20c green and black, 25c brown and black, 40c carmine and green, 50c mauve and black, 60c sepia and red, 75c violet and green. 80c red and brown, 1fr blue green and carmine, 2frs mauve and claret, 4frs red and black, 5frs red brown and violet, 10frs red and green on green, 20frs green and violet on lilac. The central picture shows the natives gathering products from the tall trees. The stamps bear the imprint "Friedling" at the left and "M. Froment. Sc" at the right.
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Australian Commonwealth.—The first prize in the artistic contest for the proposed Canberra commemorative stamp was secured by Mr. Ronald Harrison of Melbourne, son of the former Commonwealth Bank Note printer. Mr. Lyons of South Australia was awarded the second prize.

Antigua.—The 2½d stamp of the current series is about to revert to its original colour, viz., blue, on Script C.A. watermarked paper.

Belgium.—Following the advent of the 2 francs in the "Honyoux" type chronicled this month, the 75 centimes and 1fr denominations are announced for issue in the same design on October 25th and December 6th respectively. The new series engraved by M. Alphonse Manquoy has been approved, but the date of issue has not yet been decided upon. It is an open secret that a set of Air Post stamps is in course of preparation. Charity postage stamps in aid of tuberculous ex-soldiers will be put on sale by the Belgian post office on December 1st in a design engraved by M. Debast, showing portraits of the King and Queen of the Belgians. The values actually decided upon are 1.25fr×25c and 5fr×1fr, but it is probable that others may be issued, viz., 5c×25c, 25c×5c, and 40c×10c.

Belgian Congo.—Three new stamps in the design of "Native Cattle Grazing" have been authorised by the Minister for the Colonies in the numbers indicated in parenthesis, viz., 45c violet (750,000), 75c rose (1,250,000), 1.25fr blue (2,250,000). Of the foregoing 150,000 copies of each value will be overprinted for circulation in Ruanda and Urundi.

British Honduras.—The latest printing of the 2 cents stamp (Nyasaland type) despatched to the Colony is in red, instead of brown as formerly.

Bulgaria.—A series of Air Post stamps is foreshadowed, to make its appearance in the Spring of 1927.

Ceylon.—The new 9 cents denomination forecast in Sept. has now been despatched to the Colony, printed in red on yellow in the existing type.

Czecho-Slovakia.—Additional high values showing a view of the "Hradschin" Citadel of Prague were due to make their debut on October 28th, being the Anniversary of the proclamation of the Republic. A new set of Air Post stamps is also reported to be imminent.

Denmark.—A set of pictorial stamps is said to be in course of preparation.

Egypt.—There is talk of a special issue of postage stamps in connection with an International Cotton Convention, which is to meet in Cairo on January 24th and 25th, 1927.

Federated Malay States.—The 3 cents stamp of the current series is about to revert to its former brown colour.

Fiji.—A new printing of the 1d Georgian stamp printed in blue-purple, instead of scarlet as at present. Supplementary values of 1½d red and 2sh purple and blue on blue are also to be included in the current series.

Germany.—The Yuletide Charity stamps to be placed in circulation on December 1st will be of similar design to those issued last year, but dated "1926" and incorporating the heraldic arms of Wurtemberg, Baden, Thuringen and Hessen. The denominations are 5, 10, 25 and 50 Pfennigs, and they will continue to be valid for postage until February 15, 1927. The new portrait stamps, now in readiness for issue, bear likenesses of Frederick the Great (10 pf), Schiller (5 pf), Goethe, Bach and Dueror.

Guatemala.—In consequence of the stabilising of the local currency on the basis of the gold "Quetzali"—1dol.—4sh2d, a new issue of postage stamps may be anticipated.

Honduras.—A new stamp issue is due to make its appearance in 1927, but owing to lack of funds it will probably take the form of surcharging upon the existing types.

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Holland.—The series of emblematic flowers of the Dutch provinces inaugurated last year will be continued in so-called Child-Welfare Charity stamps to be issued by the Netherlands post office.

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Confederate romance has been enriched by the solution of a mystery of sixty years. Stamp collectors in America and abroad—philatelists all over the world—have been startled by the finding, accredited to August Dietz, Sr., editor and publisher of the *Southern Philatelist*, of the perfectly preserved electrotype plate of "Two Cents" stamps. The plate is marked into four sections, each bearing one hundred units of a Two Cents stamp engraved by De La Rue in London in 1862. The plate shines. No stamps have even been printed from it. Since sometime in 1862 or '63, perhaps, the great sheet of metal has lain in an attic in an old farmhouse in the South. Nobody knew it was there. Few believed it in existence. Some thought no such plate had ever been engraved.

Mr. Dietz, a life-long student of stamps and a recognized authority on those of the Confederacy, so firmly believed in the existence of this unused electrotype that he devoted years to a search. In June of last year, the one-time existence of the plate was confirmed by F. G. Montgomery, vice-president of the American branch of Thomas De La Rue & Co., Ltd., of London, the firm that engraved several of the plates for the Confederacy. Mr. Montgomery stated: "The records show that on November 7, 1862, there was sent a printing plate of 400 multiples of a Ten Cent stamp with the head of President Davis, and a similar plate for a Two Cent stamp with the head of Calhoun. These plates were, without doubt, replicas of the originals of the Five Cent and One Cent stamps, changed respectively to read "Ten Cents" and "Two Cents," but neither the Ten Cents nor the Two Cents stamp was ever used, the plates having been captured, probably before there was opportunity to print from them, and no one seems to have an impression from either the Ten Cents or the Two Cents plate."



This lost Two Cents plate is found. It is a faultless piece of workmanship, according to Mr. Dietz, and it has been untouched through the years. It is mounted on an iron base and measures 18 3/4 inches by 22 1/4 inches and its weight is eighty-eight pounds ten ounces. Mr. Dietz states that there is no doubt as to its authenticity since the electrotyping is the method of the De La Rues—entirely different from the American process. It corresponds with other Confederate stamp plates made by the same firm, and it is made to fit an old Washington hand press. It is noticeable on the stamps that in changing the denomination from One to Two, as is set forth in Mr. Montgomery's letter, the final letter "s" is cramped and badly spaced. This change was necessitated by an order from the Confederate Post Office Department, under Postmaster-General John Reagan, when postage was raised and there was a hurried demand for two-cent stamps, so hurried that time was lacking for new engravings. When the stamp plate, sent

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The color in each instance is black, unless otherwise specified. A number of correspondents also sent postmarks of these types on covers of later dates than 1882. No attempt has been made to list these, as the effort would prove too strenuous.

The following additions to towns using year dated postmarks have also been sent and the list is still not large. Of course this includes only the dates 1870 to 1877. Later ones were too numerous to mention.

1870—Bloomfield, Ill., Muscatine, Ia., Unadilla, N. Y., Red. Williamsburgh, Mass.

1871—Crawfordsville, Ind., Mount Lebanon, N. Y., Blue oval.

1873—Corvallis, Ore., East Templeton, Mass., Mount Lebanon, N. Y., Blue circle, Rutland, Vermont.

1874—Arkville, N. Y., Blue, Becket, Mass., Blue, Keyserike, N. Y., Blue, Mount Lebanon, N. Y., Blue.

1875—Montgomery City, Mount Lebanon, N. Y., Blue and Black.

1876—Brightwood, Mass., Chapel Hill, N. C., Ellinwood, Kans., Gilbertville, Mass., Mount Lebanon, N. Y., Blue, Oregon City, Ore., Weston, Vermont.

1877—Blairstown, N. J., Castile, N. Y., Eagle Creek, Ore., Hudson, Mich., Ilion, N. Y., Purple, Lima, Ohio, Ludlow, Vermont, Magenta, North Adams, Mass., Oregon City, Ore., Plattsburgh, N. Y., Rocky Point, N. C., Saegerstown, Pa., Vergennes, Vt., Ward, Nevada, Blue, Ward, Nevada, Blue octagon, Weston, Vermont.

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Doubtless there are more of these and additions to the list will be very welcome.

Mr. M. H. Ganser has sent some interesting items, including a strip of five 3c green Continental, with blue cancellation, each stamp perfectly centered. Very nice in such a strip.

Another 3c green is cancelled by a neat little shield, another by a blue star of four points in circle, and there are several other stars, as well as Maltese crosses, and red cancellations. He also includes a 2c 1890 cancelled by a large compound star too large for the stamp. In the center is a small solid five-point star, outside this is a star-shaped frame, and still outside this another star-shaped frame. In the center of the angle between the points is an extra point, but these are solid. It is very striking in appearance and is the first I've seen of this type of star.

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Mr. Leon S. Fairbanks has sent a large cover carrying a 1c re-engraved and a 5c brown Garfield. The postmark is West Berkley, Cal., Dec. 24, 1883, a double circle, the outer one about the width of the inner one. The 1c stamp is next to the postmark, and is cancelled with a boot, see July 19 issue of WEEKLY, No. 10. From the position of these two markings the inference is that they were on one handle, and so struck by one blow. The 5c is a little to the right of the 1c and cancelled by a cork or wooden obliterator. This is separated into small square segments. The ink of all the markings appears to be the same, and there is no apparent evidence of any tampering with either the covers or the stamps. And the history of the covers is such that there can be no doubt of authenticity. Why the different cancellations on the stamps?

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From what I have been able to learn the ruling will cover any kind of postage stamps and apparently does not apply to Canadian postage stamps alone. This means that you cannot have a stamp catalogue or a philatelic journal with illustrations. The mail will be closed to them. You can thus see how serious it is. Rise in a body and show your might. Boycott the Philatelic Agency if necessary. The Department expects to make a nice profit selling YOU stamps, but will not help you otherwise. Is it fair? Let them see you mean business."

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In Oct., 1925, a small group of our club members were talking of those good old days, and comparing them with the present. The old time rivalry in competition is now entirely missing, proven when some member puts up a choice Zanzibar, in mint condition; he gets one or two half hearted undernourished bids on same, and reluctantly says a fond adieu to said item, which he knows to be worth double the bid. A beautiful big blue \$3.50 first issue Civil War revenue follows it the same way; a mint \$2.00 U. S. with Cat. value of \$5.00 starts at about 10% under "face," and is withdrawn.

The president at this point wields his snappy little gavel, and the various little groups subside from their discussions of whether the red Bangor precancels were actually used; did WMSG come in well on your set; why don't Scott list France, No. 58a as a major catalog number; it wouldn't have frozen if the alcohol hadn't evaporated faster than I thought it had, etc., etc. And all this during an auction, cause "those stamps don't interest me."

This scheme for unified competition was so arranged that the Juniors could compete, and the cost is within their means. Here is the outline in brief:—

All 19th Century stamps must be postally used, given a major number in Scott Catalog, no one stamp to cost over 25c. Every perfect stamp to count one point, the contestant with the greatest number is the winner.

There are a couple of rather stiff restrictions here, "Postally used" is a severe obstacle in such countries as North Borneo, Liberia, Samoa, and those Seebecks, etc. This means that you have to devote a bit of study to your cancellations, and maybe annex one or two covers to help sustain your contentions as to what a cancellation looks like actually. That word "perfect" gets most of us. You know what it means, perfect centering of the perforated stamp, if it ever comes so (some do not), and with ample margins all around it, if it be an imperforate stamp.

Each and every perf. must be present. It is no easy job to find a perfectly centered 2c Columbian, with all of its 74

perforations clean cut and distinct. There must be no creases or thin spots under the hinges, the cancellation must not be heavy, and stamps must not be pencancelled. A rare or beautifully cancelled stamp counts no more than one which is not so beautiful, yet perfect.

Now apply this to every stamp you collect. Of course it looks, and maybe is, silly to see a man gently separating a mess of U. S. with his tweezers; but he is hoping that he may find a humdinger of a 6c dull brown, 1894, without the watermark, or some similar hard-to-get item.

It's a proud moment when you get your perfect copy of France, No. 57, or 89, and a holiday should be declared when Spain, No. 96 arrives, if it ever does! Spain, No. 571, is a mean one and there are plenty more. Early Swedens are way off center. Early Indians are faded, not the cancellations; but the color of the stamps. Australians—this group shows all that is bad, a perfect copy brings around a crowd of spectators. Italian stamps had no room for their perforations, same with San Marino and Tunis. Early French have creases on many of them. Mexico is a charming country to get in perfect condition.

Watermarks on the 1895-98 issues of Mexico, there are 98 of these stamps, only 30 of which catalog at 50c or less. There are three watermarked papers, and one unwatermarked, and three differing perforations on each kind of paper; interesting study for one set of designs!

Often our collection shows a stamp with pencilled "NC" above it, which means that we liked the stamp, and bought it, tho it is "Not counted" owing to its having exceeded our 25c limit. Italy is an easy country to complete as few stamps are expensive among the 19th century list. We are completing a few countries, while in many others we see a stamp now and then which we cannot help buying, as it is so nice that we simply "oughta have it."

Every three months, a group contest is held. Four countries drawn from a hat make up the contest. Three expert judges officiate with despatch and precision. The winners walk off with suitably stamped Blue Ribbons, which are hard to get. Our entire contest is due Jan. 1, 1930. This will have completed the five years. There are, possibly, 7,500 stamps which may be had. The stamps go up most too fast for us in the catalog. The Austria, No. 46, has now gotten away from us completely, being listed at \$2 this year. I had one, and foolishly let it get away from me, probably never will get another for this contest.

This competitive collecting is a lot of fun. You are very glad to allow a competitor whom you believe to be behind, to have your nice duplicates; but you surely will not hand many of them to the chap who walked off with most of the Blue Ribbons in the last contest. An odd

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By HARRY M. KONWISER.

Students of matters appertaining to
 the early days of the postal system of the
 United States can enjoy a considerable
 measure of profit and pleasure by visit-
 ing some of the larger libraries of the
 land, and then peruse some of the
 almanacs of ninety years or so back.

The Farmers' Almanac for 1834, No.
 16, compiled by David Young and pub-
 lished by R. Bartlett and S. Raynor of
 New York, has a section headed "Rates
 of Postage in the United States" reading
 as follows:

"For single letters, if carried not ex-
 ceeding 30 miles, 6¼ cents. Over 30 and
 not more than 80, 10 cents; over 80 and
 not over 150, 12½ cents; over 150 and
 not over 400, 18¾ cents; over 400, 25
 cents.

For double letters, double those rates—
 for triple letters, triple those rates—for
 packets composed of four or more pieces
 of paper, and not weighing one ounce
 avoirdupois, quadruple those rates and in
 proportion for greater weights.

Newspapers carried not over 100 miles,
 or any distance within the State where
 they are printed, one cent each—over 100
 miles and out of the State, 1¼ cents
 each. Magazines and pamphlets carried
 not over 50 miles, 1 cent per sheet—over
 50 and not over 100 miles, 1½ cents per
 sheet—over 200 miles, 2 cents per sheet."

Day's City and Country Almanac for
 1835, by David Young, New York, says
 under "Rates of Postage:"

"For single letters composed of one
 piece of paper: Any distance not ex-
 ceeding 30 miles, 6 cents; over 30 and
 not exceeding 80, 10 cents; over 80 and
 not exceeding 150, 12½ cents; over 150
 and not exceeding 400, 13¾ cents; over
 400, 25 cents.

Double letters or those composed of
 two pieces of paper are charged double
 rates. Triple letters, triple rates. Quad-
 ruple letters, quadruple rates, provided
 they weigh one ounce, otherwise, triple
 postage.

Every packet composed of four or
 more pieces, and weighing one ounce or
 more, is to be charged with single postage
 for each quarter of an ounce; except
 letters conveyed by water mails, which

are not to be charged with more than
 quadruple postage, unless the packet
 actually contains more than four distinct
 letters."

Newspapers paid 1 cent per 100 miles,
 1½ for over 100, "but if carried to any
 Post Office in the State in which it is
 printed, whatever the distance, the rate
 is 1 cent."

Magazines and pamphlets were rated
 by the sheet, and when not carried over
 50 miles, the sheet rate was 1 cent; up to
 100 miles, 1½ cents, and beyond that
 distance, 2 cents.

Hutchings' Improved Almanac for
 1837, compiled by David Young and pub-
 lished by H. and S. Raynor, New York,
 indicates "the following rates of postage
 are charged conforming to an act of
 Congress." The stated rates are similar
 to those of 1835, previously recorded.
 Additional items are as follows:

Ship letters, not carried by mail, are
 chargeable with 6 cents. Periodicals,
 magazines and pamphlets are rated by
 the sheet, and carried not over 100 miles,
 per sheet, 1½ cents, over 100 miles, 2½
 cents.

Record is made of "letters and news-
 papers delivered out of the office every
 day except Sundays, from 8 a. m. to 8
 p. m., and on Sundays, from 9 to 10
 a. m., and from half past 12 to half past
 one."

It is interesting to read that "if an
 abatement of letter postage be claimed,
 the letter must be opened in the presence
 of the postmaster, or one of his
 assistants; and if such letter should, in-
 stead of being overcharged, happen to be
 undercharged, the deficiency must be
 made up by the applicant."

"All letters which are lodged to go by
 the packets"—reading the Almanac—
 "must be distinguished by writing *Per*
Packet, for there are places of the same
 name in the United States, similar to
 Europe."

According to the almanac there were
 10,770 post offices in the United States
 on June 30, 1835, and the postal receipts
 from July 1, 1834 to July 1, 1835, was
 \$2,993,556.68. The "annual transporta-
 tion of the mail, 25,869,486 miles."

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*300	1902-03, 1c blue green	.04 .03
*301	" 2c carmine	.40 .30
362	" 3c bright violet	.08 .04
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	15c green	.16 .06
310	1902-03, 50c orange	.20 .10
311	" \$1 black	.50 .25
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*3.0	" 2c carmine, imperf.	.25 .18
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*335	" 5c blue	.20 .15
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*344	" 2c carmine, imperf.	.15 .12
*345	" 3c deep violet	.30 .22
*346	" 4c orange brown	.35 .25
*347	" 5c blue	.50 .38
*357	" 1c green	.50 .40
*358	" 2c carmine	.75 .65
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*369	" 2c carmine	.60 .50
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Junior Gossip

—Robert Hutchinson, Lawrenceburg, Ind., would like to get in touch with Juniors who have duplicates to trade. We are glad to publish this item because Robert sends us a nice article for this page. If any other Juniors would like to exchange we shall be glad to insert their names and addresses, but we cannot be held responsible for what takes place in exchanging.

—Fred Bamber (9) sends us a little story on "U. S. Stamps Issued in 1926." It is not quite suited for our page, but nevertheless we remember Fred with a reward that will please him.

—The Marysville (Calif.) Stamp Society met Feb. 10. William Conlin was elected president for the next six months, Cameron Alberts, vice-president, Harold Bubb, treasurer, Harry Piper, secretary, and James Bruce, sales manager. The president will be glad to hear from other stamp clubs. Address him at 716 12th St., Marysville, Calif.

—The Junior Philatelic Society of Washington Irving High School, Tarrytown, N. Y., was recently organized with Richard Heller as president, F. B. MacMahon, vice-president, G. Cardner, secretary, and J. C. Manthorp, treasurer. Meetings are held on alternate Tuesdays. An interesting set of activities is planned for the future meetings.

—A Junior wants to know the difference between hard and soft paper and we shall answer this question very soon, in a manner which will enable any boy or girl to distinguish between them.

—Albert L. Adams, Westminster School, Simsbury, Conn., would like to trade Canada stamps for others.

—The McBurney High School of N. Y. City has a lively stamp club, which meets at 318 W. 57 St., N. Y. City. The

Bank Note Prints

The secret marks found on the Continental issue of 1870 were applied on the original dies by the Continental Bank Note Company in order that their work might be distinguished from that previously turned out by the National Bank Note Company. When the National contract terminated, the plates and dies were turned over to the new contractors and in the case of the lower denominations, it is believed that they never used the National plates. They laid down plates of their own from the original dies and as the secret marks had been added to the dies, they in turn were found upon the plates as well as on the finished product.

In the case of the three higher denominations, namely, the 24c, 30c and 90c, secret marks were applied to the dies but no plates were ever produced from the changed dies by the Continental Company, although in the later years of their contract, they used the National plates for producing stamps. As a result these three denominations are generally recognized by means of shade, paper and gum.—PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

U. S. Revenues of 1862-71

By ROBERT HUTCHINSON.

The U. S. Revenue is a very interesting item for Juniors. Of the First Issue there are four distinct types, Imperforate, Part Perforate, Perforated on old paper and perforated on silk paper.

It does not require intense study to distinguish these types, and a collection of them, neatly mounted, is educational as well attractive.

U. S. Revenues were first issued in 1862 for the purpose of helping to defray the expenses of the Civil War. Since that time they have proved to be one of the most successful means of taxation.

A New Style Perforation Scale

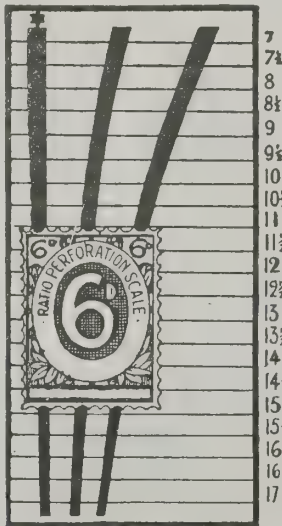
Last week we described the regular article. A new kind of perforation scale has been recently introduced. It is perfectly simple to use. You place your stamp so that the starred line divides a perforation, draw the stamp evenly down the scale until you reach a point where all three lines are visible through and at the back of the perforations; the number at the right shows the measure of the perforation of the stamp.

Some stamps have a different gauge of perforation in the horizontal (i.e., top and bottom) from the vertical (sides) direction. Our present British stamps are perf. 15 at top and bottom and perf. 14 at each side. This is called a compound perforation.

Roulettes are measured in the same way as perforations; the difference between the two systems of separating stamps being that—

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president is Martin Rogers (13), who resides at 210 W. 70 St., and he will no doubt be glad to correspond with other club presidents on matters dealing with club work. Martin writes us:—"We are fortunate in having for our faculty adviser, J. Van Kirk Wells, of the Home of the Postage Stamp." The club is indeed fortunate in this respect.

—There is a letter at this office for George Todd. As our mailing list is not arranged alphabetically we shall have to ask George to send us his address.

Bill and Bill—A Limerick

By EDWIN BROWER (12)

There was a young fellow named Bill,
Who had a rare lot of Brazil,
These a dealer did spy
And he offered to buy—
Now Bill has a one dollar—bill!

History on U. S. Stamps

By MORTON GOLDFINE (12)

A well-arranged U. S. album contains not only the collector's treasures but a history of the United States as seen upon her stamp issues. It is well to note some of the high spots of history as portrayed upon these stamps.

The period of exploration is portrayed in the Columbian, Trans-Mississippi and Panama-Pacific issues. The early colonies figure in the Huguenot-Walloon, the Pilgrim and the Jamestown commemoratives. The Revolutionary war is represented in the Lexington-Concord issues, the White Plains stamp and the Liberty Bell.

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this idea?

Is There Any Difference?



Can our Juniors see any difference between these two British stamps? If so, write a letter and you may win a stamp award.

Queen Marie

We have heard a great deal lately about Queen Marie of Roumania and her trip to the United States. Probably many of the readers of this paper saw her, and no doubt some readers attended some of the receptions given for Her Majesty. A picture of her in the costume of a nurse is shown on the 11c olive-green stamp, issue of 1922, c Roumania.—A. C. LeDUC.

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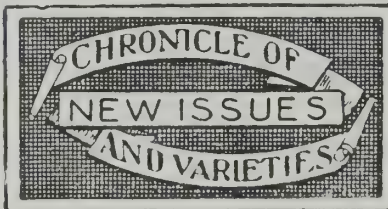
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United States

20c Air Mail Stamp

Mr. C. E. Nickles calls attention to the fact that in the case of the 20c air mail stamp recently issued from plate 18892, the small "F" which is usually found in the margin near the upper right plate number indicating that the plate has been finished or completed, appears near the lower left plate number.

Burgoyne Stamp Proposed

Mr. W. R. Staplin kindly sends clippings from the *Utica Daily Press* and *Observer Dispatch*, wherein mention is made that the historical societies of Rome and Utica met and proposed the issue of four commemorative stamps in quantities of one hundred million each, one showing the raising of the Stars and Stripes at Fort Stanwix; a similar number to tell the story of Herkimer under the beech tree at the Oriskany battle; another one hundred million to show Stark and the Bennington monument, with the fourth hundred million to represent the defeat of Burgoyne at Saratoga.

The clippings further state that Congressman F. M. Davenport, of Clinton, has placed the matter before the Postmaster General, with the hope of putting

out the issue as an educational project.

Congress has also been asked for an appropriation of a quarter million dollars for celebrating the 150th anniversary of the events which are proposed for illustrating these stamps. The clippings tell us that when the subject of four stamps was taken up with the Postmaster General, he made the suggestion that they request one denomination only. Accordingly a telegram was sent to Congressman Davenport, in which he was informed that a further local conference had been held and that he was authorized to ask for one stamp, the same to carry the names of Fort Stanwix, Oriskany, Bennington and Saratoga with Trumbull's picture of the "Surrender of Burgoyne" to represent New York State's part in the American Revolution. At this writing, no official action has been taken at Washington, but if the clippings give the correct facts that the Postmaster General suggests that they ask for one, there seems a possibility that such a variety might appear.

Air Mail Notes

The Post Office Department announced under date of February 23rd, that the Pitcairn Aviation Co., of Philadelphia, Pa., was the only bidder on the proposed New York to Atlanta commercial air mail route when bids were opened at noon on that date in the office of the Second Assistant Postmaster General. This concern agrees to carry the mail for \$3.00 a pound. It will furnish six planes at once, and two will be held in reserve. They will arrange to have eleven additional planes available as an emergency reserve. The department at the present time is contemplating having such a service leave New York at 9 P. M.; leave Philadelphia at 9.40 P. M.; leave Washington at 11.10 P. M.; leave Richmond at 12.35 A. M.; leave Greensboro at 2.25 A. M.; and finally arrive at Atlanta at 6 A. M. the following morning. The same schedule will prevail on the north

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While I have seen no official announcement stating that the contract has been awarded, nevertheless, the daily paper of Philadelphia inform the public that the local concern will receive the contract. Whether they are anticipating the intention of the Department, I cannot say.

I have a communication from Mr. Warren Irving Glover, Second Assistant Postmaster General in charge of mails confirming the details recently given in this column relative to the establishment of an airplane terminal at Ponca City, Oklahoma. As soon as the landfield has been completed, the Department will authorize the contract service running from Chicago to Dallas to stop at this place. Mr. Glover writes that it is the intentions of the Department to authorize a special cancellation for use at Ponca City on the first day, which will probably be around the middle of March although as yet a definite date has not been established.

Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer has shown me an air mail cover with a cancellation that I have not noted heretofore. This was used from Kansas City, Mo., and read within a circle, "Kansas City, Mo. Feb. 2 P. M.—Air Mail." This cancellation is of the hand stamp type and is doubt used on all of the air mail passing through that office in the regular course of business.

Agency for Philippine Stamps

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public, as the division was not in a position to take care of numerous inquiries. While recently in Washington, the writer took up the subject with Mr. C. Brown, in charge, and suggested to him the advisability of permitting the dealer and collector in general to purchase their supplies of mint Philippine stamps in the same manner as United States issues may be purchased at the Philatelic Agency. Mr. Brown stated that the subject would be taken under consideration and that I would be advised as to their desires later.

I am now in receipt of a communication dated Feb. 23rd, in which the Bureau of Insular Affairs announces that I am privileged to state that they have certain Philippine stamps available to the public on a face value basis. At the present time this includes the 2c, 4c, 16c, 18c, 24c and 24c of the Legislative commemorative series. These stamps have a face value of 42c per set and must be purchased in complete sets through the 24c. The supply of the 1 peso received from the Islands was small and these have been sold in their entirety, so that none of them are available. Remittances should be made by money order or express order, as private checks or unused postage stamps will not be accepted. Return postage, including registration, should be included.

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Certain denominations of the current series are also available, but at the present time they would prefer that these not be ordered until four denominations, which are at present exhausted, are replenished by a new stock from the Island. In the recent lot they had three hundred of the 1 peso, perforated 10, and as advised in this column sometime back, it is believed that a good quantity of these are now in the Island and they are quite confident that this stamp will be available when the supply which has been ordered arrives. As the order has been placed, it is hoped that these stamps will be on hand by the end of March. Our readers will be kept fully informed as to the items to be offered.

ALGERIA.—We quote below from a letter written by Mr. R. Roberts to a correspondent, offering him the "so-called" Charity stamps at a huge premium and believe if more of the buying public would take the same position, we should have less of this gouging of the collectors pockets under the alleged guise of charity.

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 2nd February, which I have read with care.

I am well aware of the speculation that has taken place in the 'so called' Charity stamps of Algeria, but I must tell you that here in London these sort of speculative stamps which are issued under the disguise of Charity stamps, do not appeal to English people, the inconsistency is so apparent. If there is any need for the subscriptions of philatelists to this charity, the idea of issuing stamps is entirely stultified, by making so limited an issue, and restricting the amount subscribed to the 'so-called' charity to such a ridiculous extent, and the benefit accruing from the sale of these stamps does not go to the wounded, as it is pretended, but to those people who have opportunity and influence to obtain numbers of these sets.

This is one of the several examples of the 'so-called' Charity issues by continental countries, which are issued under nothing less than false pretences.

If Charity stamps would be issued at all (?) they should be issued in practically unlimited quantities so that every philatelist should have the opportunity of subscribing to the Charity, if he feels disposed, otherwise they should not be called by this name.

The speculation of stamp issues is bad enough at any time, but under the name of Charity it becomes despicable, and I am only sorry that collectors will not refrain from encouraging them.

One reads with disgust, the reports of queues of people struggling and fighting to obtain stamps of which the small numbers issued had been previously advertised by the Administration concerned in the issue. Could there be anything more blatant?

I regret, therefore, I am unable to pass you an order for these stamps."

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—We notice that Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal chronicle, the 12c blue, Postal Centenary stamp with the overprint "M.A." for Official use.

CAMEROONS.—Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal records the appearance of two new values, 10fr orange and mauve, and 20fr carmine and green.

DENMARK.—Mr. A. E. Pade sends for chronicle the 15ö and 30ö of the new series with the surcharge "Postfaerge" in black. Also the 7ö postage due stamp, type D1, in a light yellow-green shade.

IRELAND.—Capt. T. A. Smye sends us a photograph of the 2p, Thom overprint, Die 1 with surcharge inverted and adds that Messrs. Frank Godden of London, reports that they secured half of the sheet (120 stamps) and do not know what has become of the other half, except one mint and one used copy in Capt. Smye's collection. The used copy on

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA

These stamps are unused, generally mint, unless marked used. Condition is good to superb, and the prices are very low. Of some of the items I have only one or two copies, so that a supplementary order will be appreciated. Satisfaction guaranteed, as always. All numbers below are inclusive.

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ANDREW SLEDD, DECATUR, GA.

cover is probably the only used copy preserved, the others having been destroyed by the recipients who were non-collectors, and not interested at the time.

LITHUANIA.—Whitfield King & Co., advise of a new series of stamps for this country. The usual inscription of the name of the country is at the top, while in the centre is a double cross surrounded by a wreath. The colors and values are 2c orange, 3c brown, 5c green, 10c lilac, 15c carmine and 25c blue.

MALTA.—We have received from Mr. R. Forbes-Bentley and Mr. Francis J. Gross copies of the 10 shilling value in the new set. The stamp is on the multiple script watermark paper like the values above the 6p and bears the inscription "Patronas Malitas" and a vignette reproduction of the Statue of St. Paul by the Maltese sculptor, Cafa, existing in the Collegiate Parish Church of St. Paul, shipwrecked in Valletta. The stamp is printed on white paper, vignette in black in red border.

NEJD.—We are officially informed that with effect from January 1st, 1927, the Kingdom of Hejaz and Sultanate of Nejd and its dependencies has joined the Universal Postal Union.

New Series. We are informed that a new series has been issued which resemble the pre-war stamps of Turkey in design—no values have yet been received.—Philatelic Magazine.

NORWAY.—Whitfield King & Co. send for note 15ö olive, 25ö red and 40ö blue, in the type of Scott's A13 and 30ö blue in the A10 design.

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Only a few precancel varieties have been issued for the use of this company and practically all have been low values for use in sending out their publications. The 10c Monroe perf. 11 has appeared precancelled for this town, the first value above the 2c that I had seen, which indicates that we can expect other values soon.

There has been only one type used so far for Milford, that being the regular U-10 style electro. The inverts listed for Milford are much scarcer than the price differences would indicate. As for relative scarcity, I would say that the inverts are at least 20 times scarcer than the normals.—*Precancel Gazette*.

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PHILATELY offers such a wide field of interest that anyone may find an outlet for their activities, and perhaps that is why the hobby continues to flourish and to increase its sphere of influence year by year. What are sometimes referred to as the side tracks of philately prove to be highly successful in gaining new recruits and in re-enlisting or retaining old enthusiasts.

There is no doubt that there are quite a large number of collectors who, for some reason or another, give up collecting. Quite apart from lack of time and similar reasons, there are many who have, unintentionally perhaps, made of their hobby a kind of second-rate science, and its consequent exactions have become wearisome. Philately as a hobby is as we make it, and it is within the scope of all to make it a pursuit which will give a maximum amount of pleasure with but a minimum of expenditure.

Readers of *The Philatelic Magazine* may recall the article, "Philatelic Sanctuaries," which appeared in last year's Christmas Number, and which had something to say about this, emphasising the importance and the interest to be derived from the study of stamp design.

In "*L'Inspiration Chretienne et La Philatelie*," the idea launched by this article has been enlarged upon and carried through to build up quite a substantial monograph on a topic which might appear to the casual observer to be of secondary importance. The work is ample proof that serious collectors are paying more attention to the designs of postage stamps. It is an interesting study, and one which should readily commend itself to the collector who wishes to make philately a pleasure. The ultra-scientific school have invariably avoided the subject of stamp designs. There are disciples of this school of philately who, although they point out with triumph some minute flaw on the plate, are often quite ignorant of the subject of the design itself, its origin or its connection with the country it represents.

It is quite erroneous to suppose that this study and appreciation of the design as a whole is a sphere of activity for the junior or the tyro. It is nothing of the sort, for its pursuit is full of interest and instruction for collectors of all ages and all stages of philatelic lore. In addition, it affords an excellent connecting link between the beginner and the advanced collector, where both may meet on an equal footing, a most important point and one which is so often wanting when collectors of different ages and aspirations meet together.

The authors, referring to the beginning of the career of the postage stamp, again introduce the idea that our old friend the Penny Black came into being in January of 1840, but May 6, 1840, is the date, which allows a cover to be described as "used on day of issue." This, however, is a small matter and does not greatly concern the subject which is being discussed by Mm. Gisquiere and Strowski.

It is really surprising to what an extent the story of the Christian religion has been introduced into stamp designs. Some of these, of course, are quite obvious and have been used to commemorate some event in the Christian world. Others, however, are not so readily discovered, more especially when the pious vein has been introduced into a design, the main feature of which has been conceived on other lines. These little touches, while fully apparent when pointed out, are quite lost to the casual observer, and are excellent examples of the value of studying stamp design.

Curiously enough those stamp issuing countries the names of which are suggestive of a religious origin, like Salvador and Trinidad, have not introduced the subject into their stamp designs, and in this category must be included St. Christopher, St. Helena, St. Lucia, St.

Vincent, and St. Pierre and Miquel. France and Spain, both Catholic countries, have shown no inclination to body any Christian symbols as a part of their stamp designs. The former may be said to favour the other extreme, adopting inspiration from pagan deities. The Christian inspiration in postage stamp design must be sought further afield, and the compilers of the work, readily referred to appear to have done thoroughly with the subject.

Christ, the man, as he would have appeared carrying out his mission appears but once, and this was on the special series to commemorate the tercentenary of the Propagation of the Faith three years ago. This issue is one of several which have been introduced by the Italian postal authorities during the past few years. There was the "Anno Santo" or "Holy Year" series of 1925, the designs showing the historic churches in Rome at the ceremony of the Holy Door. More recently we have had an issue in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. Portugal occupies a prominent position, the well-known issue depicting scenes and incidents in the life of St. Anthony of Padua, having made its appearance over thirty years ago.

There are quite a host of stamp designs which include the Cross in one form or another as a part of the central vignette or decorative border. The voyages of Columbus, Prince Henry the Navigator, and Vasco da Gamma, all received benediction of the Cross, and the stamps of many countries commemorating the events or alluding to the original founding of these communities usually include the Cross as a part of the picture.

It is very interesting to study the varied conceptions of the same subject represented on the stamps of different stamp-issuing countries. There are quite a large number of renderings of Our Lady, from the large format stamps of modern Hungary to the quaint types of Bavaria and Lithuania. The Virgin introduced to collectors on the Hungarian high values of 1921-1925 is in a class apart. Here Our Lady occupies the position of the patron saint of the country, clothed in regal vestments, with the crown of St. Etienne on her head. The infant Jesus holds in his hand the globe of the world surmounted by the patriarchal cross, the type which also figures as watermark for a number of issues of the country. The Independence issue of Lithuania has two representations of the Virgin, that on the 10 skatiku value being quite a novel rendering of the subject. Here we see Our Lady offering her head of Christ to a kneeling figure. The idea is intended to convey the story of Lithuania receiving her independence from the established creed in one. The reproduction of a mediæval statue representing the Virgin supporting the body of Christ was chosen for the 1925 issue of the Saare.

The patriarchal cross of Hungary has already been alluded to, and it is interesting to note the varied types of Christian symbol which has found its way into postage stamp design. The stamps of the free city of Danzig, adorned with the *croix pattée*, the original of the familiar postmark on the postage stamps to be brought into use, and often wrongly described as a Maltese Cross. We find specimens of the latter type on the 1924 series of Malta, and of course on the postal emissions of Malta. The real Maltese Cross, badge of the Knights of St. John, a still worn by the members of this ancient order, converges to a point in the center with two points to each limb. The eight points signify the eight beatitudes of the original order—spiritual joy, live without malice, to weep over sins, to humble thyself to those that injure thee, to love justice, to be merciful to be sincere and pure of heart, to suffer persecution. These were the tenets of the creed of the knights who ruled over the island for seven and a half centuries.

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Two prominent designs on the stamps of Malta are referred to in the monograph already referred to—the shipwreck of St. Paul on the shore of the bay which now bears his name, and St. Publius on the 1sh6d denomination of the current series. Publius was the son of the Roman Governor of the island, and was created first bishop of Malta by St. Paul in the fifty-eighth year of the Christian era—the year of St. Paul's visit to the island. The cathedral at Notabile is supposed to have been built on the site of the house once occupied by Malta's first primate, and it may be mentioned here that although Valletta is now the capital, the seat of the present bishop of the island is in the old capital.

The cross which figures so prominently on the Greek issue of 1913 is described in the work under review as a cross pattee, but it is more like the type generally referred to as the cross potance. The current series of Ireland supplies of the Celtic type found in the green isle and in the north and west of Scotland, and which vary from a cross incised on a flat slate to an elaborate cruciform monument.

Many inhabitants of these islands are apt to regard St. George as their personal property, and are quite surprised to find that the soldier from Cappadocia, patron saint of England and of all good cavalymen, is claimed by other peoples too. We have him on the stamps of Crete, Russia and Georgia, but the only British Colony to honour St. George is Tasmania, where he will be found on the fiscal postals of 1863. Here he is depicted as we once used to see him on the sovereign, a coin now alas relegated to the numismatist and not for the use of ordinary mortals. The Cretan idea is much on the same recognised lines, and occupies a position on the 5 drachmae value of 1900, all the other designs, the portrait types excepted, depicting pagan deities. The Russian St. George on the Charity series of 1914 is armed with a lance instead of the familiar short sword of the Roman pattern, and the setting is in the sumptuous byzantine style. He figures again on the stamps of Georgia before that State became a part of Soviet Russia, and here we have him on prancing steed in search of the dragon which is not included in the picture. This is a novel type of St. George and looks very much like one of those auxiliary light-horsemen who helped to win Caesar's battles.—Philatelic Magazine.

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Bones: "I say, Mr. Johnsing, do yo' know why a Seebeck is like a gold brick?"

Int.: "Because both have been used to swindle people?"

Bones: "No, kase dey bofe comes f'm a stamp-mill."

Int.: "Quite so. Have you a question, Mr. Tambo?"

Tambo: "Yessah, Ah has. Kin yo' tell me, Mr. Johnsing, why a '69 three-cent is like de bones o' St. Laurence?"

Int.: "No, Mr. Tambo, I cannot tell you why a '69 locomotive is like the bones of St. Laurence. Why?"

Tambo: "Kase dey's grilled."

Int.: "Very poor taste, Mr. Tambo. Mr. Bones, did I understand that you and your fiancée have disagreed?"

Bones: "Nossah, mah gal done gone back on me, thassall."

Int.: "My mistake. And how did that happen?"

Bones: "Like dis, Mr. Johnsing. Yo' member dat rainy, icy night las' Chuesday?"

Int.: "I do. But what has that unpleasant night to do with your antematrimonial troubles, Mr. Bones?"

Bones: "Nossah, dey wa'n't dat, dey was ge'ographical. Yo' see, we'd been to de movies, an' dere wuz a fillum what showed de coons over in Afriky an' when we come out ma gal, she says, 'Oh Ham, le's you an' me go 'n' see dat Afriky,' 'n' Ah says, 'Any time yo' says de word, honey,' 'n' jus' den ma foot slips 'n' Ah falls down 'n' slides 'bout fo'teen feet on ma head. An' when Ah gits up dat wo'thless gal says, 'Ham, yo's sho' de nicest man what dey is. Jus' as quick as Ah asks yo', yo' shows me de Ivory Coast!'"

Int.: "Very sad, Mr. Bones. What is your brother doing, Mr. Tambo?"

Tambo: "He's wo'kin' in de Asiatic Baseball League."

Int.: "That must be interesting. And what is he doing?"

Tambo: "Cochin China."

Bones: "Mr. Johnsing, kin yo' tell me why dem billion German stamps is like de Uncle Tom's Cabin show?"

Int.: "I haven't the least idea, Mr. Bones. Do you know why the German stamps of the billions are like the Uncle Tom's Cabin show?"

Bones: "Sho' Ah does. It's kase deir Marks am jokes."

Int.: "Exactly, Mr. Bones. Now can you tell me what kind of stamps are used at the North Pole?"

Bones: "Chile ones."

Int.: "How did you acquire those black eyes I saw on you last week, Mr. Tambo?"

Tambo: "Misunderstandin', Mr. Johnsing."

Int.: "Misunderstanding?"

Tambo: "Yessah. Like dis. Yo' see, me an' ma wife we jus' moved to Boston, an' she sent me down to de sto' one night to git some stuff, an' Ah didn't know w're de sto' wuz, an' Ah wuz a-

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NATAL—"Half Penny" on 6d 1895

By P. L. PEMBERTON.

The issue of this provisional on March 12, 1895, created quite a stir in the philatelic world, the re-appearance of the beautiful old Perkins Bacon design, even with the disfigurement of a surcharge, giving the stamp a popularity such as few other issues of the period could claim.

The stamps were remainders of the 1864 issue, printed by De la Rue and Co. from Perkins Bacon plates, on paper watermarked Crown and CC and perforated 12½. Of this stamp there were originally two distinct shades—lilac and violet, and it was of the latter that there were sufficient remainders to make this provisional possible.

The stamps were printed in sheets of 240, in twenty horizontal rows of twelve. The surcharges were set up in a *forme* of sixty, which was sufficient to surcharge five horizontal rows at a time, and four operations were necessary to complete each sheet. This was done by P. Davis and Sons, proprietors of *The Times* of Natal, at Pietermaritzburg.

Before being issued, the sheets were divided horizontally into two half-sheets, presumably so that they would be easier to handle. The total number printed was 216,000, or 1,800 half-sheets of 120 each.

My publishers have recently purchased two half sheets, an upper and a lower, and through the surcharge being slightly misplaced it is easy to see that these two halves were originally one, since the missing parts of the surcharge of the bottom row on the top half are found on the top row of the lower half. This proves that the sheets were not divided until after they were printed.

The stamps were first chronicled in our issue for April, 1895, when a sheet of

120 was described. The error EALF, the minor varieties, and the eight types of the word POSTAGE are all set forth. It may be noted that the order in which these types were then given is the same as that afterwards adopted in Gibbons' Catalogue, though it is apparently quite haphazard, being determined neither by the relative rarity of the types nor by their positions on the sheet.

The chronicler of those days did not give a chart showing the position of the types and varieties on the block, but he gives a table showing how many of each type he found in the setting of sixty. This account does not quite agree with what I find to be the case from an examination of the half sheets which lie before me. Whereas I find seven of type B and only six type G, the old number of the P. J. G. B. has these reversed. I cannot think that there were two settings (in such a case the error EALF would surely have been corrected?) so am forced to the conclusion that the chronicler was wrong in these particulars.

The following is a list of the eight types of the word POSTAGE:—

A all letters of POSTAGE normal.
B POSTAGE with long P.
C " " " T.
D " " " A.
E " " " PT.
F " " " PA.
G " " " TA.
H " " " PTA.

In addition to these there are the following varieties:—

EALF on type A, No. 58 in setting.
V for Y on type B, No. 38 in setting.
V for Y on type G, No. 41 in setting.
No stop after POSTAGE, on type H, No. 25 in setting.

DIAGRAM SHOWING TYPES AND POSITIONS OF THE VARIETIES

B	B	F	F	B	A	D	B	C	D	H	F
G	B	F	B	G	A	A	F	A	A	E	C
H	E	G	F	G	A	A	E	A	A	E	E
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6 " " G	1/6
7 " " H	2/0

Total 60

From this it will be seen that types C and H are priced too high as compared with the others.

This provisional is not known with inverted or double surcharge, and the only other varieties which may be found are caused by the surcharges being badly centred. In this connection, Mr. Percy Williams, President of the Philatelic Society of Natal, recently sent me a photograph of a sheet of 120 stamps in which the surcharge on the upper five rows is too low down, with the result that the stamps in the top row miss the bar through the value, those in the next four rows have the bar at top, while those in the sixth row have bar at top and bottom.

Though varieties of this nature have no particular philatelic significance, there can be no harm in placing on record the fact that they exist. There is, in fact, one instance where a variety of a similar kind is catalogued, namely the Orange Free State 1/2d on 3d of 1896 without bar (S.G. 80). This was put in the catalogue many years ago, before philatelic opinion was so well formed as it is now. It is safe to say that if the catalogues were re-written this variety would be omitted. —*Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*.

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A pair of £1 stamps of South West Africa, known as the second setting of that issue, sold for \$113. A pair of the same value, first setting, sold for \$31.50, while \$30 was paid for a pair of the 10 shilling issue of the same setting. For a pair of the 5 penny postage die, 1923 issue, \$47 was paid.

What is termed the rarest stamp in the issue of the Island of Malta, the 10 shilling of 1919, sold for \$131. An error stamp of the Island of Niue, being the 1 shilling, 1903, with the surcharge "Tahae," meaning "thief" in the Maori language, by which the stamp is popularly known as the thief shilling, sold for \$61.—*New York Times*.

A BENNINGTON COMMEMORATIVE

By ARTHUR F. STONE.

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ANOTHER COMMEMORATIVE
We have received from Walter C. Burrus a clipping from the Albany press which indicates the issuing of a new stamp commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Burgoyne campaign. It will be celebrated from July to October this year at several historic points in New York, among them being Saratoga Springs. It is reported that the Department at Washington looks with favor upon the proposal. Developments are awaited.

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By HARRY E. HUBER.
Britain's penny postage with the Colonies, inaugurated on Christmas Day, 1898, was made reciprocal by the Leeward Islands Federation from the same date. The Federation was also among the first of the Colonies in the West Indies to accept the proposals of the United States Post Office for an exchange of letters at the domestic rates, and on March 1, 1915, penny postage came into operation between the Presidencies of the Federation, and the United States, and vice versa. The foreign letter rate was then 2½d and the registration fee 2d.
By an Order-in-Council of August 9, 1916, and made effective from September 1, 1916 (until 31st March 1917), the letter rate from Antigua, St. Kitts-Nevis, and Dominica to places in the British Empire outside of the Leeward Islands Colony, was increased by ½d (as a war tax), and by Order-in-Council of Dec. 29, 1916 (effective Feb. 1, 1917), this was made applicable to the United States, with no time limit set. By a third Order-in-Council of February 21, 1917, the regulations of the earlier Order-in-Council of August 9, 1916, were extended from April 1, 1917, "until rescinded."
Another Order-in-Council of August 9, 1916, effective September 1, 1916, and with no time limit, ruled that letters from the British Virgins to the British Empire, outside of the Leeward Islands Colony, should be taxed 1d, and parcels leaving the Presidency, and those arriving, containing dutiable matter, 3d. Only the letter tax of 1d was made applicable to the United States by an Order-in-Council of December 29, 1916, effective February 1, 1917.
The Order-in-Council affecting Montserrat was not made until May 9, 1917, on letters to the British Empire (outside of the Federal limits) and the United States, a ½d war tax, with effect from May 15, 1917, until rescinded.
With these war taxes in force the letter rate from Antigua, St. Kitts-Nevis, Dominica and Montserrat to the British Empire, and the United States, was 1½d, and from the British Virgins, 2d. At the time, none of the Presidential stamp series, included a 1½d denomination stamp. The ½d Postage & Revenue stamps of Antigua, Dominica, Montserrat and St. Kitts-Nevis were overprinted appropriately, and in the British Virgins, the 1d and 3d received the WAR STAMPS overprint.
Antigua.—The ½d green, Royal Arms and Presidential Seal design of 1903 of Antigua, overprinted "WAR STAMP" in black, was issued October 10, 1916. On October 1, 1917, appeared with the color of the overprint changed to red. In May, 1918, a 1½d stamp was issued for the combined letter rate of 1d and the war tax of ½d. This was printed in orange, and overprinted "WAR STAMP," in black, in the same type as used for the ½d war stamps, and it was legalized by an Order-in-Council of February 21, 1919. This 1½d stamp does not exist without the "WAR STAMP" overprint.
St. Kitts-Nevis.—In the United Presidency of St. Kitts-Nevis, the ½d green, Seal of St. Kitts design of 1903 (Columbus sighting land), received the "WAR TAX" overprint in black, and was issued in October 1916. A 1½d stamp, in the same design printed in orange made appearance July 24, 1918, with "WAR STAMP" overprint in small letters. This stamp, like the 1½d of Antigua, does not exist without the special overprint, and was legalized by the same Order-in-Council of February 21, 1919, relating to the 1½d stamp of Antigua.
Dominica.—In Dominica, the ½d green, View of Roseau type of 1903, was overprinted in red, in two lines "WAR TAX—ONE HALFPENNY," and placed on sale, September 1, 1916. On March 18, 1918, it was issued with the WAR TAX overprint applied locally in black. The original overprint plate was sent out from London, and the words "ONE HALFPENNY" partially scraped away, or uninked, and on many stamps these words appear in Albino. This was merely a temporary issue, as in July 1918, the ½d appeared with "WAR TAX" overprint, in black, in large block letters, applied in London. A 1½d stamp formed by making a special printing from the Roseau keyplate, and the 2½d duty plate, in orange, and then overprinting in red, in 2 lines,

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In the next year (June 10, 1920), another printing of the 2½d was made in orange, and overprinted in black "1½d," the same as before, but with the "WAR TAX" portion of the overprint omitted.

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Montserrat.—Montserrat which was provided with a ½d green "WAR STAMP" printed in green, in the King's head and Seal type, and overprinted in red, this was issued October 8, 1917. With the overprint applied in black, it appeared in May, 1918. A temporary 1½d stamp was issued March 6, 1919 (legalized by an Order-in-Council of April 2nd, 1919), and made by printing in orange from the keyplate design, and overprinting "1½d" in the small value tablet at the top, and "WAR STAMP" across the center of the stamp—the two being in black and applied from the same overprint plate.

Penny postage in the United Kingdom was abandoned June 1, 1918, for a 1½d rate. Two years later (June 1, 1920) this gave way to a rate of 2d for the first ounce, and 1d for subsequent ounces, only to suffer a further change, on June 13, 1921, when the rate for "subsequent ounces" was made 1½d.

The United States entered the world war on April 7, 1917, and by Act of Congress approved October 3, 1917, the domestic letter rate was raised from 2 cents to 3 cents an ounce, effective November 2, 1917. This affected all foreign letters taking the domestic rate, including the Leeward Islands Federation. The 2c letter rate was restored July 1, 1919.

(To be continued)

PRECANCELS OF CLAYTON, DEL.

By A. C. LEDUC.

In the central part of Delaware is a town of less than 1,000 people—Clayton—from which has come more different types of precancels than any other town in the state. There is a large volume of postal business for the size of the town, due largely to the great amount of printed matter sent out by a local Catholic colored industrial school. The Post Office at Clayton employs one clerk besides the Postmaster and in order to handle the business it has been necessary to make use of precancelled stamps for many years. All parcels received at the Clayton Post Office from the public are sent out franked with precancelled stamps, which are always kept on hand.

Clayton precancels can be divided into two classes: First, those made at the Post Office with the rubber stamps and, Second, those made at the local school. The precancels made at the Post Office are made by using a rubber hand-stamp provided by the P. O. Dept. This is used so that the cancellation words "CLAYTON DEL" read either up or down on the stamps. Owing to some careless work a few are done normal or inverted and a few doubles also occur. Style U-79 was the first rubber precancel hand-stamp used at this Post Office and appears on the 1c perf. 12 of the 1912 issue, some values of the perf. 10 issue and those of later issues. Since 1924 this type has given way to style U-75, which is now in use. Red ink was formerly used in precancelling with the rubber stamp, but since 1924 black ink has been used exclusively. Stamps cancelled in red ink with styles U-75 are extremely scarce. Likewise, the present issue precancelled in red with U-79 are very scarce.

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NOTES ABOUT EXHIBITIONS

By JOHN N. LUFF.

The following article is taken from "Scott's Philatelic Journal," 1 W. 47 St., N. Y. City. It sets up a subject of vital interest and we hope to be pleased to hear from any interested collector. Not over three hundred words, and yet more than that number will make the article all the more acceptable.—Ed.)

Philatelic exhibitors promise to be numerous in the next two or three years. The following have been announced:

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Strasbourg, June, 1927.
Luxembourg, Sept., 1927.
Monte Carlo, Feb., 1928.
Barcelona, 1929.

At the time of the exhibition last October we heard it said several times: "Now that this has been such a success, suppose you will have an exhibition every year." Those who made such remarks were evidently without experience in the staging of exhibitions. Affairs of this scope cannot be undertaken annually because the labor and expense involved are too great. The work of organization, preparation and installation is much greater than would be conceived by anyone who has not gone through it. They call for a great expenditure of time and money, mostly by a few men. A big international exhibition can be successfully carried through about once in ten years.

If the number of large exhibitions is to be limited, there is nothing to prevent the holding of smaller ones in various cities. Only a very few people could be expected to journey from the Pacific Coast to New York, but a goodly number would go to San Francisco. In the same way, cities in various parts of the country might be expected to draw from their own and neighboring states excellent attendance at stamp exhibitions. Such exhibitions need not be regarded as shows. With good management and publicity, they might expect support from collectors all over the country. New York has the will to lend a hand to exhibitions in other cities and there is every reason to think they would be aided and encouraged by collectors generally. The philatelic press throughout the world has published flattering reports of the exhibition. The London Philatelist for October and November presented a very careful and scholarly re-

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210	10c orange & black	.20	228	15c light blue	.30
211	20c brown & black	.40	229	20c olive brown	.40
			230	24c black brown	.45
215	15c blue & black	.45	231	50c black	1.00
216	24c brown & black	.75	232	2c green	.30

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view. It was quite apparent that it was the work of an advanced philatelist and student and one who has had much experience as a judge. The articles were credited to "Our Special Correspondent." We venture the guess that this correspondent had a dual personality and is known to the world by the names W. Dornier Beckton and Benjamin Goodfellow. With their work as Judges and the pressure of other exhibition matters, it is surprising that they were able to observe and record so many important things in the collections that were displayed.

Mr. A. J. Sefi has devoted a large part of two numbers of the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* to a well-considered review of the exhibition as a whole and of individual exhibits.

The exhibition received much praise and the little criticism was usually of a kindly nature. We have noticed only one statement that we feel calls for correction. Mr. F. J. Melville, in his article in the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, says: "Many of the principal awards went to the members of the jury, only the British judges insisting that their own exhibits should be classed *hors concours*." This is incorrect and casts an unmerited slur on a prominent philatelist and member of the Jury of Awards. At the time that Judge Robert S. Emerson accepted the invitation to act as a juror, he stated that his exhibits would be entered "not for competition" and he adhered to that decision.

It should also be remembered that Mr. Lichtenstein withdrew his unrivalled Swiss collection from competition.

Two questions of long standing in connection with exhibitions have been touched upon in some of the reviews and have been discussed by collectors. These are:

Should Judges be allowed to enter exhibits for competition?

Should collections that have won gold medals at previous exhibitions be barred from competing except in the Championship class or one of similar import?

We believe these questions have been considered by the organizers of all stamp exhibitions for at least twenty years past, have been the subject of endless discussions and lengthy articles in the philatelic press, but satisfactory decisions are yet to be reached. If anyone can present an acceptable answer to the first and a workable solution to the second, he will

deserve more than a palm of honor. A halo, wings and a harp might be regarded as suitable rewards.

It is obvious that something should be done to separate the "super" collections from those not so extremely developed. Otherwise the former will always overwhelm the latter and result in discouragement to the owner. There was an illustration of this in the late exhibition. Two excellent collections of the stamps of a certain country were displayed. Each owner felt that his exhibit was fine enough to entitle it to a gold medal. But a third collection was entered that was overflowing with superlative things. As a matter of course, it received the gold medal. The other two exhibitors were so discouraged that they placed their collections on sale, then and there.

One point about competitions and awards seems to escape the understanding of some collectors. They hold that if gold, silver and bronze medals are offered in a certain class and section and only one exhibit is entered, it should receive the gold medal, because it is the best exhibit shown. The Jury held that an exhibit should receive only such an award as it merited and even that it might receive no award whatever. The mere fact that certain medals were offered in the prospectus did not make it mandatory that they must be awarded, unless deserving exhibits were shown.

It sometimes happens that a collection that has won a good award at one exhibition receives a medal of less importance when greater and stronger competition is encountered.

Here are a few other questions for consideration:

Shall future exhibitions be smaller than the recent one?

If so, shall this be brought about by restricting the number of classes and sections?

Shall exhibitors be limited as to the number of frames for each exhibit or shall they be allowed all the space they desire? In the past when the number of frames has not been restricted, it has almost invariably happened that they were oversubscribed and a general cut had to be made. Restriction worked well, on the whole, in 1926, but most of us would have enjoyed seeing larger displays from some of the great collections.

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regardless of the number of his displays? Shall the exhibition last longer than the usual week?

Should not the Jury of Awards be given ample time for their deliberations, using the entire period of the exhibition, if necessary?

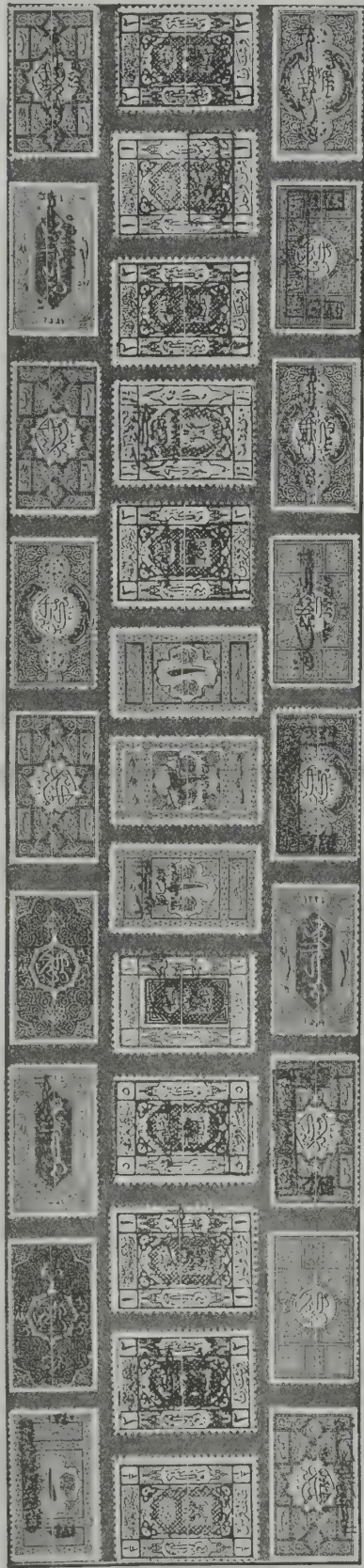
Should not the publication of the list of awards be deferred until the close of the exhibition?

Should marks indicating the wards be placed on the frames as the decisions are made? This would involve the risk of annoying protests to the Jury by dissatisfied exhibitors and their well-meaning friends.

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The two chief cities of Mecca and Medina possess great historical merit as the birthplace and burial place of Mohammed. Constant pilgrimages to this Holy Land are being made by Mohammedans from all parts of the globe and until quite recent years the chief source of revenue of the country was the "blood money" extracted from these pilgrims in return for safe passage across the desert.

During the world war the Arab movement for complete independence from Turkey was encouraged and sponsored by Great Britain. The revolt was successful and Hejaz was recognized by Turkey as an independent state, over which the British promptly established a Protectorate.

Hussein Ibn Ali assumed the title "King of Hejaz" on June 5, 1916, and one of his first accomplishments was to reorganize the postal service, for which a series of three postage stamps was immediately issued.

The turbulent state of the country, plus the apparently mercenary and inefficient methods of the postal department, soon resulted in a deluge of provisional issues and commemoratives some of which, because of their short use and limited number, have already become relatively scarce.

Unexpected events soon brought this orgy to an end, and early in 1925 the last set of stamps appeared and Hejaz passed permanently out of existence as a stamp issuing country.

The stamps of Hejaz stand as symbols of the rise and fall of a bizarre government. The issues were very limited, but so little has been known of the country that the attention of collectors has never been focused very strongly on her stamps; consequently the comparatively small quantities which have recently appeared on the market are selling at prices considerably out of proportion to their actual scarcity.

Scott has already advanced some of the prices (see Monthly Journal for October, 1926). We do not know whether future catalogue quotations will be upward or downward. But regardless of the trend of the catalogue, which often does not reflect the true state of the market, we feel that the stamps of Hejaz will become increasingly popular as more is known about them, and that this condition will be reflected in higher market values in the near future. We believe that the collector or dealer who buys these stamps at today's prices will some day have cause to feel complimented on his perception in making the investment.

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WEEKLY NOTES:—

ROUGH the courtesy of Rudolph Dinnebie we have received a rather fine cover. It consists of the current stamp in an artistic frame in the center of the envelope. Upon the left is the date 1847 and upon the right 1927. The inscription "First U. S. Large Stamp Approved March 3rd." The postmark is from New York with date March 3, 1927.

A. STEINMETZ of Philadelphia being congratulated by his friends on the fact that he secured a special silver medal at the recent exhibition held under the auspices of the American Philatelic Society. Mr. Steinmetz exhibit consisted of bi-sections on covers of British West Indies. The WEEKLY joins in congratulations.

DREW R. PERRY of Providence, R. I., has recently removed to Room 16 Exchange Place, where he has a well-lighted room, increased office and a fine stock of stamps and philatelic supplies. We are glad to give Perry this complimentary mention for his return for the splendid support according the WEEKLY in securing new subscriptions.

37th anniversary of Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, Cleveland, Ohio, observed Saturday, March 19. An auction and an auction sale was held during the afternoon in Hotel Cleveland a dinner at 7 o'clock. A full account will no doubt appear soon.

CINNATI COLLECTORS CLUB held its regular bi-monthly meeting on 3 with 35 members and three visitors attending. S. W. Richey exhibited specialized collection of U. S. 1847-1851 on and off cover, in three volumes with strips, pairs, types and cancellations. Mr. Richey needs very few stamps to complete his very wonderful collection.—**CLEM A. SCHMALZ.**

C. BUNDLIE sends us a clipping from Grand Forks, N. D. *Daily World*, which states that Charles Laack Pack, president of the American Forestry Association, has presented Cornell University with a gift of \$130,000.00, an endowment for a research professorship in forest soils.

MARCH 5 the Michigan Stamp Club of Detroit elected officers for the coming year. Pres. Charles Brisley declined a re-nomination after having held three years but was re-elected by a large majority. The other officers are as follows: Clarence Maher, president; Horace Hartwell, treasurer; Alex Livingston, recording secretary; and Dr. H. Prescott Hoskins chairman of the executive committee. The following appointed officers were selected: H. Jackson, auction manager; Herman W. Boers, publicity. The annual banquet was held March 19. Mr. Boers will no doubt send us an account of the event.

THE PRECANCELS OF NEWARK, DEL.

By A. C. LEDUC.

Newark is a small industrial town thirteen miles from Wilmington, having a population of about 2,200. It is also the seat of the University of Delaware, the largest educational institution in the state.

Previous to the Christmas seasonal rush of 1924 this town had not used precancels of any kind that are properly called such and come under the standard listing. They had used a box package cancel which covered two stamps. This outfit was used to cancel sheets of various denominations of stamps before being placed on sale at the parcel post window. In Dec., 1924, this Post Office received a 25 subject rubber hand-stamp which was used to precancel the existing stock on hand. This style is U-53. Most of the stamps so treated were used at the parcel post window to expedite the handling of Christmas mail. One large printing house in the town has used some of the lower values in quantities for the mailing of printed matter. Most of the precancelling work has been done quite carefully for hand work, and inverts or positions other than normal are purely accidental.

Of the old issues precancelled I have seen the following: Perf. 10x10, 1c; perf. 11—1, 6, 9, 11, 12, 13 normal and 9c down and 13c inverted. The 11, 12 and 13's are really scarce items, as only a few were on hand at the time precancelling was begun. Of the new series I have seen the following, all perf. 11—1½, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50, all normal and the 8c invert. Of the perf. 10 rotary I have seen the 1½, and 3c normal and the 5c inverted. A small number of Huguenot Walloons were on hand at the time precancelling was begun and of these the 1c is found nor., inv., double nor. and down; the 2c is found nor. and inv. and the 5c normal only. The 2c and 5c are very scarce, as only a few were on hand. Of the due stamps I have seen the 1c nor., the 2c nor. and also double normal.

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A collector whose good judgment has never been called to account, has written to say that he hopes that we shall not call for a public discussion on the propriety of further commemorative issues. He says that a former debate had no definite conclusion, and it is unlikely that there has been any change of sentiment since our poll was taken. He thinks that discussions of the kind do not conduce to good feeling and that it is just as well to accept things as they come. Our friend is entitled to his opinion, but the question now before the house is whether in view of the latest information about coming commemoratives, the point of view has been changed. When the commemorative issue becomes merely an incident rather than an event in our philatelic history, the effect of it is not a happy one. The philatelic newspaper is supposed to reflect the thoughts of collectors and indications are not wanting to show that some of those who heretofore have received the commemoratives with a graceful gesture are now disposed to say that they have worn out their welcome. In weighing the question of special issues, it is always borne in mind as a mitigating factor, that the

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hands of the authorities are clean, and that there is no disposition to exploit collectors financially. Nevertheless, the tolerance of the patient collector is near the breaking-point, and the "last straw" will do the damage.

A collector who is partial to the penny black of Great Britain writes as follows, and we are not averse to giving the stamp a boost: "Quite a number of collectors are now prefacing their collections, irrespective of the country in which they are interested, with a page of the Mother of All Stamps, the Penny Black of Great Britain. The popular way of procedure seems to be six copies, three with red cancellations and three with black cancellations. The first stamp from the early plates, intense black; the second, the ordinary variety; and the third, in grey-black or worn plates. These, when arranged in two rows of three, make an excellent introduction to any album. Of course, a Mulready or colored cancellation is an improvement."

As an example of conservative philatelic statement, the following observation that appeared in a newspaper whose name we are unable to preserve for posterity, is awarded the *grand prix* of a gilded nut-shell: "Collectors of stamps do not despise the stamps that have been obliterated and in some circles, the stamp devotees have special books in which to place the different issues which become more plentiful year by year."

Slowly, the influence of the old collector is waning and if he does not conform to the modern ideals, he soon will be a solitary figure standing alone in his unyielding devotion to past traditions. Once in a while, one of the old irconcilable collectors writes us to contrast to-day with the past, with disparagement to the present order. While we are not without sympathy for the view-point of these oldtimers, they are at fault in saying that philately is not now on par with collecting of decades ago. In fact, the progress that has been made in philately has benefited all collectors, even the old collector whose early stamps have become more valuable by reason of the augmented number of collectors. The veteran is prone to remember his collecting pleasures and forget the little disappointments that were a concomitant of collecting, when he was young, in greater number than they are met to-day. The outstanding fact is that collecting has never been so easy as it is in these later times. Attractive and interesting stamps are to be had for a song, without stirring from your seat, when forty or fifty years ago, the collector had to impress all sorts of near-stamps to make a showing in his album; and when the names of stamp dealers were sold among the boys for a few cents, at least. Then the buyer

sought the seller and now, as is proper, the seller seeks his customers.

Mr. G. H. Crouch, Toronto, Canada, writes: "The long expected air mail service, Detroit-London-Toronto-Buffalo, is scheduled to begin on May 15th, with both eastern and western trips. According to available information, the first air fleet will consist of nine and eighteen passenger capacity planes of the twin-motor type. Everything will be provided to make traveling comfortable and there will be a baggage allowance of 100 pounds for each passenger. What will interest stamp collectors is the fact that planes for carrying mail will eventually be put in use, according to a news note in the *Toronto Star*. No definite details are available, as yet, but just as soon as possible, information for those desiring first flight covers will be given."

As that grand old philatelic savant, Prof. Larned C. Ranium would say, the recrudescence of interest in 20th century U. S. is little short of phenomenal. Dealers say that collectors will not be happy until they get them. We have received a leaflet from Mr. Richard Walton, Schenectady, N. Y., that tells in detail of the Pan-American issue of 1901, with special reference to the 2-cent. We quote: "The day the announcement was made that the government has decided to issue a series of postage stamps commemorative of the Pan-American Exposition, George H. Daniels, general passenger agent of the New York Central went to Washington and laid before the Postoffice Department, the suggestion that the Empire State Express be adopted as the design for the 2c stamp, arguing that the Empire State Express was the most famous train in the world; that more had been said and written about it than all other trains that had been placed in service, and that the advertising of this train had been one of the greatest factors in bringing before the other nations of the world, the superiority of American machinery and manufactures, generally, and that as the Pan-American Exposition was at Buffalo, and the New York Central was primarily a New York institution, it really deserved this recognition on the part of the government. The result of this conference was the adoption of the Empire State Express, according to seemingly well authenticated statements, as the subject for the 2c stamp, and the next step was that Mr. Daniels furnished the Department with several photographs of the famous train. The engraving was made from one taken when the train was running sixty-four miles an hour." It is said that Mr. Daniels arranged to have 100,000 stamps sent through the postmaster at New York, for delivery to the New York Central; and one of the stamps was sent, "wrapped in oil paper," in a tiny envelope with two circulars, enclosed in a larger envelope to a list of



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Gold Coast.—New designs are becoming quite a vogue with a steadily increasing group of Colonies, thus proving a most welcome and refreshing departure from the old stereotyped formats of the Edwardian and early Georgian issues. Amongst those Colonies which have made an attempt to break away from the more or less conventional types during the last few years, may be mentioned Cyprus, Malta, Caymans, Virgins, Gambia, etc. Ere long, we may see this list belled by yet another Colony, viz., Gold Coast. Some time ago suggestions were invited from officials and local residents, and whilst none of the designs submitted were considered suitable for use, a new series is still under consideration. According to latest rumours, a pictorial scene will be incorporated in the design, in addition to the Sovereign's head—somewhat similar, perhaps, to the current series of Gambia.

So. Rhodesia.—A most interesting illustrated list of the various imperforate So. Rhodesian stamps has appeared in the December issue of the *South African Philatelist*. The range of varieties is truly surprising, such a new-comer to the ranks of stamp-issuing Colonies as So. Rhodesia is, the current series dating from July 1924. Gibbons lists only three varieties, viz., 1/2d, 1 1/2d and 6d, imperf. between (pair). There are many more, however, as the list given by our southern contemporary shows. A few of the more unusual types are as follows:—

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Ascension.—The overprints are still on the upgrade, with London prices slowly rising and approaching New York quotations. Last summer, the set was obtainable for around £1 in England, although here the price was substantially the same then as now (\$8). At present, the London market value is approximately £1 10s, and judging by the demand for this particular series as reflected by dealers' offers, prices there will ultimately correspond to the figures realized on the American market. The history of these provisionals shows quite clearly that, in spite of the many New Issue Services and other facilities for placing current stamps at the disposal of everyone, the day is not yet past when sets, which have been "on issue" for a considerable period, may double and treble in value within a few years' time.

Sources of Supply.—The following paragraph (from a recent issue of the *Philatelic Magazine*) is well worth "passing on," as it settles quite concisely a question which many people have raised from time to time.

"Ever and anon comes the query: Where can I buy British Colonial stamps in London at face value? The answer, in one word, is **nowhere**. The idea to the contrary evidently emanates from the fact that the Crown Agents in London accept orders from dealers for new issues at face value, plus a small commission, and keep back a sufficient quantity to meet these indents, but no stock is maintained, and none but English dealers are supplied."

"Speculative" stamps.—The recent "Port Fuad" commemoratives have raised once again in the philatelic press the usual condemnations which accompany the issue of speculative or semi-speculative stamps. Within the past few years, the matter has gained considerable prominence, owing to the rather large numbers of stamps of this

nature amongst the post-war issues of the various Colonies. The St. Kitts Tercentenary series, the New Hebrides provisionals, the Malta "Postage" set, Barbuda, Kuwait, the Ascension overprints, and the numerous Egyptian commemoratives are all well known examples. In each instance, criticisms of varying intensities appeared in the more conservative journals, most of which purported to represent, more or less accurately, readers' opinions. Now, whilst certain issues, such as the "Port Fuad" overprints, are generally frowned upon, there are many others, I believe, which are regarded with little, if any, disfavour by collectors, as a whole. In fact, I suspect the situation is almost the reverse of what certain editors and writers would have us believe. Far from giving issues of this sort the "cold shoulder," collectors welcome them with feelings not unmixed with that peculiar pleasure, which only a new or an out-of-the-ordinary set of stamps can arouse. Speculative they may be; yet they come as a most welcome and refreshing variety. Not only this; they also serve to rouse new interest in the issues of the Colony from which they emanate,—a most important factor and one which may easily be underestimated. The Malta "Self-Government" and "Postage" overprints have accomplished this very thing—and are largely responsible for the popularity of modern Maltese stamps to-day. With St. Kitts it is much the same case. The Tercentenary series—branded in a footnote to the catalogue as "unnecessary and speculative"—has added to the issues of this charming West Indian Colony, a glamour which, in all likelihood, they would never have acquired had the now famous "Cricket set" failed to materialize (this, by the way, at one time, nearly happened!). The whole subject is, of course, a debatable one, and may be counted to bring forth in the future, a deal more of comment, both *pro* and *con*, than has yet appeared. One thing, however, is certain: most of the so-called speculative or semi-speculative stamps issued since 1920 have been readily absorbed. This fact, alone, shows plainly where collectors stand.

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Junior Gossip

—We have received a limerick from Allan Gilmour (12), Philadelphia, Pa. We are much obliged to Allan for his favor but it does not possess quite enough merit for us to print it this time.

—E. H. Irish wishes to know how to mount covers in an attractive manner. Our best suggestion is to make diagonal slits in the blank page about half an inch in length, and so placed that the corners of the envelope will fit into the openings.

—Louis Press sends us a new Canada cancellation, at least it looks new to us: —"The Postman is Your Salesman, Use Him."

—One of our Juniors, Willard Johnson, asks us two questions that may be of general interest. He wishes to know if any special significance can be attached to the fact that a stamp is not priced in the catalog. This may be attributed to lack of information upon the part of the publishers as to what the real value is. As regards the relative position of the ship on the 5c Norse stamp to the emblem at the right, this may be charged to poor registration in printing the stamp. This is found in many stamps printed in two colors.

—A little essay on Ireland comes to us from Edgar Welch, who writes:—"I am particularly interested in Irish stamps as I am mostly Irish myself." We are not printing Edgar's essay, but we think enough of his interest in this page to send him a stamp award.

Bank Note Papers

The Junior collector usually finds it difficult to classify the Bank Note issues which appeared from 1870 to 1882 inclusive. While the catalogue tells us that the issues of 1870 to 1875 printed by the National and Continental Bank Note Companies are on hard paper, and that the American prints are on soft paper, nevertheless the amateur cannot always tell one from the other. The easiest method by which these may be readily distinguished is to obtain certain stamps of the series of these issues that appear on the one paper only. By comparing and studying these two varieties, one will become familiar with the hard smooth surface of the earlier prints and the soft porous paper of the later issues. Two such stamps which may be purchased from any dealer are the 3c grill, Scott's No. 136 and the 1c re-engraved, No. 206. These two varieties may even be recognized by the amateur and they exist only on hard and soft paper respectively.

Stamp Nurses

Those who like to divide their collections into pictorial groups might do worse than devote a section to the nursing profession. There are many exponents in the stamp album.

Only recently we have had the Saar charity stamp with a nurse and her patient, and the similar Luxembourg charity issue of last year is also fresh in our memories. France, in her War Orphans series, gives us two war scenes the bombing of a hospital and the torpedoing of a hospital ship. Roumania's charity series of 1906 depicts the late Queen, "Carmen Sylva," nursing a wounded soldier, while the present Queen appears in nurse's garb in one of the designs of the Coronation issue.

In Lettland a nurse holds the shield of her tender protection between a wounded man and Death, who lurks in the background, and the recent Spanish Red Cross set gives us a view of Queen Ena in nursing uniform. Belgium and Estonia also provide items for our nursing collection. If stamps showing wounded soldiers are added, quite a considerable display can be made, to which can be annexed a section showing persons engaged in "works of charity and piety."—Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.

The Junior Dictionary

Ubique.—A Latin word meaning "everywhere" and found on certain values of a set of stamps issued by Newfoundland in 1918 known as the "Trail of the Caribou" series.



Udine.—The capital of the province of the same name in Venetia, Italy, which issued type-set stamps for local use in 1919.

U. G.—These letters, intended to indicate "Uganda Government," form the only inscription on the 1895 typewritten stamps for the Uganda Protectorate.

Uganda.—A British protectorate in Central Africa. Postage stamps were first issued in 1895 and in 1903 these were superseded by the combined issue for the East Africa and Uganda protectorates.

Unwatermarked.—Stamps printed on paper innocent of any sort of watermarked device.

A Well Fed Lion

The two King George stamps of Great Britain pictured in MEKEEL'S under date of Feb. 21 are not exactly alike. Picture No. 1 shows the stamp as it was first issued, but people soon noticed that the lion looked thin and hungry and it was called the "hungry lion" stamp.

Finally the British people felt so strongly in the matter that it was decided to show a well fed lion on their stamps. So the stamp was re-engraved and the heavy shading as is found in picture No. 2 was inserted on the new plate.

JACK BOGART (10 yrs.)

Our picture contest showing the two dies of the 1d English stamp was a marked success. The letter printed above is only one of the many received, and we wish that we had the room to print others. Jack Bogart in his letter has indicated the one great difference between these two dies, the body of the lion showing heavy lines in the re-engraved design.

We list the names of all those who sent in correct answers and thank them for their warm co-operation in this contest:—

Frank B. Garvey, Wm. Falpnecht, Sidney Brownstein, Joseph C. Brooks, Morris Schwadson, N. Silverman (11), Marcinkowski Chester, Walter Toczko, Allen Harding, Edward Sandell, F. Bamber, Louis Rosenstein, Bond M. Perry, Donald Favor, Maxine Herzler, Bennett Boskey, Morton Goldfine, Harry Dailey, Samuel Horvitz, W. Kost, Irving Burlakoff, Albert L. Adams, Albert Freeth (13), James D. Staver, John M. Hamilton, Miss Vera Keifer, Martin Rogers, G. Harrison Townsend (16), Walter Zorn, R. Irving Blanchard, Jr. (17), Robert Raffauf, Russell Manning, Ralph Greenwood, Karl D. Ebers, Doris M. Wood (16), Jack Bogart (10), Lester Harmon, Jr., Jack Morgan, George Henhoeffler, John Havener, Arthur Gibson, Paul Tietjen, Robt. C. Taft (16), Manuel Blumenkopf, Ralph Katz, J. Raymond White (17), Wm. F. Westcott, Robert Hutchinson (14), Joseph Meuser, Jr., Philip C. Clarke, Helen G. Hovda, Chas. S. Latham (16), Abraham Zebine, O. Fay Allen, Jr., Lois Allen, Donald Smith, K. M. Fender, Alfred R. Tapert, David Q. Weaver, Joel Winter, George Todd, M. L. Hammer, Leonard Sheriff, Russell Mau, John Dwyer (14), Florence Lyons, Edw. Farnsworth, Geo. Plotkin, Billy Germain, Blakely Keith.

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2c White Plains, Plate Variety

One of our readers makes inquiry relative to the variety designated as dot over "S" to be found on one of the 2c White Plains stamps recently issued in panes of twenty-five at the International Philatelic Exhibition. It seems in the making of this plate that in some way a small defect causing a spot, which would be taken as a position dot if along the border of the stamp, appeared directly over the first "S" of "STATES" on the ninth stamp from the southwest pane of plate 1877. This dot is so clear that it may be readily seen with the naked eye. All stamps from this position on this pane from plate 1877 show the variety. As it is at times difficult to say which pane is which, due to the fact that all of them show for plate numbers, it is possible for a collector to become confused and think the variety is not present. If he has the plate number and it is from this pane, positively shows the oddity. If, however, he has one of the other three panes from this number, it does not show the variety.

Several have written to ask as whether this will be included in the new specialized catalogue. This, of course, a point for the Scott Company to decide but I doubt very much whether such variety is worthy of catalogue rank. They start to include items of this kind, will be necessary to materially increase the size of their present publication. **PHILIP H. WARD, JR.**

Rivers and Countries Names

(To be concluded.)

A number of countries are named from rivers; sometimes from rivers that bound them; sometimes from rivers running through them.

A type of country named from bounding river is Uruguay. Perhaps you have noticed that most of the stamps bear the name of the country, as "República Oriental del Uruguay." This means "Republic East of the Uruguay." Your map will show you that this river separates Uruguay from the Argentine Republic.

Another boundary-named country is Orange River Colony. This began as the "Orange River Sovereignty," about 1838; became the Orange Free State in 1854; was forcibly christened Orange River Colony in 1900; and, in 1910, when it ceased to have separate stamps, it became part of the Union of South Africa with the name of Orange Free State restored. The Orange River, itself, was named by the early Dutch settlers of the Cape of Good Hope, in honor of the House of Orange, a line of rulers that won independence for Holland.

The name Transvaal means "across the Vaal." After the Orange Free State was settled, migrants from the Cape of Good Hope pushed further north, and settle beyond the Vaal River. The name "Vaal" means simply "yellowish and muddy," in South African Dutch.—**STEPHEN G. RICH.**

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- 12 List by F. L. Smith.
- 13 1st Bushnell (7 sections).
- 14 2nd Bushnell (sectional).
- 15 3rd Bushnell, 1 volume incl. Canada.
- 16 4th Bushnell, 1 volume incl. Canada (also issued in 2 parts).
- 17 (April) Bushnell perf. 11.
- 18 Bushnell Perf. 12 section.
- 19 (Dec.) Bushnell Perf. 10.
- 20 (Aug.) Rotnem-Bushnell New Series section.
- 21 Rotnem's Standard.
- 22 Rotnem's Standard.
- 23 Rotnem's Harding.
- 24 Rotnem's Bureau Print.
- 25 Allen and Mitchell A. V. P. edition.
- 26 Hayes-Gossip Parcel Post List.
- 27 Field, Oddities and Disbrow 13c.
- 28 Gossip Printery Bureau Print.
- 29 Bushnell Second Canadian.
- 30 First Thompson, Canada.
- 31 Second Thompson, Canada.
- 32 (Jan.) Coll. Club Phil. (Vol. IV, No. 1).
- 33 Precancel Monthly, Vol. I, Whole Nos. 2, 4, 5, 6; Vol. II, Whole Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (11 Nos.).
- 34 10-26 Precancel Gazette, 55 Whole Nos.
- 35 Windy City Precancel News, 5 Whole Nos.
- 36 Precancelist, Whole Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5.
- 37 16-18 The Stamp Herald, Whole Nos. 1 to 17, 23, 24.

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- 38 Bushnell's Individual Sheet.
- 39 Bushnell's Govt. Printed Precancel MISSING
- 40 List by A. Lloyd Jones.
- 41 List by E. R. Aldrich.
- 42-03 List by F. L. Smith and Geo. Duck.
- 43 List by W. L. Gates.
- 44 Attleboro Philatelist (June and Aug.).
- 45 Check List Canadian Prec. (Schoemann).
- 46 Precancel Monthly, Vol. I, Nos. 1 and 3.
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At the meeting of the Executive Board of the Society for Stamp Exhibitions, held March 7th, a graceful act was done in awarding Mr. Frank W. Crane of the New York Times, the sum of five hundred dollars for his work in a publicity sense, prior to the New York Exhibition and during its term. Mr. Crane is a philatelist whose news appreciation of his pursuit makes him a popular personage in our circle.

The Mason City, Iowa, *Globe-Gazette*, of February 28th, contained an obituary notice of L. R. Saunders, headed, "War Veteran Succumbs Here. Disease Contracted in Army Finally Wins Over Billy Saunders." From it we learn that Mr. Saunders was thirty years of age and that his invalidism dated from 1921. Reference is made to his stamp activities and he was a member of the Episcopal Church, the American Legion and the Elks. The tone of the notice is deeply sympathetic and is such as to impress us who knew Mr. Saunders only through correspondence with a sense of the patience and the courage of the young man.

The latest number of the United Stamp Company *Herald* deals with the German Colonies of which it provides a reference list and catalog that is thoroughly illustrated by stamp design and watermark. The prices quoted, add to the value of the compilation.

The meeting place of the Chicago Pre-

cancel Club has been changed to the Sherman Hotel, where meetings are held on the second and fourth Friday of each month. The meetings of this newly-organized club are well attended and show that the interest in precanceled issues is keen among many collectors.

In the *Stamp Hunter* for March, Mr. MacLaren tells of experiences with "stuck down" collections that prove that many a stamp that looks physically fit when pasted down, becomes a wreck when it is removed from the page. This recital reminds us that a collector said that in an old collection that he got recently, some of the rare stamps were decalcomania pictures of them! Do our readers remember the decalcomania rage of years ago as having been applied to stamps? We don't.

In a letter from Brussels, Belgium, Mr. C. Bangs says that he has been in a hospital for five weeks, but that he expects to be about soon. It is his expectation to sail for home about April 4, 1927. Some time ago, we said that Mr. Bangs had intended to sail last January, but it is seen that his plans were disarranged. We rejoice to hear that he is almost out of the woods.

From several correspondents we have received green labels starring Eddie Cantor as a special delivery messenger boy, according to the central design. "Special Delivery" has place on the sticker and the mystic numbers "7" and "11" are in the lower corners.

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The East London Philatelic Society Stamp Exhibition was held in London recently and one of its features was the distribution of envelopes bearing colonial issues, canceled by the postmark form in double triangle, "E.L.P.S., 5-1-27, Stamp Exhibition."

From Mr. P. Ehrenfeldt, Surrey, England, we have received a clipping from the *London Telegraph*, of February 21st, giving an interesting account of the Barbados Tercentenary and the "strange history" of the island.

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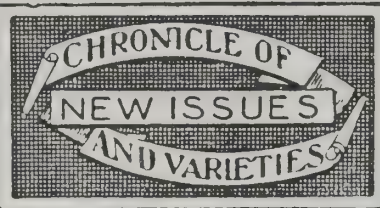
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United States

Bureau Plate Numbers

Through the courtesy of Mr. A. W. Hall, Director of the Bureau of Engraving & Printing, I am able to bring our list of plate numbers up to and including those issued to February 28, 1927. In this list we find the first of the 20c air mail plates, the first plate being number 18890. In view of the increased demand for air mail stamps, it will be noticed that four additional 10c plates have been made.

Plate No.	Denomination.	Class Ordinary.	Series.	Subjcts.
18882-18889	2c	"Cvd.	1922	400
18890-18894	20c Air Mail	"	1927	200
18895-18896	2c	"Cvd.	1922	400
18897-18900	20c Air Mail	"	1927	200
18901-18902	2c	"Cvd.	1922	400
18903-18906	10c Air Mail	"	1926	200
18907-18914	5c	"Cvd.	1922-400	

Air Mail Notes

In a recent chronicle, attention was called to special markings found on certain air mail covers posted on February 1st, the date on which the new 10c rate went into effect.

Mr. Raymond R. Freshwater has shown me further covers mailed on this date showing markings of interest. The following cities in addition to the regular postmark applied additional markings:

Des Moines applied a postmark which they placed on the front of the cover enclosed within a rectangle reading in four lines, "Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 1, 1927, First Flight New Air Mail Rate 10 Cents Per Half Ounce." This was applied in magenta.

Portland, Ore., had a more portentous postmark illustrating an aeroplane stamped in black and reading, "First Flight U. S. Air Mail With Postage 10 Cents per Half Ounce."

LaCrosse, Wisconsin, stamped in magenta in three lines, "First Flight, Feb. 1, 1927, New Rate."

Iowa City used a violet rectangle reading, "Via Air Mail On First Trip" and put in manuscript, "At 10c Half Oz. Anywhere In U. S. A."

Omaha, Neb. showed the wing insignia of the Air Service together with "Via Aeroplane Mail, First Flight Air Mail Under New 10c Rate."

An identical marking was applied on a communication mailed from St. Joseph and as they are both in magenta, I am led to believe that both markings were applied at Omaha.

Bakersfield, Cal. used the special marking which they had on the occasion of the establishment of the airmail reading, "U. S. Air Mail, Seattle To Los Angeles."

Under date of March 7th the Postmaster General advertised for bids for covering the New York to Chicago section including the overnight service of the transcontinental air mail service. Bids are returnable at 12 Noon, March 24th next. He states that the contract for the western section of this route was recently awarded to the Boeing Air Plane Company of Seattle. The original bids on the eastern section were held unsatisfactory and thrown out.

The route is open to bidders regardless of residence. The schedule adopted will require an average flying speed of at least ninety miles per hour and bond in amount of \$25,000 is to be furnished with the proposal. A contract bond of half a million dollars must be furnished by the successful bidder.

1920, 2c on 3c Provisional Envelopes

It will be recalled that a couple of years back, Mr. R. H. Mason published a list of all the 2c on 3c Provisional envelopes known at the time. This listed not only the dies but the sizes and watermarks as well. Mr. Mason has just furnished me with a list of additions which have been discovered since the booklet appeared.

St. Louis type II, Var. 2
3016a, Die A, Size 3, White, Wmk. 19, Low Back

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Chicago type II, Var. 3
3045Aa, Die E, Size 5, White, Wmk. 19, Wm. Back

New York type III, Var. 2
3105b, Die A, Size 13, Blue, Wmk. 20, Low Back

Boston type III, Var. 3
3088a, Die A, Size 5, Blue, Wmk. 19, Low Back

3132b, Die H, Size 7, White, Wmk. 20, High Back

Philadelphia type III, Var. 4
3095Ab, Die A, Size 8, White, Wmk. 20, Wm. Back

3101a, Die A, Size 13, White, Wmk. 20, High Back

3128a, Die F, Size 13, Amber, Wmk. 19, Wm. Back

Indianapolis type III, Var. 7
3115a, Die E, Size 5, Amber, Wmk. 19, Wm. Back

3119b, Die F, Size 8, White, Wmk. 20, Low Back

St. Louis type III, Var. 9
3114a, Die E, Size 5, White, Wmk. 19, Wm. Back

Chicago type III, Var. 10
3077b, Die A, Size 3, White, Wmk. 20, High Back

San Francisco type III, Var. 11
3088a, Die A, Size 5, Blue, Wmk. 19, Low Back

3097b, Die A, Size 9, Amber, Wmk. 20, High Back

St. Paul type IV, Var. 3
3187a, Die E, Size 5, White, Wmk. 19, Wm. Back

St. Louis type IV, Var. 7
3177a, Die A, Size 13, Amber, Wmk. 19, Low Back

Detroit type IV, Var. 9
3161a, Die A, Size 5, Amber, Wmk. 19, Low Back

Atlanta type IV, Var. 11
3187a, Die E, Size 5, White, Wmk. 19, Wm. Back

3189Aa, Die E, Size 5, Buff, Wmk. 19, Wm. Back

3193a, Die F, Size 13, Amber, Wmk. 19, Low Back

Jacksonville type IV, Var. 15
3195a, Die F, Size 13, Amber, Wmk. 19, Low Back

Washington type IV, Var. 17
3154b, Die A, Size 3, White, Wmk. 20, Low Back

3198a, Die F, Size 13, White, Wmk. 19, Wm. Back

Ithaca type IV, Var. 22
3161a, Die A, Size 5, Amber, Wmk. 19, Low Back

3172b, Die A, Size 9, Amber, Wmk. 20, High Back

3196a, Die F, Size 13, Blue, Wmk. 19, Low Back

3197a, Die F, Size 13, Buff, Wmk. 19, Low Back

Baltimore type IV, Var. 23
3178a, Die A, Size 13, Blue, Wmk. 19, Low Back

Nashville type IV, Var. 25
3206b, Die H, Size 8, White, Wmk. 20, High Back

I wish to thank Mrs. H. W. Haupt and Mr. Alfred H. Benners for notes of interest.

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U. S., Foreign, Sets, Etc.

All the stamps offered in this list are in absolutely fine condition, and anything is returnable for any reason whatsoever. Postage extra on orders under \$1. * Means unused, o. g.

UNITED STATES

Scott No.	Price
1890, 4c, 5c	.50
1890, 6c brown red	.50
1890, 8c, 10c	.70
1893, 1c to 10c, incl.	2.75
1894, 2c, triangle 1	.60
1894, 6c dull brown	.70
1898-9, 1c to 6c	1.35
1901, 1c to 10c	1.30
1903, 2c carmine, block of 4	.75
1907, 1c, 2c, 5c, blocks of 4	1.90
1908, 5c, 6c, 8c	.80
1908, 13c blue green	.50
1908, same, block of 4	2.60
1912-13, 1c to 10c	2.60
1912-13, 8c to 15c	1.35
1914-15, 3c, block of 4	.45
1914-15, 6c orange, block of 4	.65
1914-15, 9c salmon, block of 4	1.50
1914-15, 11c dark green, block of 4	1.50
1925, 2c, 5c, blocks of 4	.80
1926-7, 10c, 15c, 20c Airmail	.25
1926-7, 10c, 15c, 20c Airmail	.75
Wines: Nos. 4156-8, 4162-4, 4167-9, 4177-89, 4200-18 at 1/2 cat.; a few blocks of 4 on hand.	

U. S. SETS

U. S., 1869, 1c to 12c	\$6.50
U. S., 1870-71, 1c to 15c	3.25
U. S., 1879, 1c to 30c	1.35
U. S., 1890, 1c to 90c	1.75
U. S., 1893, 1c to 50c	3.50
U. S., 1893, 1c to 50c	2.75
U. S., 1902, 1c to 15c	2.25
U. S., 1904, 1c to 10c	1.50
U. S., 1908, 1c to \$1	1.00
U. S., 1912, 1c to 10c	.15
U. S., 1918, 6c to 24c	.30
U. S., 1918, 8c and 5c	3.30
U. S., 1920, 1c to 5c	.20
U. S., 1922-5, 1/2c to \$5	1.75
U. S., 1923, 8c to 24c	.30
U. S., 1924-5, 1c to 5c (2 sets)	.40
1924-5, Parcel Post, comp.	1.30
U. S. Interior, 1c to 90c	4.25
U. S. P. O., 1c to 90c	5.50
Treasury, 1c to 90c	5.20
U. S. War, 1c to 90c	4.10
Dues, 1912, 1c to 25c	.80

The used stamps in these sets are in good condition, without defects, no straight edges and not heavily cancelled. Extra fine copies need not be expected at these prices.

FOREIGN SETS

Aitutaki, 1920, 1/2p to 1sh	.75
Alaouites, 1925, Pictorial, complete	1.25
1925, I Airmail set	1.75
II Airmail set	.40
1926, III Airmail	.25
Algeria, 1926, 1c to 5fr compl.	1.65
Albania, 1925, Airmail, 5-50q	.35
Ascension, 1922, 1/2p to 3p	.95
Austria, 1922, 2 1/2k to 100k, compl.	.65
1923, 100k to 1000k, compl.	1.30
1924, 100k to 1000k, compl.	.90
1926, 3g to 40g, compl.	.40
Barbados, 1905, 1f to 2 1/2p	1.25
Bavaria, 1910, 1m to 5m, compl.	2.65
1911, 1m to 20m	6.50
1919, 2pf to 20m, compl.	.60
1920, 5pf to 20m, compl.	.50
Belg. E. Afr., 1922, 5c to 50c, compl.	.25
1922, 5c to 10fr, compl.	2.50
Belgium, 1919-20, 1c to 1fr	2.40
1925, 10c to 10fr, compl.	3.75
1925, 15c to 1fr, compl.	.35
P. P. 1922, 2fr to 20fr, compl.	.30
1923, 5c to 3fr, compl.	.50
Bolivia, Airmail, compl.	8.50
Bosnia, 1906, 1h to 5k, compl.	1.35
Cameroons, 1925, 1c to 5fr	1.50
Canada, 1908, 1/2c to 20c	2.00
Canal Zone, 1924, 1-2c	.25
Dues, 1915, 6 var., compl.	.90
Chad, 1922, 1c to 5fr, compl.	4.60
1924, 1c to 5fr, compl.	1.65
Chile, 1923, 2c to 5pes, compl.	1.75
1925, 1-5 pesos	.50
China, 1923, 1c to 10c	.25
1921, 1c to 10c, compl., rare	2.30
Congo, 1923-4, 5c to 10fr, compl.	2.60
1925, 30-75c, compl.	.25
Airmail, compl.	1.00
Cook Isl., 1920, 1/2p to 1sh, compl.	.75
Dahomey, 1913, 1c to 5fr, compl.	2.50
Dan. W. Ind., 1905, 5b to 50b	1.40
Danzig, 1920, 5pf to 5m, compl.	1.75
1921, 5pf to 10m, compl.	1.75
1922, 5pf to 10m	1.10
5pf to 75pf	1.35
1gld to 5gld	6.50
1924, 1 and 2gld	2.00
Denmark, 1915, 80 on 12, 80 on 8	1.90
1918, 27 on 1 to 27 on 10, rare	9.50
1920, 10 to 40 ore, compl.	.40
Dominica, 1/2p to 1sh, compl.	1.20
Dutch Indies, 5c to 1gld	1.40
Ecuador, 1909, 1c to 5s, compl.	.50
Egypt, 1925, 5m to 15m, compl.	1.35
1926, 3 surch. on Agric. set	.50
Navigation set, compl.	.45
1927, Cotton Congr. set	.40

Scott No.	Price
Esthonia, 1924, Airmail set	.90
Falkland Isl., 1918, 1/2p to 1sh, compl.	.55
France, 1924, Olympic Games	.35
1925, Decorative Arts	.30
1918, 2c to 5fr, compl., rare	1.10
Kouang-Tcheou, 1923, compl.	2.75
Alexandria, 1925, 1m to 150m	2.75
Port Said, 1925, 1m to 150m	2.75
Fr. Guiana, 1905, 1c to 5fr, compl.	1.90
Dues, 5c to 2fr, compl.	.60
Fr. Guinea, 1913, 1c to 5fr, compl.	3.50
Fr. Oceania, 1913, 1c to 5fr, compl.	4.20
1921, 5 to 25c, compl.	2.25
Gabon, 1911, 1c to 5fr, compl.	3.20
1922, 5c to 50c, compl.	.60
1924, 1c to 5fr, compl.	1.60
Germany, 1920, 1.25 to 2.50m	.50
1924, 5pf to 50pf, compl.	1.75
1926, celebrities, 5pf to 80pf	1.00
Greece, 1924, Lord Byron, compl.	.15
Hawaii, 1894, 1c to 25c, compl.	2.10
Hayti, 1898, 1c to 20c, compl.	2.50
Hungary, 1925, Airmail set	.35
Italy, 1921, 15-40c, compl.	.40
1921, 15-40c, compl.	.40
1923, Propaganda set	1.25
Black Shirt set	.50
Ivory Coast, 1913, 1c to 5fr, compl.	4.50
Jamaica, 1912, 3p to 1sh	.80
Japan, 1 1/2s to 20s, compl.	.65
Jugoslavia, 1919, 3h to 10k	2.40
Lebanon, 1924, 50c to 2.50pi	1.30
1924, 50c to 2.50pi	1.50
1925, Pictorial, compl.	1.25
II Airmail, compl.	.30
1926, III Airmail, compl.	.30
Charity, compl.	1.50
Charity, Airmail set	.50
Charity compl.	1.50
Charity Airmail	.50
Liberia, 1923, 1c to \$5, compl.	5.75
Liechtenstein, 1921, 20rp to 1fr, rare	2.25
Lithuania, 1921, Airmail, compl.	.50
Luxemburg, 1921, 1fr to 5fr	.85
1924, 12 1/2c to 5fr	1.85
1925, 5c to 1fr	.35
1923, 2fr to 10fr	2.00
Malta, 1926, 1/2p to 3p	.50
Martinique, 1908, 1c to 1fr	1.50
Mauritania, 1906, 1c to 5fr, compl.	13.50
Middle Congo, 1917, 1c to 5fr	4.60
Monaco, 1920, 5c to 2fr	.90
1923, 10c to 30c	.55
1924, 45 to 85c, compl.	.40
1924-5, 1c to 10fr, compl.	1.80
1926, 30c to 1fr.25, compl.	1.00
Montenegro, 1913, 1pa to 5per	1.75
Morocco, 1923, 1c to 10fr	2.75
Airmail, compl.	2.10
Nauru, 1916, 1/2p to 1sh	1.60
1924, 1/2p to 1sh	1.20
Netherlands, 1913, 2 1/2c to 1gld	.90
1923, 2c to 10c, compl.	.30
2c to 1gld	.65
1924, 10c to 35c, compl.	1.25
2c to 10c, compl.	.40
1925, 2c to 10c, compl.	.25
1921, Airmail, compl.	.65
New Caledonia, 1905, 1c to 5fr, compl.	2.50
Newfoundland, 1897, 1c to 15c	1.75
New Guinea, 1925, 1/2p to 1sh	1.00
New Hebrides, 1912, 5c to 5fr, compl.	4.50
New Zealand, 1925, South Seas Exh.	1.00
Niue, 1920, Pictorial, compl.	.75
Norway, North Pole set, compl.	.85
Nyassa, 1921, 1/4 to 20c, compl.	1.50
Palestine, 1920, 1m to 20pi, compl.	4.75
1922, 1m to 20pi, compl.	1.90
Penrhyn Isl., 1920, Pictorial, compl.	.75
Peru, 1921, 1c to 10c, compl.	2.40
Philippines, 1927, Pictorial, 2c to 1p	2.50
Russia, 1922, 5r to 45r, compl.	.50
1923, 1r to 7r, compl.	.85
1r to 7r, compl.	1.50
1924, 30k, 40k	.25
3k to 20k, compl.	.60
3k to 20k, compl.	.60
3r, 5r	4.00
2r to 5r, compl.	5.25
1925, 7k to 40k, compl.	1.20
7k to 40k, compl.	1.20
5r and 10r	6.00
7k, 14k	.20
3k to 14k	.75
3k to 14k	.40
3k to 14k	.75
3k to 14k	.40
1905, Charity, compl.	1.25
1921, 3 val., compl.	.75
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1922, 2t to 6t, compl.	2.25
4 values, compl.	.30
1923, Airmail, compl.	.60
Saar, 1921, 75c to 5fr	1.35
1926, Charity, 4 vals., compl.	.45
St. Pierre-Miq., 1909, 1c to 5fr, compl.	2.90
Samoa, 1914, 1/2p to 1sh, compl.	1.85
1916, 1/2p to 1sh, compl.	1.25
San Marino, 1923, 30c, 50c, compl.	.25
1924, 30c to 2l, compl.	.85
1918, 20c to 45c, compl.	.35
1923, 5c to 1l, compl.	.90
Serbia, 1918, 1p to 1d	.30
Sweden, 1924, 50 to 500	1.80
50 to 500	1.80
1916, Landstormen, compl.	1.00
432-6, 439-43 1918, Landstormen, compl.	.90
Switzerland, 1914, 2fr to 10fr	.35
1924, Dues, compl.	.50

Scott No.	Price
Syria, 1923, 50 on 10 to 2.50 on 50c	1.00
1924, 10c to 25pia, compl.	1.00
50c to 2.50, compl.	1.25
0.10 to 25pia, compl.	1.20
50c to 2.50, compl.	1.25
1925, Pictorial, compl.	1.25
1922, Airmail, compl.	1.25
1924, Airmail, compl.	1.20
Airmail, compl.	.60
1925, Airmail, compl.	.35
1926, Airmail, compl.	.30
Charity, compl.	1.25
Charity Airmail, compl.	.50
Tanganyika, 1922, 1c, 10c	.50
1922, 5c to 50c	.75
1925, 5c to 30c, compl.	.35
Togo, 1921, 1c to 5fr, compl.	3.00
1924, 1c to 5fr, compl.	1.75
Tonga, 1920, 2p to 1sh, compl.	1.10
Tunis, Dues, 1922, 1c to 5fr, compl.	1.00
P. P. 1906, 5c to 5fr, compl.	.25
Ubangi, 1922, 5c to 50c, compl.	.75
1922, 1c to 5fr, compl.	4.50
1924, 1c to 5fr, compl.	1.75
Union of So. Afr., 1926, 4p (2 var.)	.25
Upper Volta, 1920, 1c to 5fr, compl.	1.75
Uruguay, 1923, "Artigas", compl.	.45
1923, "Sarandi", compl.	.75
1924, Olympic Games	1.75
1c to 15c	.95
1925, 2c-12c, compl.	.65
5c, 12c, compl.	.50
1924, Airmail, compl.	1.30
Zanzibar, 1922, 3c to 10c, 7 var.	.50

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Austria, 1858, 3kr black, v. fine	3.50
1888, 50kr red lilac	1.25
1908, 10kr blue, bistre & brown	7.00
Barbados 1897, 5p olive brown	1.00
1897, 6p violet and carmine	1.75
8p orange and ultramarine	.75
10p green and carmine	2.25
Belgium, 1921, 5fr brown violet	1.60
Bolivia, 1923, 1b red brown	1.00
1923, 2b black brown	1.50
Brazil, 1878, 700r red brown	3.75
1910, 10,000r brown	1.00
1917, 500kr red brown	.75
Br. Guiana, 1913, 48c pale gray and violet brown	1.35
Canada, 1897, 85 olive green	6.25
Cape of G. Hope, 1902, 5sh br. orange	3.00
Ceylon, 1863, 1/2p lilac	1.75
Chile, 1911, 10 pesos	1.00
China, 1923, \$5 red and slate	1.00
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Congo, 1898, 3.50fr red and black	8.50
Dan. W. Indies, 1867, 2c rose	2.00
Denmark, 1864, 16s olive green	1.50
1870, 16s gray and green, v. fine	1.75
Dutch Indies, 1864, 10c lake	3.00
1865, 10c lake	6.00
1912, 2 1/2gld carmine	.60
Egypt, 1926, King Fuad	4.75
France, 1849, 15c green	7.50
1849, 40c orange	3.75
1870, 30c brown	2.00
1925, 5fr carmine	.90
Germany, 1925, 5m dull green	1.75
Gibraltar, 1947, 2sh viol. and blue	4.50
Gold Coast, 1894, 20sh viol. and black	2.50
Great Britain, 1847, 1sh green	1.50
1882, 10sh slate	27.50
1883, 4p green	.50
1901, 1 pound green	4.00
Iceland, 1907, 5kr brown and slate	2.00
Mexico, 1916, 5pes green and black	4.50
Morocco, 1917, 2fr black brown	9.00
Netherlands, 1852, 5c blue	1.10
1852, 10c lake (horn variety)	1.50
15c orange	3.00
1864, 5c blue	.65
15c orange	4.25
1867, 50c gold	3.00
1896, 5gld bronze gr. and red br.	4.50
1905, 10gld orange	7.00
1913, 10gld red on straw	7.00
1923, 2 1/2gld black	1.25
5gld dark blue	4.00
1926, 5gld gray black	.50
Newfoundland, 1857, 1p br. viol.	3.75
1857, 5p viol. brown	2.75
1866, 5c brown	11.50
1868, 8c vermilion	6.00
1868, 5c black	7.50
Niger Coast, 1897, 10sh deep purple	4.50
Niue, 1917, 3p viol. brown	6.50
Norway, 1854, 4s blue, v. fine	2.50
1856, 2s yellow	1.50
1863, 2s yellow	3.50
1883, 12c pale green	6.00
Oldenburg, 1858, 1g blue, v. fine	3.75
1861, 1/2g red brown	22.50
Palestine, 1918, 1pi deep blue	8.00
Philippines, 1861, 5c vermilion	1.50
Rhodesia, 1905, 5sh violet	1.50
St. Kitts, 1923, 10sh red and black	20.00
San Marino, 1923, 1l dark brown	1.60
Saxony, 1850, 3p red, fine copy	175.00
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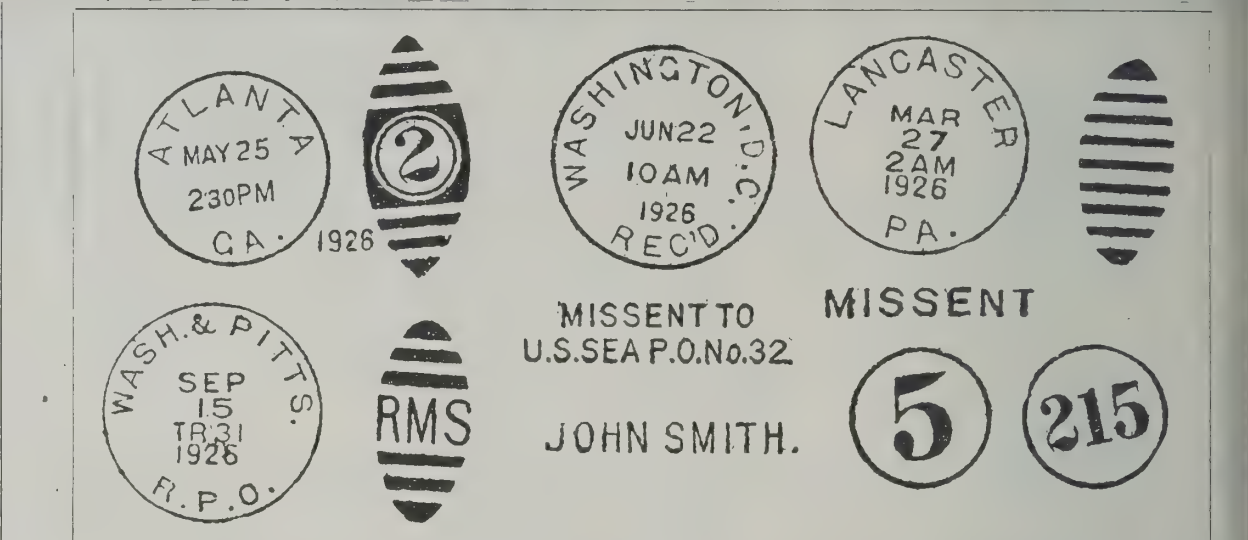
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UNCLE SAM'S STEEL DIES AND STAMPING DEVICES

A UNIQUE INDUSTRY IN A TINY VILLAGE UPON THE POTOMAC OF FAR REACHING IMPORTANCE

(In a recent number of the Richmond, Va. *Times-Dispatch* appeared a story by a staff correspondent Rosser H. Griffin which is of more than ordinary interest to stamp collectors, and we reprint the same in its entirety. A picture of the old smithy at Lodge, where the steel dies and stamping devices are made, accompanied the article. Clipping from P. F. Sabine.—W. O. W.)

LODGE, VA., Feb. 15.—On the outskirts of this tiny village overlooking the placid Potomac at the end of an isolated lane is located one of the most amazing industries in the whole United States.

There is little wonder that this plant excites the curiosity. So peculiarly exclusive is the art practiced here, so modest the antiquated wooden architecture (if such it may be termed) of the building erected in 1874, so unbelievably quiet the surroundings, none on approaching would suspect that the postal system of the United States government—the greatest in the world—is absolutely dependent upon the products that are created in this plant.

For in this old building, resembling a huge blacksmithy, are manufactured all the steel dies and stamping devices that Uncle Sam uses in postmarking mail and canceling postage that goes on the millions of pieces of mail matter handled in all the postoffices the country over.

There are few people who know of the existence of this little plant within the boundaries of the Old Dominion. There are perhaps fewer who find their way to its doors. And still fewer would ever expect to find it where it is.

The grandfather of the present owner and manufacturer patented the dies September 23, 1851, and although patents have long ago expired, leaving others to enter the field and bid for the work, yet the United States government has never let the contract to any one else. And the reason is simple enough. A few companies attempted it, but failed, for much of the art embodied in the handiwork lay in the fact that this old Virginia plant possessed priceless original machinery, invented by the genius that invented the dies, that cannot be duplicated anywhere in the world. And the government felt satisfied that these postal ne-

cessities could not be made anywhere so well and at so low a figure.

Benjamin Chambers, Sr., a native of North Carolina, was the inventor and founder of the plant which has been handed down in the Chambers' family for three generations, from father to son. He was an engraver in the government bureau in Washington and during his residence there he conceived the idea of the dies and procured the patent rights. He it was also who invented the first successful breechloading cannon in 1849, recently discovered in dust in the loss of this same old plant, which is destined to have a place of honor in the halls of the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond.

But returning to the story—Benjamin Chambers, Jr., succeeded to the plant upon the death of his father and it was the son that decided to leave Washington and cast his future fortunes upon the shores of Virginia near this place that barely was a village then, only a few houses scattered about the countryside. It was in the year 1874 that he moved and founded this plant, which though added to as the necessity for increased work demanded, still retains the original building. On the death of Mr. Chambers, Jr., in 1908, the plant descended to still another son in the line, Henry M. Chambers, who ever since has been at the helm for Uncle Sam.

Mr. Chambers shrank from publicity, saying that he was unaccustomed to visitors. However, he responded amiably to questions put to him relative to the work being done in his plant.

There were about fifteen workmen, skilled artisans, engaged in making the dies, hand stamps and the seventy odd different items specified by the government postal authorities. There were a number of orders for these postmarking devices on the work benches, having just been sent down from Washington and some orders were being filled that had been given in 1926. Some foreign countries also had orders there, and these included the Philippines, Cuba and Argentine, South America.

Electric power has not yet found its way into the Northern Neck region and this plant depends on an oil-burning engine of the Fairbanks-Morse type and a

dynamo generator for lights when skies are dark on cloudy days.

"What value do you place on your plant in terms of money?" Mr. Chambers was asked.

"Twenty-five thousand dollars," was the response.

"You have some priceless machinery here, has it ever been threatened by fire?" "We are fortunate," replied Mr. Chambers, "in never having had a fire here. There was one in the residence once and he pointed to the house where I live about 100 yards away."

Steel is brought in bulk from Baltimore for the manufacture of the dies and stamps, Mr. Chambers said, and the type used in them is also made in the plant. Even the wooden handles to the stamping devices are products of the unique industry.

Mr. Chambers does not object to visitors and they are welcome. But he seldom has any because there are few people that know of the plant and the wonderful part it is playing in the gigantic postal system of the United States.

BENNINGTON, VT., COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS

The New York State Senate has passed a resolution asking the Postmaster General to issue 100,000,000 two-cent postage stamps commemorative of the battle of Fort Stanwix, Aug. 3-6, 1777, at which time the Stars and Stripes first were flown in the face of an enemy. The resolution carries the request that the stamp bear a picture of the flag showing thirteen stars arranged in a circle bearing the words: "First displayed in battle at Fort Stanwix (Schuyler), Rom N. Y., Aug. 3-6, 1777."

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Thursday, March 3, was an historic day in the career of the Honor Club, for on that date we received three applications for membership.

One was from **S. A. Tanenbaum**, of the firm of **I. Tanenbaum Son & Co.**, N. Y. City. Another was from **John M. Sweeny**, Freeport, Pa., and the third from **Hamilton White**, general agent of the **New Amsterdam Casualty Co.**, 42 White Memorial Bldg., Syracuse, N. Y. We welcome to our membership these three subscribers and thank them for their expressed appreciation of our publication.

We also thank **Worthington Correll**, 20 Park St., Malden, Mass., for his application for membership in our Honor Club.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

CHRONICLE

(Continued from page 180)

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.—Mr. R. Roberts sends us a copy of the 3p grey blue, on a new watermark. It is multiple small "A" and Crown close together.

BULGARIA.—Mr. R. Roberts sends the following interesting information, "An interesting stamp has just been issued at Sofia, viz.: 10st red and olive grey, in the type of the 1878, no watermark. The stamp is very similar in appearance to No. 9 or 10 in Gibbons catalog."

CEYLON.—We have received from the Economist Stamp Co. copies of the 3c grey, surcharged "2 Cents" in one line in black and the 6c violet overprinted "5 Cents" in like manner.

CHINA.—The Economist Stamp Co. have shown us the 4c bronze green, noted in issue No. 1872 as soon to appear.

DOMINICA.—We have received from Mr. R. Roberts the 3sh purple and black and the 5sh green and black, script watermark, on new yellow paper.

FRANCE.—The Economist Stamp Co. advise that they have received the SP3 design stamp with the value 2c + 1c in violet brown. Also the 50c + 10c brown in the type of SP6.

GWALIOR.—Mr. R. Roberts advises that the 1½ rose and 2½ orange De la Rue issues of India have been overprinted for use in this Native State. Both surcharges are in two lines in black.

HEJAZ.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us two values of a new design for this country. They are the ½ pia brown red and 1½ pia grey blue.

IRAQ.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown us a line engraved stamp, the work of Messrs. Bradbury Wilkinson & Co. bearing the portrait of King Feisal. The color is brown and perforation is 12, script watermark. Mr. Roberts also includes a copy of the same stamp surcharged as usual "On State Service" in black.

KELANTAN.—Mr. R. Roberts and Whitfield King & Co. send copies of the 3c brown, on script watermarked paper. This is a change of color.

LEBANON.—Whitfield King & Co. furnish the information that the surcharged stamp 4 piastres on 25 centimes has been issued with a larger overprint than the one previously chronicled.

MONACO.—Mr. Newell True advises that there will be issued next March (1928) a 5fr stamp in commemoration of the International Philatelic Exhibition. The color will probably be green, and will picture likenesses of Charles III, Albert I and Louis II.

Whitfield King & Co. and Mr. R. Roberts inform us of the placing on sale of the 90c rose on straw, design as Scott's A13.

MOROCCO.—The Economist Stamp Co. send for chronicle a copy of the 2fr Air Post stamp in a somewhat darker shade than previously.

NIGERIA.—Mr. R. Roberts sends us the 1 pound purple and black on red, King George type, Die II.

SAAR.—Whitfield King & Co. send us two more values of the new series for this country. They are the 1fr 50c blue and the 2fr red. Both are the same with a view of a large industrial plant in the centre.

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The writer of the recent notes on the Barbados 1sh Small Seal Script seems to be criticising certain remarks of these notes in an earlier number, but the only statement at all doubtful was whether any were sold by the Crown Agents in London; this was distinctly stated to be doubtful, however, not confirmed. There was undoubted speculation in this stamp, but local stocks appear now to be much reduced and the price is on the upgrade. There is no reason why it should not be as scarce as the 1sh Turks Is. Script (old type), as the numbers issued were similar, although we are still waiting for exact figures of the latter. Perhaps our friend can oblige. In the latter case the majority of the printing was sold by the Crown Agents and only, it is said, 1550 were sold on the island. This explains why it was once easy to get at usual rates over face value, which was never the case with the Barbados stamp. In the latter case it would be interesting to know what happened to the 2100 copies taken up by the astute stamp vendor.

S. Nigeria.—The high values of the Georgian series for S. Nigeria have been appreciating slightly in market value and are well worth picking up at any serious discount off catalogue. The 5sh is relatively the best of the series.

The 2½d Oranges.—Considerable interest has been manifested lately in the 2½d orange, etc., of the various colonies, many of which are now obsolete. What are these going to be worth, and which the best? The 2½d orange of St. Lucia and Leeward Is. are at present the best, numbers printed being stated to be about ten and twelve thousand respectively. Montserrat is following closely, but I

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suggest that the 2½d orange of Virgin Is. and 2½d brown of St. Kitts Nevis are also very well worth buying and are almost certain to show very big catalogue increases shortly. It would not be surprising to hear that the numbers printed are quite as limited as the Leeward Is. stamp, and they have both been out of stock in their respective islands for some little time, although at the moment of writing the new 2½d blue has not appeared. This will undoubtedly effect the values of the first blue scripts, as although the new printings are generally different in shade, the price differences will tend to largely die out. The only 2½d blue scripts that one can recommend with a future are where the design has been altered, such as Turks Is., Trinidad and Gambia.

Blocks of Four.—Blocks of four are now quite a vogue, and with some of the higher values and popular countries, are worth more than four separate copies. They certainly look very nice and enhance the appearance of a collection, but it is worth paying the extra demanded, and getting well centred copies.

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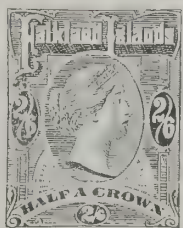
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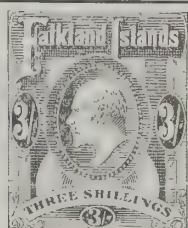
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The Stamps of the Falkland Islands

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For any young collector looking out for a convenient small philatelic colony to collect and perchance to complete, the Falkland Islands offer many attractions. In this article Mr. Grant tells you much about these stamps which will help you to specialise in them.

FOR some time past there has been a growing tendency on the part of stamp collectors to pay more than ordinary attention to the postage stamps of the Falkland Islands, which form a most interesting study to anyone who cares to go a little further than the information which is to be found in the standard catalogues.

In the short time at my disposal, however, there is not time to do more than give a brief outline of the more interesting sections of the stamps, of these Islands, and my intention is more to indicate the principal features of the various issues than to give a detailed description of the adhesive labels of this interesting little Colony in the South Atlantic, which is, so to speak, one of the most distant outpost of our great British Empire.

One may quite safely say that the Falklands are steadily rising in popularity amongst collectors, and while there may be no great rarities to be found, as in such countries as Mauritius or the Cape, there are quite a number of varieties which are extremely difficult to secure. Whereas a few years ago the Falklands could almost be regarded as a neglected country, there are visible signs, as any stamp dealer will tell, that the demand for its stamps is beginning to exceed the supply. I should not be at all surprised if, before many years have passed, material alterations in prices are to be observed.

Watermarks are a constant source of trouble in the Victorian issues, for, in addition to the normal, we have the reversed type, the inverted, some stamps have none at all, others are lettered, and there are crosses and straight lines, and one really never quite knows what is going to turn up in this nature.

As a preliminary to the stamps, mailed matter was at first subjected to an impression by a metal hand-stamp at

the post-office, the postal charges being paid at the same time. At first, the frank used was a small one, coming into use about 1858, and contained the words "Falkland—paid—Islands" in three lines. Later on, about mid-1877, a large circular one bearing the same words was introduced.

It is evident that at this time the postal matter dealt with must have been small, and consequently it was some time before these franks were generally known. The large circular one is somewhat scarce and was only in use for about a year, whereas the smaller one had a run of ten years.

These franks are not stamps, and stand in somewhat the same relation as the Mulready wrappers do to the postal issues of Great Britain. They do mark, however, the first important step in the postal progress of the islands, and form an interesting start to a collection of the postage stamps of the colony. Letters at this time took a good six weeks to reach Great Britain.

It should be borne in mind that reprints of these franks were made on ordinary paper about 1900 and they are by no means easy to distinguish. As entire or covers are extremely scarce, the ordinary collector is hardly likely to be in a position to secure them in this condition, and will have to be content to collect them cut square or to shape.

The first issue of stamps appeared in 1878, although by that time these were in general use throughout the world.

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1sh in the following year; and it is interesting to note that at the same time as the Falkland stamps appeared, Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co. produced a set of stamps for the Transvaal, the centre medallion of which was taken from the original die engraved for the Falkland stamps. Copies of these Transvaal stamps are included in the display for comparison.

In 1884 fresh supplies of the 1d and 4d were called for, and these arrived early in that year but printed upon paper watermarked Crown CA. In 1886, further supplies were needed and the first varieties in the Falkland stamps appeared, the stamps being printed on paper watermarked sideways. The watermarked paper was fed into the printing presses sideways to ascertain whether the difficulty which had been experienced in adapting the paper could be overcome that way. This was not found a success, and all further supplies were printed with the watermark in its upright position. The sideways watermark, however, introduced the first of the important varieties, and is therefore of considerable interest.

We must now pass on to the most interesting portion of the Victorian era. In Jan. 1891, the postal rate, which at that time was 4d per ½ ounce, was reduced to 2½d, and as there were no ½d stamps, provision had to be made for the new rate, and the current 1d claret stamps were allowed to be bisected diagonally, each half doing duty as a ½d stamp. Although the stamps were supposed to be severed from the top right to the bottom left corner, they were often cut from top left to bottom right, and thus four copies are necessary in a collection to show the group.

It was not long, however, before the postal authorities conceived the idea of surcharging each half of these stamps with a metal hand-stamp, "½d.", in printers' type. This was done on the top left, and lower right portions of the stamps on entire sheets, and also on the single halves of stamps affixed to the envelopes. The reason for a surcharge does not seem very apparent, and, as was only natural, a number of varieties occurred. The stamping was often done in a very haphazard manner, with the result that a really good surcharge is not often met with. Most are crooked, some almost sideways, in many cases the type is indistinct, and the stop missing. In a few cases the surcharge is double or inverted, and examples are known with the surcharge partly upon the stamp and partly upon the envelope.

Unsevered pairs are exceedingly scarce, and dangerous forgeries exist of the overprint in this condition. In the course of two years, out of 19 which

came my way, only six were genuine, and I got rather tired of having them examined. Whilst in many cases the forgery is apparent upon comparison with the real article, in some instances it requires the eye of an expert to detect the forgery. Too much care, therefore, cannot be taken, and I advise all those who possess this very desirable variety to have their copies examined. I have also seen the bisected stamps evidently penmarked ½d in black ink, but this method of surcharging was never authorized by the postal authorities at Port Stanley and was quite unofficial. Such a procedure may have been adopted by some enterprising senders and allowed to pass through the post in the inevitable rush while the mail boat was in port, but they possess no real value and at best can only be regarded as curios.

The Falkland provisionals possess the merit of being a perfectly legitimate issue for which there was a genuine excuse, and urgent need. As the bisected stamps were in use for a whole year, single copies are not scarce in their normal condition, but, postally used on original covers in conjunction with other values, are somewhat difficult to obtain.

Following the provisionals, we enter upon the final phase of the Victorian era, the period 1891-1900. Nine values appeared at different times, from ½d to 5sh, the two highest (the 2s6d and 5sh) appearing in May, 1898, which are adjudged to be amongst the finest examples of the stamp engraver's art. Of larger size than the lower values, watermarked Crown CG, and perforated 14, 14½, they were primarily used for parcels and cables, and were engraved and printed by Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co. of London, who were responsible for all the Victorian stamps. It is safe to say that these two high values, scarce in used condition, are among the most beautiful of all the British Colonial stamps.

This issue is notable chiefly for its numerous shades, which will be apparent by a look at the display.

With the passing of the Victorian era came a change in the printers of the Falkland stamps, and work was now entrusted to another well-known firm of stamp printers, Messrs. De La Rue & Co., who ably carried on the excellence of the work undertaken by their predecessors, and who have printed all the stamps up to the present time from that date.

The Edwardian series did not begin to appear until the latter part of 1904. It had evidently been determined that existing supplies of the Victorian stamps should be used up first. The postal demands of the little colony were never very heavy, and consequently some time elapsed before stamps bearing the head

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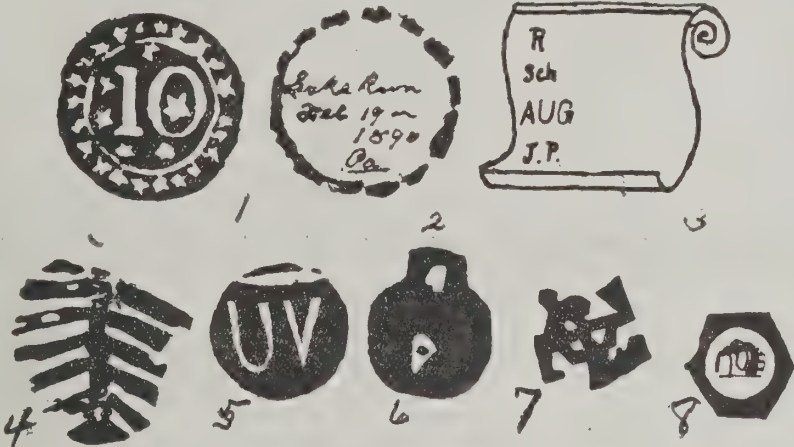
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The next is a postmark on a cover carried by a 2c 1887. The postmaster evidently had no "dater" and he must have had plenty of time for the whole thing has been done with a pen. Time was evidently not a very valuable commodity to this postmaster.

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is on a cover from Norfolk, Va., used in 1863.

Then there is the University of Virginia initials. That, of course, was used at the University as the postmark proves. This, too, was in the 60's.

Next is a padlock. This was used at Petersburg, Va., and is on a 3c green. On cover, of course.

And the next is a curious monogram. It is on a 1c Continental stamp on a cover without postmark, or anything else, to tell where it originated. Who can tell where it was used, or the arrangement of the letters?

And who can tell us anything about the last one? Mr. Konwiser sent it. In fact he sent two, each on a 24c War, hard paper. The little design in the centre is the puzzle. Looks as if it might be about three letters, but the ink has blurred so that they are not exactly readable—if they really are letters. Can anyone send a specimen that shows what the design really is? An early impression, while the postmaster was still proud of his new canceller, and trying to make it plain to anyone who might see it that it was really an original idea, is eminently desirable.

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figure, probably "2," but not quite certainly so.

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And still another 3c Continental cancelled by a large purple M from some town in Indiana pleases the eye.

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Arthur H. Lamborn, head of the sugar brokerage firm bearing his name, and a prominent exhibitor at the international stamp show in the Grand Central Palace last October, has decided to sell all of his nineteenth century foreign stamps at auction. He has been for several years a keen collector of stamps covering every country, and he won gold medals in the recent international contest for his twentieth century stamps of the world and also for his twentieth century United States stamps.

Mr. Lamborn has no intention of retiring from the ranks of philatelists. He believes that trying to collect every stamp issued since Great Britain brought out the first adhesive stamp in 1840 is too great a task, and he will hereafter endeavor to perfect his twentieth century collection. John A. Klemann, head of the Nassau Stamp Company of 70 Nassau Street, who announced yesterday that he had been commissioned to sell at auction the nineteenth century stamps together with Mr. Lamborn's United States duplicates, said Mr. Lamborn's twentieth century collection was the largest ever accumulated by a single collector. These stamps are contained in 150 volumes, and 100 volumes were shown at the exhibition last October.

The first part of the forthcoming sale will occupy six days, from March 29 to April 7. The second and final part will occupy four days, beginning April 18. The catalogue for the first part contains more than 3,000 lots, and with the exception of the remarkable collection of the late William Wolters of Honolulu, now being sold by J. C. Morgenthau, it is the largest collection of nineteenth

clearly impressed postmark and cancellation in red, purple, green, blue, or even black they are really not unattractive, and a few of them scattered here and there through a collection certainly do not detract from its appearance. They are not so commonly found, either. Probably because most of them bore unimportant messages and were destroyed instead of being saved. You won't find many of them among grandma's love letters.

How many towns used red ink for cancelling letters during the '70's? I mean red not magenta or purplish. Red like that used in the earlier decades. There certainly were not so many, and I should be glad to have a list of them. Don't bother to include New York City. Foreign mail from there was not infrequently cancelled in red.

And how many of the towns that did use it had a year date in the postmark? Unadilla, N. Y., is the only one I remember having seen. That was in 1870. Can anyone give us the names of others?

BELGIUM'S QUEEN A COLLECTOR

LONDON, March 8.—During a recent week-end visit to Buckingham Palace, Queen Elizabeth of Belgium made a point of examining King George's stamp album.

The King has been an ardent stamp collector all his life and his collection contains many specimens bought with money "saved up" for the purpose during his boyhood.

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Vahan Mozian has announced a sale of United States and foreign stamps at 298 Fifth Avenue next Friday, Saturday, including some good Confederate stamps and a triangular pair of Good Hope pair of the 4 penny issue of 1853 in unused condition.

George Walcott, who recently sold most of his foreign stamps to Charles J. Phillips of this city, will exhibit a portion of his United States collection to members of the Collectors Club next Wednesday night.

Secretary H. M. Konwiser announces that the first club stamp sale, or bourse, limited to members, will be held at club rooms on Wednesday evening, March 23. The committee in charge of the bourse consists of Major Guy W. Camp, O. C. Reichelt, J. Murray Barstow and Harry M. Konwiser.—N. Y. Times, March 13.

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Our honor guest was John J. Klemann, of the Nassau Stamp Co., New York, who gave us an interesting talk on some of the "Famous Finds of Stamps in the U. S."
After this, John B. Howe, of the Syracuse Herald, gave a short talk on the famous Seybold collection which he disposed of at auction many years ago. Following this, Herbert H. A. Fox, of Oswego, gave a general talk. Dr. L. P. Downing, Pres., acted as toastmaster.
During the evening some very fine stamps were raffled off, including a 90c stamp with red cancellation. After the banquet an auction was held of about 50 lots. N. H. La Vaute, formerly of the Hiawatha Stamp Shop, acted as auctioneer.

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A SUBTLE CHARM
By M. WILLIAMS.

It was the usual group in the smoky haze of the dealer's back office. On the table lay a perfect specimen of the Providence, Rhode Island, local.
"That," said the dealer, "is as safe to buy as a government bond."
"But is in more danger from fire—in one's collection," I replied.
"Perhaps, but it ought to be kept in your safe along with your bonds,—that is, if you have any, after you begin to select stamps!"
"My stamp books," said Thompson, who is a small man of a deceitful mildness, "are kept in a desk drawer on the first floor of my house, and I have instructed my wife in case of fire to get our child out first and to throw the stamps out after him. I believe," he hesitated, "I'd forgive her if she threw the stamps out first!"
As the laugh subsided, I asked, "What is the charm about it—why do these 'scraps of paper' get us so? As a business, it's a business, like any other, and I have known men and boys who cared for the money outside of it, and of course one takes a perfectly proper satisfaction in seeing one's collection go up in value, but after all, it isn't the financial part that holds most of us—is it?"
"It is the gambler's instinct," averred the doctor, "the ever present chance of getting something precious for nothing, of finding a treasure in the garret or in a 'thousand for twenty-five cents' mixture. Any dealer will tell you that men with big collections buy cheap packets just to satisfy the gambling appetite. It is a mild form of speculation that hasn't any 'morning after' effects. I confess since I became what the ads call 'a serious collector' I've missed the thrills of the mixtures a lot."
"It is something higher than that," declared young Parsons, who lives only for precancels, "it is the joy of seeking for completeness, of striving for perfect sets. Of course, completeness in any line is practically impossible, so one is always following after—that's the charm—"his voice trailed off for his eye had caught the glint of a precancel in the wastebasket.
"To me," said Adams, who collects nothing but used blocks, "it is acquiring something hard to get—something you must plan and scheme and save for. Now I was three years searching for my cover with the block of black queens—and I get up nights to gloat over it!"
"Consider the historical interest," cried Mason, "why, you can read all modern history in stamps—changes of dynasty, battles, heroes, statesmen. Now for example, take my war collection—" But the room was in an uproar, for since September, 1914, we have borne much from Mason. When he had been finally shut off, I asked, "How about the boys? Why does almost every boy collect stamps as naturally as he plays Indian?"
Their answers were various—"the collecting instinct, the fun of swapping, the fascination of the stamps themselves with their birds and beasts and ships, the

touch of strangeness in the foreign stamps, an embryonic business sense, rivalry with friends."
"Rivalry!" cried the doctor. "The boys have no monopoly of that. Competition is two-thirds of the whole thing."
"No, no," begged Thompson, "call it appreciative sympathy. That sounds better and is truer. We're not such a base lot as you'd make out, doctor!"
"Base! We are the salt of the earth! But we are human and we like to be a little bit ahead of the other fellow. As a general thing the boys have the disease pretty normally but with adults it goes hard and we ought to be forgiven our peculiarities. My boy has a typical case and I began by helping him. Thought it would keep him home nights and teach him history and geography—and it did, but just see what I've become! The boy has the laugh on me now."
"It is partly because stamps are so common and so small," said Parsons, who had secured his precancel, stowed it in his vestpocket, and was ready to talk again, "everybody has a chance to get hold of some stamps and they take so little room. You can't carry old furniture or china or books around with you. Stamp collecting is the most convenient hobby in the world."
"I wonder more people are not interested in the beauty of many stamps, the fineness of the engraving and the real artistic worth of more than a few. Some day I am going to arrange a book of stamps that are merely lovely." This was the dealer's contribution to the discussion.
"And no one has spoken of 'the joy of the working,'" I added, "the endless pleasure of studying one's stamps, of learning watermarks and perforations and errors, and arranging and rearranging them. It doesn't take long to be a specialist in a small way, and I don't know of anything that is more fun. Of the joys of the true specialist I hesitate to speak—they are too sacred!"
"All this diversity of opinion," said Thompson, "answers of itself the original question. The charm of stamp collecting lies in its variety. A man can find just what appeals most to his own taste, be he old or young, rich or poor, clever or dull, and that is what makes it 'the king of hobbies and the hobby of kings'."
Parsons shook his head. "You can't explain the charm of it," he said. "As the highbrows say when they don't understand a thing—it is *subtle*."
The rising of the dealer closed the discussion. He had seen in the outer room the eager face of a small boy who was eyeing the fat envelopes of "500 U. S. for 10 cents with his hand already in his pocket.

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I have just received word from my printers, in France, that the first proofs of my check list of Twentieth Century British Colonials is on its way for correction. This check list has several hundred illustrations and is, I sincerely hope, a complete and accurate check list. I have omitted all such wanton acts of the Printer's Devil as inverts, doubles, and missing letters. We are collecting stamps, I take it, not typographical mistakes. I have omitted all varieties of perforations—We are collecting stamps, I take it, not the holes that run round them. I hear a lot of blue talk about British Colonials, too many issued, etc., etc. Charlie Phillips says they are imported in huge quantities and therefore can't be as rare as the older issues which were not so imported. Must be so if Charlie says it, but how about Malta 10sh issued eight years ago selling at \$150.00, Malta 2sh issued one year ago selling at \$10.00, Cyprus pound issued four years ago selling at \$85.00. When a buyer asks a merchant for something he doesn't stock of course it's no good. Let me tell you collectors, present-day Colonials are as good as the old issues—a much better speculation—and don't bend your bank account double to make a decent showing. For every collector who pays good money for such great (?) rarities as the first issue of Holland with a little flaw on the King's head described as the "horned" variety—for every collector who is foolish enough to pay out good hard dough for some error, say "PENCF" for "PENCE" because some type or spot of engraving got mashed up—for every collector who goes crazy because a stamp has more holes at the top than it has on the side—for every one of these nuts we have hundreds of collectors who rejoice in a straightforward collection of Modern Colonials, who have no perforations to worry about and rarely have these problematically wonderful "varieties." Added to all of this how many of us fellows have the money to make collections of early Colonials and get anywhere?—and a few thousand will give us a good showing of Twentieth Century Colonials. I forgot to mention my check list of XX Century British Colonials will be here I hope at the end of April—will cost you 50 cents, and if you wish to send it back you can and you will get back your 50 cents and a call from the doctor, too

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By A. E. PADE.

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hagen, Denmark, died suddenly on Feb-
ruary 23rd on his job in the Post Office
at Charlottenlund, a suburb of Copen-
hagen.

When Postmaster Holböll got his idea
of the Christmas Seal and the first ones
were put on sale in Denmark in 1904 he
little dreamed that his wonderful thought
would, so to speak, conquer the world
and be adopted as widely as it has been.
As the years went by, thousands upon
thousands of children were cared for
and cured of tuberculosis in hospitals
built and maintained in Denmark and
other countries.

It cannot have failed to make this man
happy to see what a lot of good his work
has done for humanity, and his memory
will be cherished for years to come as
"Father of the Christmas Seal," as he
was always called in Denmark.

Postmaster Holböll visited this country
about two years ago.

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CONFISCATION IN CANADA

Writing under date of February 24,
1927, Mr. William Butler, secretary of
the Canadian Philatelic Society, Incor-
porated, Toronto, said: "The Canadian
Post Office Department has seen fit to
prohibit the illustration of postage
stamps. You can readily see what this
means. If the Department is allowed
to pursue its policy without protest, phi-
latelists is doomed in Canada. At the
time of writing, I have been unable to
secure any definite information. The
Department itself does not seem to know
what's what and quotes the Criminal
Code of Canada. A section of this pro-
hibits the making and use of cuts and
electros of stamps and possessing proofs
of them under penalty of a heavy fine
and imprisonment for life or not less
than five years. This, of course, applies
when they are used improperly and not
legitimately. There is no law on the
statute books dealing with the subject
except that just quoted. The first blow
was struck when cuts and electros be-
longing to Fred Jarrett, Frank S.
Thompson and the Year Book Publish-
ing Company were confiscated. This
has delayed the publication of our Pre-
canceled Stamp Catalogue and the North
American Philatelic Year Book, both of
which are behind schedule. It will thus
be seen that collectors must act and act
quickly. Canadian readers should lodge
protests with the Secretary of the Post
Office Department and write to their lo-
cal M.P.'s and senators without delay.
Secure the co-operation of public men
who have influence, and, if necessary,
boycott the Philatelic Agency at Ottawa." Further, Mr. Butler urges protest in the
philatelic press as he says that "it is
quite probable that the mails will be
closed to matter containing illustrations
of stamps."

It is evident that a crisis confronts
philatelic Canada, in particular, as well
as the U. S. and other countries in a
philatelic sense. In view of the fact that
Mr. Butler says that he has no definite
information as to the basis for the stand
taken by the Canadian authorities, we
have sought information that might in-
dicate why the drastic action was in-
voked, seemingly so suddenly. This has
not been forthcoming, but when it is
divulged, means may be adopted to com-
bat what appears to be unjustified attack
on philatelists in their peaceful pursuits.
We hope to have explanations that will
clarify the issue.

THE INVERTED SWAN

By FRED J. MELVILLE.

One of the rarest stamps in the world
is to make its appearance in a London
sale room shortly. It is a specimen of
the famous 4d blue stamp of Western
Australia, 1854 issue, in which the swan
in the centre is upside-down. It is
scarcer than the "Post Office" Mauritius
stamps, although it has never attained so
high a price on the market as those pop-
ular rarities. There are nine or ten
copies known, four of which are in col-
lections which are never likely to be dis-
persed, and of the balance several are
defective specimens. The copy now on
the market, and which will be offered
at Messrs. Plumridge and Co.'s sale
rooms in March, is described as a fine
one, and although the vendor's name is
not disclosed, the stamp may be identi-

fied from the photograph as the co-
lately in the collection of a well-known
Liverpool collector, who disposed of
other Western Australian stamps
November.

The stamp is unusual among inver-
centres; most of these occur in stamps
printed in two colours at two operat-
but this is a monocolour stamp, lit-
graphed in one operation. In 1854
the need for a 4d stamp arose, it
produced locally at the Surveyor-Gen-
eral's office in Perth. The printer
an impression from the steel plates
the 1d black stamp then in use, to ob-
tain the swan centres of the stamp; sixty
these centres were pasted up and
transfers of a new frame were pas-
around them, to form a group of six
complete stamps on a lithographic stone.
In this finicking work of pasting
the frames composed of thin trans-
paper, a number of defective stamps
were produced, and notably this fam-
error with the frame inverted. A
group of 60 stamps was then transfer-
four times to a large stone, to pro-
sheets of 240 stamps in four panes
60. The inverted frame error was re-
peated in each of the groups of 60,
it occurred four times in the sheet.
It was soon discovered, however, and cor-
rected; it does not appear on any of
sheets or part sheets of the 4d stamp
known to philatelists, and indeed it
unknown *au pair* with a normal stamp.

The error early attracted the atten-
tion of collectors. Dr. John Edw.
Gray, of the British Museum, had
submitted to him in 1863, but could
understand how such a reversal of
swan could have occurred. The col-
lectors were sceptical of the varie-
The copy shown to Dr. Gray is now
the Leinster Collection at the Sci-
ence and Art Museum in Dublin. The
Duke of Leinster had the luck to buy
for £2, and was on the point of swapp-
ing it with a reverend collector in Cork
some other stamps of no great value
when his death occurred and the deal
was not completed.

The stamp has only made rare ap-
pearances at auction, most of the transac-
tions being outside the public sale rooms.

1904 a slightly defective copy created
sensation in fetching £400 at a London
sale, and the same price was attained
a rather poorer copy in 1906. Another
specimen with a piece torn out of
it fetched £120 in 1917. By 1920 a fine
copy attained nearly £1,000 in private
sale, and in 1923 the Ferrary copy, a fine
one, brought £1,060 at auction in Paris.

It should be possible to trace out the
pedigree, or rather the ownership suc-
cession of all known copies of a stamp
so rare as this. But several have changed
hands in recent years in a private way
and dealers naturally do not always care
to disclose the identity of clients, vendors
or purchasers. Of the copies known, the
approximate present location is as follows:—

1. H.M. the King.
2. Taping Collection, British Museum.
3. Leinster Collection, Dublin Science and Art Museum.
4. White Collection, Mitchell Library, Sydney, Australia.
5. E. H. Collins.
6. P. R. England (illustrated).
7. Dr. H. A. James.
8. J. A. Nix.
9. L. Meinertzhagen.

—Daily Telegraph.

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DS AND ENDS:—

WE have received from M. P. Ganey a clipping from the Boston Herald dated Feb. 20, dealing with the "Great outbreak of postage stamps." The article is interesting but does not contain enough material for us to reprint it in the WEEKLY.

T. GOODWIN sends us a clipping from a San Francisco daily in which is an advertisement of a large department store giving information in regard to our first U. S. postage stamp announcing the fact that the firm has a postal sub-station at which nearly \$10,000.00 worth of stamps are purchased annually.

PHILIP H. WARD JR., is in Florida, where he will visit Miami Beach, San Beach and Jacksonville. He will endeavor to call upon some of his philatelic friends. He will not return to Philadelphia until April 12, and correspondents will understand any delay that may be necessary in replying to letters addressed to him.

On March 4, the Atlanta, Ga., Collectors Club had an enthusiastic meeting, nearly forty being present. The special attraction was an address by J. McVey, formerly connected with the U. S. Bureau of Engraving, who spoke on the subject "Stamps in Their Making." Refreshments were served.—JOEL DU BOSE.

T. WILSON, 18 Livingstone Rd., Birmingham, Eng., has just issued a price-list of special offers and bargains which will be sent to any address on request. Anyone interested in novelties in old and recent issues will find it a very useful list. Canada and Hong Kong are especially represented in a fine showing of prices upon both used and unused.

THE Nashville (Tenn.) Philatelic Society has been organized with 12 charter members. Pres., F. Greve; Vice Pres., C. E. Swain; Sec., C. C. Fisher, 21st Ave.; Treas., E. J. Smythe. Regular meetings are held on the first Monday night in each month, at the home of Y. M. C. A. All nearby collectors are invited to join, and a cordial invitation is extended to any visiting philatelist to stop in.—C. C. FISHER.

THE 15th annual meeting of the Association for Stamp Exhibitions was held March 7, at the Collectors Club. The following officers were elected: Pres., J. C. Morgenthau; Vice Pres., A. Lichtenstein; Sec., John A. Klemann; Treas., Theodore E. Steinway. Board of Directors (three years):—H. M. Ams, Sidney Barrett, Fernald Atkins, Eugene Klein, J. J. Klemann, F. A. Kraft, John N. Luff, H. C. Edham, S. Newbury, C. J. Phillips, E. Radford, J. S. Rich, G. B. Sloane, Edward Stearn and A. H. Wilhelm. Director (two years), W. L. Babcock.

A RECENT issue of the Wall Street Journal contained an illustrated sketch of Montague Norman, governor of the Bank of England. Mr. Norman's hobby is the collection of rare wood but he knows enough about postage stamps to carry on a philatelic conversation with George. We are told that it is not an unusual thing to find him at a royal dinner party taking part in a fierce debate on "gardening, bee-keeping and design stamps, the latter in particular being waged over the royal table."

FEBRUARY SUBSCRIPTIONS

Busy as January was, the month of February surpassed it. It was indeed a very prosperous month. A large number sent in more than ten subscriptions and we take great pleasure in recording the co-operation extended. Paul Mole enters the list this month with twelve new subscriptions, while W. W. Betts adds twenty-eight to the sixteen secured during January. We are also pleased with the fact that the Johnson Stamp Co. sent in twenty-four, which is a splendid showing. The old stand-bys the Payn Stamp Co., Hawkeye Stamp Co., Anchor Stamp Co., and Eugene Klein hold their respective positions in the summary. With a favorable mention of thirteen sent in by the Auburn Stamp Co., and eleven from Norman Shepard, both of whom have done a good month's business, we list the firms who have sent in over ten subscriptions this month as follows:—

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PAUL MOLE	12
NORMAN SHEPARD	11
HARRY IOOR	11

The detailed record is as follows:—

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J. E. Guest, Dallas, Tex.	7
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Neil Gronberg, Phila., Pa.	6
C. M. Evans, Reading, Pa.	6
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U. T. K. Stamp Co., Utica, N. Y.	5
Hiawatha Stamp Shop, Syracuse, N. Y.	5
Rueger Stamp Co., Dayton, O.	5
C. A. Townsend, Akron, O.	5
Foye Stamp Co., Detroit, Mich.	5
State Stamp Co., New Kensington, Pa.	5
H. P. Seeborn, San Francisco, Cal.	5
Reliant Stamp Co., N. Y. City.	5
Coppard & Tubbs, San Diego, Cal.	5
E. L. Pollock, Phila., Pa.	5
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A prominent legislator writes to say: "My attention has been called to the proposal that the post office department could to advantage interest the public in matters of moment and that a history of the post office department and its workings could be circulated with good results. The suggestion is not without merit and the subject in a general sense has not been neglected as a scrutiny of the newspapers and other prints during the past few years will show. It may be that formal treatment of the subject in a consecutive way could be attempted on some occasion in the future when a fitting opportunity may arise in a celebratory sense. However, you know that the Information Service of the Post Office Department issues news bulletins, dealing with postal subjects in readable form that are sent to newspapers and the information is dated for release simultaneously. This enterprise on the part of the authorities gives wide publicity to the operations of the postal service which enters so intimately into the lives of all of us; and it should not be overlooked." The statement of our correspondent is welcome and we are glad to voice our commendation of the course of the department in circulating news as indicated, but what we are most impressed with is the possibility that at some propitious time in the future, a popular postal history may be attempted. If such a work would appeal only to philatelists, our idea could not be broached so confidently, but we feel that there is a wide-spread and growing interest in the government's postal division, on the part of the public which could well be recognized.

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Here, for instance, is an example of the material distributed by the Information Service of the Post Office Department: Contract air mail service between Pittsburgh and Cleveland will start on April 21, according to an announcement made by Postmaster General New. Arthur J. Lynch, representing T. Clifford Ball, of McKeesport, Pa., who was awarded the contract for this service some time ago, was in conference today with Second Assistant Postmaster Glov-

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In a recent number of the "Norwegian Trade Review," we are gratified to see two superb cuts of the Norway lion type, 1922, 25 ore and of the 1926 redrawn type, the differences between the types being noticeable throughout the design. The text, too, is of interest: "The current Norwegian stamps of the 'Lion' type were first issued in 1922, the series commencing with 20 ore purple, followed by 10 ore green, 25 ore scarlet and 45 ore blue. In 1926, the design was slightly altered, and from the redrawn dies, five values have so far been issued, viz., 10 ore, green, 15, olive, 20, purple, 25, scarlet and 40, pale blue. The other values required will follow from time to time as the existing stocks of stamps of the old 'Posthorn' type are exhausted. Of the original 'Lion' type, no more stamps will be issued. In consequence of the foreign letter rate being reduced

from 40 ore to 30 ore, as from January 1, 1927, a blue 30 ore stamp of the 'Posthorn' type was issued in January for provisional use."

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News has come of the death of Guy Semple, Lincoln, England, on February 15, 1927, at the age of fifty-seven years, a philatelist of broad experience who formerly was a factor in the business of Mr. Peckitt, before it was transferred to Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, London. Later, his services were secured by Mr. R. Roberts, if we understand our informant correctly. For a good many years, however, he has lived in the country, removed from scenes of philatelic activity. It is our recollection that Mr. Semple attended the first New York stamp exhibition, and we remember him as a corresponding member of the Chicago Philatelic Society in 1890; and we can attest to the kindly qualities of this gentleman as well as to his comprehensive knowledge of philately. Death has been taking its toll of philatelic loyalists in both Great Britain and our own country.

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We have been asked to announce that preparations are being made to ensure the success of a philatelic exhibition in Strasbourg, June 4 to 12, 1927, under the patronage of the President of France and various ministers of his cabinet.

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We have had further information to the effect that the treasury department is not intending to prohibit commerce in used stock transfer and future delivery



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From Mr. R. W. Ireland, general traffic manager of the National Transport, Inc., operating the Chicago Dallas route, word has come that because of some unexpected difficulty in getting the field there ready for use, the flight from Ponca City, Oklahoma, will be postponed until about April 1st.

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The following warning has been received from Mr. Haig Ouzounian, W. 187th St., New York: "Certain stamps of Nejd in Scott's 1927 catalogue, Nos. 21a, and 21b, which were lately circulated, are very scarce. There are only a few copies of No. 21, and 23 copies of No. 21a. As it is extremely difficult to get these stamps, they have been already counterfeited in Egypt and sent to a certain person in New York, who is alleged to have sold them to several philatelists for \$150 each. The genuine No. 21 costs over \$400; and therefore, I would advise innocent collectors who have no knowledge about these two stamps, not to buy without a guarantee." We assume that Mr. Ouzounian is willing to examine specimens of the kind for readers who make arrangements for him to do so. According to a correspondent of Stanley Gibbons' *Monthly Journal*, who is said to translate from an official gazette, "the stamps in the reign of Sultan Nejd, surcharged with the equivalent of 'Matbua' were not issued

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Canada has cause for complaint as a consequence of the drastic action of the post office department there in prohibiting the illustrations of postage stamps in philatelic and other journals; and the actual confiscation of cuts and electros of Canadian stamps belonging to several philatelic publishers has taken place. We have been promised a review of the case which is a vital one, and concerns all collectors, who are asked to view the act as one detrimental to philatelic interests generally.

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We read that Mr. Arthur H. Lamborn, New York, whose wonderful general collection, said to be one of the very best ever gathered by an individual collector, was a feature of the New York Exhibition is to dispose of his 19th century issues through an auction sale conducted by the Nassau Stamp Company. Ten days will be needed for the sale of all the stamps, and catalogues are out listing the lots in the first part of the sale, March 29th to April 7th. The second part will be sold in four days, beginning with April 18th. Mr. Lamborn, hereafter, will devote himself to the twentieth century issues and by no means will retire from philately.

Mr. Victor recalls the past by sending in the first number of the *Pennsylvania Stamp*, November, 1896, in which the publishers announce: "Another stamp paper pounces upon you. We hope you will not resent it."

Mr. Hugh Shields, Brookland, D. C., sends an illustrated cartoon from the *Manchester, England, Guardian*, that was taken from the *Notenkraker* of Amsterdam, showing a monarchist licking the Frederick the Great stamp in the new German set and saying, "At last, there is a king to lick again!" with exclamation point and all.

We sympathize with the correspondent, Mr. Chas. McKercher, Camaguey, Cuba, who writes: "I have used a gallon of benzene and a bottle of Carbona in my watermark detector without avail. I have also made direct prints from the stamps on blue-print, Vandyke Maduro, Solio, Sepia, Velox and Cyco paper, but as yet have not seen the elusive U. S. P.

S. either in double or single line variety." He says that his collecting friends have the same trouble, and he wants to know what is to be done about it. There is no denying the fact that it is almost impossible to have the watermarks on some of our issues stand forth and periodically we refer the bothersome question to our readers in order that we may try at least to give relief by citing any of the later developments in watermark identification.

Some time ago, Mr. Clifton Chalfant, Warsaw, Indiana, asks, "What is the matter with Harry New? At a picture this week, the government had a film on helping the postal clerks and on how not to wrap parcels. One exhibit showed a parcel with United States stamps on it enlarged, even showing the precancel."

We are pleased to see that Mr. A. Hippchen believes in home industry. He uses a cut on some of his advertising matter that catches the eye, inasmuch as it is the picture of the officers of the A. Hippchen Company, consisting of Mr. Hippchen, president and treasurer; Marie G. Hippchen, vice president and Helen J. Hippchen, secretary. The two very young ladies are daughters of Mr. Hippchen, who cut their philatelic eye-teeth early. This company publishes a mimeographed stamp bulletin monthly, in which interesting philatelic notices are to be found; and those in the March number were devoted to philatelic newspaper clippings of 1897.

Mr. G. M. Mosler, Cincinnati, whose Austrian cancellations got a first at the New York Philatelic Exhibition, made his presence felt at the recent dog show in New York, where, according to our informant, he "paid one thousand dollars for the finest pair of beagles in the world."

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69	4c orange	.25	.13
* 70	25c bistre	1.50	1.00
70	25c bistre	.60	.30
73	16c on 17c rose	.50	.25
* 74	1885-91, 2c green	.20	.15
* 77	16c orange brown	.50	.35
77	16c orange brown	.15	.08
* 82	1891, 2c on 38c violet	.50	.35
* 84	2c on 4c rose	.25	.18
* 85	1893, 1c on 2c violet	.08	.05
* 86	1c on 16c orange brown	.25	.18
* 87	1893-94, 1c violet	.08	.05
* 88	15c orange brown	.15	.10
88	15c orange brown	.10	.05
* 89	15c blue	.75	.55
* 91	1895-97, 2c lilac and orange	.06	.05
* 92	3c lilac	.10	.08
* 93	4c lilac and green	.10	.08
* 97	1899, 15c on 36c brown orange and ultra.	.50	.35
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Plate Numbers.—The number of each plate of a particular value appearing on the margin, or sometimes on the stamp itself.

Postage Due Stamps.—Adhesives affixed by officials on letters, etc., to denote that same has been insufficiently prepaid.

Postmark.—Sometimes called *cancellation* or *obliteration*. The official method of defacing a stamp so that it cannot again be used for postal purposes.

Proof.—Trial impression before printing in black or color from a die, plate, or stone. A proof is usually on different paper, or differs in some detail from the stamp.

Provisional.—Stamps used to meet a temporary shortage; usually another denomination is *surcharged* with the value required.

Re-cut, Re-drawn, Re-engraved, Re-touched.—These terms imply slight repairs or alterations of the die, plate, or stone, generally necessitated by wear.

Remainders.—Stocks of stamps remaining on hand after that particular issue has been superseded or withdrawn.

Stamp News for the Juniors

Is there anything you want to know about stamps or stamp collecting? If so, write the editor. What would you like to see in this department? We have no way of knowing unless you tell us. Mr. Senior Collector, can't you give the boy collector about 50 words of encouragement along practical lines? Address your letter to the Beverly office.

Junior Gossip

—There is a letter at this office for John J. Fitzgibbons. It is from Robert E. Sharp, of Atlanta, Ga., who sends a set of precancelled stamps to be awarded Jack for his precancel limerick in our issue of Feb. 28. Mr. Sharp urges our juniors to study their stamps and join a good stamp society.

—O. F. Allen, Jr.—The variety mentioned by you is easily accounted for. It is due to imperfect registration when the stamps were printed. When stamps are printed in two colors it is easily possible for one printing to be merged into the other in such a manner as to produce the variety described.

—Parvin Riley (17), Bridgeton, N. J., writes us a very newsy letter and we thank him for his interest in our Junior Page. A stamp club has just been organized in Bridgeton with eighteen members between the ages of 12 and 18. We hope more of our boys will send us news of this kind.

—We have received from George Henhoeffen, Philadelphia, Pa., detailed information as to how to make a stamp album. We have previously published in the WEEKLY similar information to what George sends in, so we shall only take space to express our appreciation of the courtesy extended by this junior subscriber.

Russia Child Welfare

1927, 10 kop brown.



First Issue of United States

In the issue of February 28 you state "United States of America—Issued its first Governmental postage stamp on August 5, 1847 * * *"

There can be little doubt the actual date of issue was July 1st or within a few days succeeding. At least a dozen covers are known bearing 5c or 10c stamps used in July, 1847. Several of these bear dates from July 7th to July 14th, 1847.—ELLIOTT PERRY.

Rivers' and Countries' Names

Most prominent among the countries named from rivers flowing through them, is Paraguay. The name, on the stamps, is always "Republica del Paraguay": "Republic of the Paraguay." As the country originally extended, is included the larger and more habitable portion of the valley of this river. Wars robbed it of the bulk of its territory.

Belgian Congo, formerly Congo Free State, includes substantially the whole basin of the Congo River, and most of its tributaries.

Nigeria is the lower portion of the basin of the Niger River—the name Niger meaning "lack," and being reported by some geographers as given because of the dark color of the stream.

Gambia is a narrow strip, within the valley of the Gambia River.

Senegal, originally applied to all the French territory in the valley of the Senegal River, has been lately limited to the region on the south bank, and near the mouth. The remainder of the old colony of Senegal is now divided between Mauritania and "Upper Senegal and Niger."

Mesopotamia, though not named directly from a river, is good Greek for "the land between the rivers"—here the Tigris and the Euphrates.

Saar is the mandated portion of the valley of the Saar.—STEPHEN G. RICH.

The Junior Dictionary

Union of South Africa.—A confederation of the various British colonies in South Africa—Cape of Good Hope, Natal, Transvaal, and Orange River Colony—which since 1910 have been under one administration. During the three years following, the stamps of the various colonies were allowed to be used anywhere within the Union until they were replaced by a general set inscribed "Union of South Africa."



Unsevered.—Undivided or "unsevered" pairs of stamps are usually more valuable than two single copies, particularly if the stamps are imperforate.

Unsurfaced Paper.—Paper, without a glaze on its face—used only in cases where stamps exist on both surfaced and unsurfaced paper to distinguish one from the other.

U. P. U. (Universal Postal Union).—These letters appear on many of the stamps of certain Central and South American republics.

Upper Senegal and Niger.—The present name for the French colony on the west coast of Africa which was previously known as Senegambia and Niger. Postage stamps bearing the new designation were first issued in 1906.

Uruguay.—The smallest of the South American republics. Postage stamps were first issued on October 1, 1856.

Urundi.—Same data as under Ruanda. The stamps for the two districts were interchangeable and both sets were officially authorized.

Variety.—A variation from the normal design or other feature.

War Stamp.—(Fr., *Timbre de guerre*; Ger., *Kriegsmarken*; Sp., *emisiones de guerra*.)—A stamp whose issue has been necessitated or influenced by the circumstance of a state of war or blockade.

Watermark.—(Wmk.) A mark made in paper in the forms of letters, figures, words, or designs.

The Guy We Hate

This is not a limerick, but it is a bit of verse that we think worthy of inserting in our junior department. We give Sidney Brownstein (15) credit, and have sent him a stamp award. Of all the fellows that we hate Is the guy that takes your imperforate, And says of the stamp so new and mint, "That's nothing but a cheap reprint."

The Office Cat Gets Busy

In some way the Office Cat got hold of the four lines of poetry about the "reprint" and he said to himself "I'll show 'em how to write a limerick." And here it is:—

John is the guy the fellows hate,
He sees your nice imperforate
And says of the stamp:
"It's a little scamp,
A poor reprint, give it the gate."

The Corner Dots



Two weeks ago we asked for the difference between two British stamps. We now illustrate the difference "14 and 16 dots in the corners." We shall publish very soon a list of those who sent in correct answers.

A Limerick on Jane

There was a sweet girl named Jane,
Concerning her stamps quite vain;
In a book by night
She glued them down tight—
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STUCK DOWNS

By W. W. MACLAREN.

The stamp hunter has many collections offered him. Most of them are small and of recent make, but occasionally very old one comes along. Two of the collections I have purchased had not had a stamp added to them since the sixties. A large portion of the collections made prior to 1890 are what I term "stuck downs," that is to say, hinges were not used, but the stamps were pasted sometimes with home made flour paste occasionally pure gum arabic and, unfortunately, quite often with commercial mucilage. In the latter case many of the stamps are ruined, especially the green ones, having become badly stained. Since little attention was paid to condition in those days, the paper being often simply peeled off, the general condition of the stamps is poor. As they cannot be examined carefully on both sides, many that appear to be all right are found badly defective when soaked loose.

I have had many interesting experiences with these old collections, but the following is tinged with both tragedy and humor. A lady in Wisconsin wrote me that she had a very old collection made by her father when a boy, about six hundred stamps. I had her send to me, and, it was at least interesting, was mounted in the oldest printed album I have ever seen, with a wood cut picture of Sir Rowland Hill on the full page. The stamps were in frightful condition, with a few exceptions, and not only pasted in tight with mucilage, but beautifully lacquered with the same material.

There were two stamps that appeared to be in good shape that I could use. My collection, also what appeared to be a very fine copy of the 5c New Foundland brown seal. Having a friend who wanted this stamp, I offered the last \$25.00 for the collection. She asked me to send it right back as she had an offer of twice as much from a Milwaukee collector. I shipped it back at once, wrote her a nice letter of thanks for sending it, and reimbursed her for the postage spent. I always do this.

Greatly to my surprise, a week later it arrived, never having been unpacked and a letter came saying she was pleased with my letter she had decided to let me have it.

As I wanted to preserve the album only cut out those stamps that were worth while. I had studied the 5c N. L. carefully, even with a glass, and could find nothing wrong with it. However when I soaked it, lo and behold, it was in two pieces. It had been so carefully matched up that the cut was not discernible. So I faced a nice loss on the buy.

Some months later I thought I would go through it carefully, and see if I had overlooked anything. In Mexico there were just five stamps, four damaged, one badly stained, the 12c 1868 green. Upon examining this latter stamp most carefully I discovered it was not stained at all, but was a beautiful used copy of the error on buff paper listed at \$60.00. So I was to come out all right after all. Now for some more tragedy.

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A Springfield, Mass., newspaper is responsible for the above headline. It is accompanied by the following sub-heading:—"Philatelists must become bootleggers to deal in issues against orders of Internal Revenue." This clipping from H. C. Hyde of that city will be read with interest.—Ed.)

It's a far cry from bootleg "hooch" to stamp transfer and future delivery stamps, but the gap has been bridged by a sweeping order recently issued by the United States commissioner of internal revenue, which brings some stamp collectors into the same category as bootleggers, in so far as the moral aspect of the law is concerned.

Yesterday the many enthusiastic stamp collectors of Springfield and other communities throughout the length and breadth of the land pursued their daily avocations and avocations, esteemed by their friends and neighbors; respected by their fellowmen generally. Today they were without the pale of the law if they have in their possession a single stamp or future delivery internal revenue stamp that they intend devoting to other purpose than that for which it was issued by the government.

There is no nonsense about this decision of the internal revenue department. No less an authority on such matters than MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS of current issue solemnly warns readers that it will in future accept no more advertisements for stamps of this character. It points out also that the ruling "will result in considerable hardship in certain quarters," especially among dealers who have a supply on hand.

The ruling is to the effect that no person other than a collector of internal revenue or duly authorized deputy collector, or deputized United States depositor, shall sell or expose for sale, give away, traffic in, trade, barter, lend, borrow or exchange any such transfer or future delivery stamps issued pursuant to the regulations. This ruling, of course, exempts individuals or corporations which use the stamps in their business who buy them pursuant to regulations.

In a word, a new class of law breaker has been added to those now existing in the U. S. A. But they have this advantage over the bootleggers. They are known as philatelists. Those who traffic in rum can lay claim to no such honor-sounding title.

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ARRANGING A JUNIOR EXHIBIT

By GEOFFREY R. KELLY.

The first page should bear no stamps at all. At the top will appear, for example, the heading, "The Stamps of Germany (1921-1926)," and this will be followed by any general facts worthy of mention, such as situation of the country, government, population, area, industries, and even, perhaps, mention may be made of the chief towns and rivers on which they stand. The value of this first page without a single stamp on it cannot be denied. It serves to arrest the attention of whoever is looking at the collection, and helps to rouse an inquisitive interest as to what the stamps of this particular country may be like.

On the second page the collection proper will start. Here, the first stamp or set issued will be shown, above it the date, and below, or at either side, will be the information referring to the particular stamp or stamps. As much information as possible should be appended, but it is doubtful whether the incessant repetition of numbers issued does much to enhance the value of a collection. Whenever possible, state the date of issue, description of the subject or design, engraver's name, name of printers, and method of printing, paper printed on, watermark (if any), perforation, and, a most important detail, though not always available, the reasons for issue. Taking Germany as an example:—

Page 2.—
1921.
Stanley Gibbons 199-202.
(Copies neatly mounted here.)
Germania type of 1902, surcharged in black (except the 5m), which is in green.
Needless to say, mint and used stamps

should not be mixed, the best arrangement being to mount the issue in mint condition first, followed by the notes, and then, below the notes, to have the same issue in used condition.

Thus, for Germany, we shall now have:—

1921.
(Copies of Stanley Gibbons 199-202 mint.)

Notes

(Copies of Stanley Gibbons 199-202 used.)

One of the worst mistakes that collectors make is to overcrowd their stamps. If only juniors would try to imagine their stamps were young oak trees, and needed room to grow, many an album would be transformed from a scrap book into a possession of beauty and interest.

The eight surcharged stamps of Germany are quite sufficient to fill one page, and if properly spaced out, and symmetrically arranged, will present an effect that could not be equalled by twenty stamps in the same space.

Starting page three, the collection is proceeded with in the same manner, and so on, until the end of the country or period is reached.

Bear in mind the following golden rules, they cannot go far wrong:—

- 1.—Don't overcrowd your stamps.
- 2.—Never include a damaged specimen.
- 3.—Be as neat as you can.
- 4.—Mount your stamps on loose-leaf sheets if possible, taking care to see that the general effect pleases the eye. The most satisfactory method of arrangement is the symmetrical or "balanced" system. This is rendered a simple matter by the

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ODD ITEMS:—

At the meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society held March 15, Theodore E. Steinway exhibited his magnificent collection of New South Wales. A number of the members of the club gathered at the Bellevue in the early evening for dinner. At the April meeting George Wolcott will exhibit Confederates.

ALBERT SPICER of Mohawk, N. Y., sends us greetings from Pisa, Italy. He has been visiting Rome, Naples, Palermo and Valencia, and returns to New York early in April. He writes that there is one thing which he misses, and it can be easily guessed.

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Newfoundland 1921, 35c, Used On Cover	1.60
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German Rep. 105-6-7-8 ..	.10
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This issue in the finest mint condition is available at this figure and while they have been offered at less, it seems that they are not being supplied to-day at the lower figure. I have the stock on hand and it will not be necessary to keep you waiting with the likelihood that more may be obtained in the Islands. My correspondent in Manila states that the entire lot of 1 peso was sold within two days, so that if the Island philatelists hold them for the high prices that they are asking for the air mail varieties, you will soon be paying several dollars a set for this issue.

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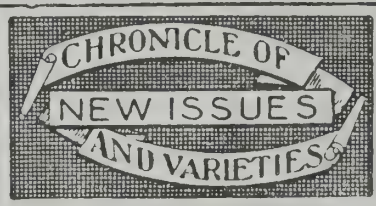
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The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa., who will also be pleased to pass on oddities and varieties of all U. S. stamps from 1900 to date. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 75 Electric Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States

15c Brown Air Mail Stamp

I have seen published lists of the supposed numbers of 15c air mail stamps in existence but none that have come to my attention have been correct. I am officially informed that 10,500,000 of this stamp were printed and that 2,235,585 have been delivered to the Post Office Department. Under date of March 10th, there still remained on hand at the Bureau, subject to instructions from the Post Office, a quantity of 7,854,415 stamps. Under the circumstances there are ample to go around in spite of the fact that the Department has discontinued the printing of this variety. It has been announced that it is their intentions of distributing this stamp in order that two copies may be used to pay the triple air mail rate, and as a result, this quantity will no doubt last for a number of years to come. If we followed the procedure of some of the South American countries, we could make a very nice Provisional issue out of this quantity by overprinting them 10c.

The sale of this variety to collectors here of late has been quite extensive in view of the fact that they have assumed the supply was limited.

1917, 5c Red Error Imperforate

Back in the Spring of 1917, great commotion was caused in the philatelic world when the discovery of the 5c error was first made. At that time some of the presses at the Bureau were running out stamps perforated 10, and some perforated 11—hence, the variety in both perforations was soon found.

Some weeks elapsed before the stamp finally was located in an imperforate condition. Upward of twenty-five to thirty offices had received the 2c imperforate stamp during the time this error was being turned out by the Bureau, but an investigation showed that the imperforate error had been sent to but two offices, namely New York and Chicago.

In New York, one of the clerks found forty-three sheets, which were acquired by a syndicate and finally became the property of one of the larger dealers. Information as to the exact number of

sheets so found has never been made public until recently, when a dealer made the announcement through his auction catalogue—hence, a few notes at this time are in order.

Those that were located in Chicago were returned in their entirety to Washington for destruction.

Two additional sheets, so I am told, were located by Mr. J. B. Leavy, making forty-five in all in the hands of the philatelic public. As each sheet showed three errors, this means that one hundred thirty-five of the stamps are in existence.

Right at the present time, there is little doubt but what a fair number of this lot are held in some strong source for judging by the numbers available, the variety is really more difficult to obtain than the 2c inverted center of 1901, of which less than sixty specimens are said to exist. It is because of this fact that we have reasons for assuming that the imperforate variety is held. At the present time the stamp is priced at \$750.00 in the catalogue, but has brought as high as \$830.00 at auction and has sold in excess of this figure at private sale.

It ranks as one of the rarities of the 20th century issues.

2c White Plains Variety

Mr. Stephen C. Potts writes that he has recently been examining the south east pane of the 2c White Plains stamp from plate 18769 and finds several oddities of interest. On the fifty-third and eighty-fourth stamps for instance, he notes two short lines appearing under the "P" of "Postage." This he finds on none of the other varieties on the sheet. The "E" in "States" is especially ill formed on the thirty-second stamp. I have not had an opportunity to personally inspect such a pane and am passing on the information just as Mr. Potts kindly writes.

Permit Mail Without Stamps

Those who are interested in the collection of metered mail and the like should secure a copy of the Postal Bulletin for March 15th, for a couple of pages of this bulletin are devoted to the conditions under which mailings of certain matter will be accepted under permit without stamps affixed. The same bulletin shows us four types of accepted designs, one of which is applied by a machine set by the postmaster and the other types being those used by the public and later paid for at the time of mailing at so much per piece.

CUBA.—We have William H. Avery, of Havana, Cuba, to thank for a specimen of the 10c current type on large star watermarked paper. This stamp was issued March 15 and we are probably the first philatelic paper to chronicle this novelty.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA.—Whitfield King & Co. report the following postage due provisionals: 100h brown, type A6, sur-

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DANZIG.—Whitfield King & Co. ha shown us the 3pf, current type, brown.

INDIA.—Whitfield King & Co's Bulletin reminds those that received from a new issue service the 4a, Nasik printing on paper watermarked multiple star distributed last month, that their correspondent advises that no more of the inscribed "Postage" only, are obtainable in Calcutta. This stamp was only sale a few weeks and is likely to scarce.

Whitfield King & Co. inform us of the appearance of the 3 pies grey, and annas mauve, multiple star watermark.

JAMAICA.—Whitfield King & Co's Bulletin prints the following: "We informed on very good authority that the current 1/2p stamp showing a view of the Exhibition will soon be a thing of the past as a new issue of this denomination is to be put on sale shortly and will of the Nyasaland type showing the portrait of His Majesty King George.

LIBIA.—Whitfield King & Co. ha shown us the 60c Express stamp with surcharge "Lire 1.25" in two lines at left and also one in native characters the right side. Both overprints are black.

PERSIA.—Whitfield King & Co. ha sent for chronicle two more values in new series. They are the 9c rose and 12c orange.

PHILIPPINES.—According to the official notice sent to the various postmasters, the provincial capital cities by M. Topacio, the director of the Bureau of Posts, the number of the Legislative Building Commemoratives printed was as follows: 2c, 500,000; 4c, 300,000; 16c, 200,000; 18c, 100,000; 20c, 100,000; 24c, 100,000; 1p, 10,000. With the wo OFFICIAL in small red letters print or surcharged on them: 2c, 90,000; 90,000; 18c, 70,000; 20c, 70,000. The stamps are on sale for two months in the provincial capitals, then the remainder are sent to Manila for sale.—F. MEYER.

TRIPOLI.—Whitfield King & Co's Bulletin reports that a new set of stamps has been put on sale in this Italian Colony for the benefit of the Tripoli Exhibition. It is understood that the stamps are to be issued in limited quantities and they are sold at a small premium above the face value, this premium going towards the Exhibition funds. There are four designs as follows, centres are all in black:—20c+mauve, 25c+5c green, view of the Port of Tripoli; 40c+10c chocolate, 60c+1 brown, Arc de Marco Aurelio; 75c+2 red, Lire 1.25+20c blue, panoramic view of Tripoli; Express, Lire 1.25+30c violet, Lire 2.50+1 lira yellow, Libia scenery. Copies of this set have been received from Mr. Victor Catsaras with the information that they were issued Feb. 15th last and only ten sets were available for each purchaser.

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*30-31. ea.10	*50k. No. 63612	*5pf. No. 7212		*3m on 71pf (28)20	*100000m. No. 12630	1919, On Hungary					
*32-33. ea.10	*100k. No. 63722	*1m. No. 7340		*5m on 2pf (29)20	*25000m. No. 13925	1919, Postage Due					
*34-35. ea.10	*100k-240k. Nos.	*2m. No. 7450		*10m on 71pf (30)30		1919, On Bosnia					
*36-37. ea.10	*638 to 643. ea.10	*3m. No. 7575				1919, Postage Due					
*38-39. ea.10	*400k. No. 64412	*5m. No. 76 1.00				1919, On Hungary					
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*44-45. ea.10	*100k. No. 64710	*94-95-7-8. ea.01				1919, Postage Due					
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*50-51. ea.10	*600k. No. 65015	*2m. No. 10503				1919, On Bosnia					
*52-53. ea.10	*1000k. No. 65125	*3m. No. 10605				1919, Postage Due					
*54-55. ea.10	1926 Nibelungen	*5m. No. 10706				1919, On Hungary					
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*158-159. ea.10	*25h. No. 96404					1919, On Hungary					
*160-161. ea.10	*5k. No. 96810					1919, Postage Due					
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THROUGH the courtesy of Clement S. Ernst, we have received a clipping from the Tacoma (Wash.) News Tribune giving a full list of the awards made at the Puget Sound Philatelic Exhibition held in Tacoma on Saturday and Sunday, March 5 and 6. The exhibition was sponsored by Puget Sound Branch, No. 70, A.P.S., the Tacoma Philatelic Society and the Washington State Philatelic Society. Cecil F. Blogg was in charge of the event and an address of welcome was extended by Mayor M. G. Tennent. The judges were A. A. Johnson, Clyde Brill, Clement S. Ernst, Henry Hitt and R. Nairne. We regret that we cannot give the space to publish the long list of prize winners. There will be another exhibition in the Seattle Public Library, March 12-19, by the three societies.

NEW ISSUE NOTES

(The information contained in the paragraphs below is taken from the "Monthly Bulletin" issued by Whitfield King & Co., Ipswich, England. Any of our subscribers who would like to receive this "Bulletin" regularly each month may obtain it by remitting 36c.—Ed.)

Abyssinia.—Two more provisionals have arrived from this country, ½ guerdie on \$1 and 1 guerdie on \$3. In both values there is an error on each sheet showing the final "e" omitted in "guerdie." We have also one sheet of the ½ guerdie on \$1 with the surcharge at the right-hand side of the stamps instead of the left, this sheet also contains the error with the final "e" omitted in "guerdie." The 4 guerdies on \$3 noted in some papers has not been issued.

Belgium.—The 5 francs + 1 franc carmine issued for the benefit of the Anti-tuberculosis Fund was sold in restricted numbers, only a few copies being supplied to each applicant. In these circumstances it will be impossible for us to distribute it through our New Issue Service, but we have been offered a small number at rather a high premium and any subscriber who would like us to supply the stamp at 3s9d each should send us an application and if possible a copy will be sent with the next lot of new issues.

Belgian Congo.—The following new values and new colours have been received:—45c purple, 75c rose, Fr.1.25 blue, Fr.1.50 blue. These stamps have been overprinted "Ruanda Urundi" also, all of which we are distributing through our New Issue Service, with the exception of the Ruanda Urundi Fr.1.25 blue, which we have been unable to obtain up to the present and we think it very probable that this value has been withdrawn from use, as it is exactly the same type and colour as the Fr.1.50 blue. It is interesting to note that the 45c is overprinted in one line in red, similar to the 60c, whilst the 75c and Fr.1.50 are overprinted in two lines, the word "Ruanda" at the top of the stamp and "Urundi" at the base. The other values in the set have been overprinted in two lines close together in the centre of the stamp and it is just possible that these may be replaced in due course overprinted in a similar manner to the 75c and Fr.1.50.

Dominica.—We have received the new 3sh and 5sh stamps with script watermark and find that there are two shades of the yellow paper for each of these denominations, one being pale yellow or lemon and the other a very deep yellow.

French Colonies.—We have received the new provisional 10 and 20 francs stamps for French Somali Coast, Ivory Coast, Dahomey, Guinea and Reunion. All these provisionals have been surcharged on stamps of 5 francs, which have been printed in new colours for the purpose of surcharging. On each sheet of 75 of Dahomey 20 francs on 5 francs there occurs one stamp showing no stop after 20f. We are also informed that further new 10 francs and 20 francs provisionals are to be issued for Gaboon, Gaudeloupe, Madagascar and Senegal, also new 90c and Fr.1.50 stamps for twelve Colonies. A new set of Postage Due stamps for Niger Territory has also been issued and the previous issue has been withdrawn from use.

French Post Offices In Egypt.—In continuation of the note in our February Bulletin referring to the stamps of Alexandria and Port Said, we are now officially informed that a complete new set of stamps will soon be put on sale in Alexandria comprising the following denominations:—1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 50, 100, 250 millimes; Postage Due stamps, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 30, 40 millimes. The values will not be surcharged as in the current set, but will be incorporated in the design. No further particulars are available and although we have no information as to whether these new stamps will be issued for Port Said as well, we have no doubt that the new set will be suitably inscribed for that purpose.

Greece.—A complete new issue of postage stamps is being prepared for this country and the stamps are expected to be put on sale before long. The denomi-

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Hejaz and Nejd.—We have been able to obtain a small quantity of the new 1/2 and 1/4 piastres stamps referred to in our February Bulletin and they are being distributed to our new issue subscribers this month. We understand other values will be issued later on. The Arabic inscription at the top of the stamps reads "Arab Government," in the centre is the King's touhira or monogram which is "Abdul Aziz Bin Abdul Rahm," the smaller monogram to the right of the touhira is that of the King's family and reads "Al Saoud"; below the touhira are the words "Nejd and Hejaz Postage" and at the base of the stamps the denomination is shown in each corner and words in the centre.

India.—We distributed last month 4 annas Nasik printing on paper water marked multiple stars and our correspondent, in sending our supply, informed us that no more of the 4 annas inscribed "Postage" only, are obtainable in Calcutta, in fact, he wrote to us asking whether we could supply a pair for his own private collection! This variety has been on sale only a very few weeks and is likely to be scarce. Moral:—Join our New Issue Service and get the scarce items at current issue rates.

Jamaica.—We are informed on very good authority that the current ½d stamp showing a view of the Exhibition was soon to be a thing of the past, as a new issue of this denomination is to be put on sale shortly and will be of the Nyasaland type showing a portrait of His Majesty King George.

Liberia.—The one-cent stamps of 1911 both ordinary and O.S. have been surcharged "Two Cents" with the old value obliterated by a bar. As usual they are varieties of setting showing the words "Two" and "Cents" close together at wide apart, whilst on two of the stamps instead of a bar cancelling the old value an ornamental design has been substituted. These two varieties occur on the bottom row of the sheet, the second and seventh stamps. The stamps are sheets of 50, the overprint being done in two operations of 25 at a time. On sheet of these stamps is known with the surcharge inverted.

Tripoli.—A new set of stamps has been put on sale in this Italian Colony for the benefit of the Tripoli Exhibition. We understand that these stamps are to be issued in limited quantities and they are sold at a small premium above the face value, this premium going towards the Exhibition funds. There are four designs as follows, centres are all in black:—20c + 5c mauve, 25c + 5c green view of the Port of Tripoli; 40c + 10c chocolate, 60c + 10c brown, Arc de Marco Aurelio; 75c + 20c red, Lire 1.25 + 20c blue, panoramic view of Tripoli; Express, Lire 1.25 + 30c violet, Lire 2.50 + lira yellow, Libyan scenery.

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STAMPS FALKLAND ISLANDS (Continued from page 186)

of King Edward were required. In the new issue, similarity of design was followed, but with the head facing to the left. The head was the same type as that adopted for the lower values of the then British stamps, being designed by Herr Fuchs, and the stamps were all printed upon paper watermarked with the multiple Cr. CA design.

Of the eight values there are a few interesting departures from the normal. The 1d exists in a dull or wine-red shade, which is somewhat scarce, as well

as on both thick and thin paper, likewise the 1/2d value, whilst the 2 1/2d ultramarine is in two distinct shades. The 3sh (replacing the former 2s6d Victorian stamp) is clearly distinguishable in three shades of pale and deep green, and bronze-green, whilst a supply of the 1d, in June, 1907, arrived on paper with the watermark sideways.

The simplicity of design which had been such a pleasing feature of the previous issues, was somewhat modified in the new Georgian stamps, which began to appear in 1912. Whilst substantially similar, the addition of the Crown, and the words "Postage" "Revenue" gave a rather cramped appearance to the design, although, by way of compensation, the head was somewhat smaller than those of the previous two reigns.

The values were the same as those for the previous issue, but with the two high values added, a 10sh and £1, which, I believe, are used for combined postage, registration and insurance, as well as for cables and customs dues.

The 1912-21 series were all printed on paper watermarked mult. Cr. CA, being followed by the Script watermarked series, the three highest values yet to appear on this paper. These do not call for any particular comment.

The war stamps of 1918-20 form an interesting interlude to these series, it being possible to specialise the three values, 1/2d, 1d and 1sh.

Specimen stamps exist of all issues from about the year 1892, and copies also exist of the Victorian stamps overprinted "specimen" with a rubber stamp.

The inclusion of stamps postmarked and used in the Dependencies is a matter which must be left to the discretion of the collector. The opinion sometimes advanced is that such stamps are of no special value and savour more of collecting postmarks. I think, however, that there is an excuse in this case, for the Dependencies of the Falklands have an interest entirely of their own. These comprise South Georgia, the South Shetlands, the South Orkneys, the South Sandwich Islands, and Graham Land, but apparently at present stamps are only regularly used in South Georgia, which has a population of about 1200, and in the South Shetlands during the whaling season, Nov. to April.

These Dependencies are under the Governor of the Falklands. Letters Patent being granted in 1908, so that the South Georgia postmark is met with in both the Edwardian and Georgian stamps, and the inclusion of stamps bearing this postmark, as well as that of South Shetlands, gives an added interest in the stamps of the Colony. A few Victorian stamps were also used in South Georgia, but they are naturally extremely scarce.

Stamps postmarked "H.M.C.S. Afterglow" are interesting. The *Afterglow* is a coastal ship which patrols the outlying islands to protect the Seal Fishery, and the residents of such islands, who cannot be very numerous, have no regular postal facilities, so correspondence may be "posted on board" the *Afterglow*, which takes it, or tranships it, to another vessel on its way to Port Stanley to await the outgoing mail. The postmarking is done by means of an oval rubber hand-stamp and bears the words "H.M.C.S. Afterglow—date—posted on board".

There is practically no direct communication between South Georgia and the Falkland Islands, and vessels for this Dependency generally call at South American ports on their way out, and there is more or less regular communication between South Georgia and Buenos Aires. The South Shetlands whaling fleet calls at Port Stanley on the way south in November and again on the return about April.

There is a Post-Office at Fox Bay in the Falklands, where a distinctive cancellation is applied, and letters are sent from there to Port Stanley. New Island at one time had a postmark of its own when a special Post-Office was open from August 10, 1909, when it was made a port of entry, until Oct. 19, 1914, when the whaling industry ceased.

Time does not permit of my entering into details which, however, have been



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There are one or two points which I have not yet heard satisfactorily cleared up. A postmark met with during the

period of the 1891 Victorian provisionals has the word "ISLAND'S" spelt with an apostrophe S. Whether this was deliberate, or a mistake, I have never been able to fathom, and apparently none of the specialists whom I have consulted have been able to tell me.

Also, the reason why the 1891 "splits" were bisected from corner to corner is not apparent, although I think it more than possible that this may have been due to the fear that, if this had been done otherwise, there might have been some danger of stamps already cancelled being cut, or manipulated, so as to be used again as a half if the postmark had been badly applied. There would, of course, be less likelihood of this danger occurring if the stamps were bisected diagonally, although the possibility seems remote in view of the effective, and heavy, cork cancellations of that period, which makes it difficult to secure good postally used copies of the early Victorian stamps.

As regards the eventual surcharging of the halves by the hand-stamp 1/2d, this was doubtless thought advisable in order to make clear, in other countries, the franking value of the "split" and to show that such stamps were official.

There are several very interesting and desirable items to be found amongst the stamps of the Falklands, and, if this is extended to the Dependencies, we have a wide field open to us, which will add greatly to the interest we shall get. I have already mentioned the *Afterglow* stamps, and the early Edwardian and Victorian stamps used in South Georgia which have the imprint of those words beneath the stamps.

South Georgia is responsible for a variety which I prefer to call an "official unofficial" variety. In March, 1923, there appears to have been a shortage of stamps in the Island, and the 2 1/2d dark blue for a few days was allowed to be bisected diagonally and each half used as a 1d stamp. The necessity for this is not very apparent, unless both the 1/2d and 1d stamps had run out. The bisecting was authorised by the acting Resident Magistrate, who,

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Then we have the Deception Island cancellation, which, for a short time early in 1924 preceded the South Shetlands postmark, and whilst the latter is quite common, the former, which is in the form of an oval and a rubber cancellation, is very scarce.

I have only before briefly referred to the war stamps which are capable of being specialised. The 1d exists with double overprint, 58 copies being known, whilst 120 copies, or two sheets, exist with double overprint, one being in albino, the two being plainly visible on the back of the stamps, although only slightly so on the front. Other varieties include the "wide spaced," the "var" variety, large P, broken P, and various faults in the overprinting, whilst the 1d exists in the second setting on thick grey paper, and is comparatively scarce. The display before you will be found to be self-explanatory.

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The thirteenth annual banquet of the Michigan Stamp Club was held at the new hotel Barlum on Saturday evening, March 19. The members with their ladies and invited friends to the number of seventy made the occasion a very enjoyable affair. There was no speech-making, indeed a warning upon the menu card read:—"Anybody who attempts to make a speech at this banquet will forfeit his membership in the club."

There was a raffle of stamps, some two hundred lots being sold, and Karl Koslowski won the big prize, an 1847 Franklin donated by W. F. Fratcher. An additional prize was given the one holding 9999, and strange to say the very block of stamps I had given came back to me as the prize.

Prof. F. T. Shearer, who was announced to give "a little fiddle-ology from Toonerville" entertained the mem-



Seated at the head table were: Pres. Charles E. Brisley, toastmaster and Mrs. Brisley; Vice Pres. Clarence Mahar and Mrs. Mahar; Sec. Alex. Livingstone and Treas. Horace Hartwell. The menu was an excellent one.

Sec. Livingstone read letters of congratulation from A. H. Wilhelm, president of the A.P.S., P. M. Wolsieffer, Victor Rotnem of Gossip, Willard O. Wylie of MEKEEL'S. Radiographs were read by Dr. E. Preston Hoskins. One was from Riga, Latvia:—"Karl Koslowski declines the office of president of Latvia. It is stated on good authority that he has filed application for the office of postmaster." Another from Rotnem read:—"Suggest that Mich. Stamp Club provide publicity manager Boers with a stenographer and typewriter." Other similar radiograms were read.

bers for over an hour with some fifteen different musical instruments, including homemade contraptions, invoking a great deal of merriment. The feature was greatly enjoyed. A community sing was followed by dancing. The committee in charge of the banquet consisted of Dr. H. Preston Hoskins, Harry Carter, L. A. White, C. C. Rodenhauer and Herman W. Boers.

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By HARRY E. HUBER.

(Continued from page 172.)

When the world war broke out in August, 1914, all the Leeward Islands Presidencies, except the British Virgins, were using stamp designs introduced in 1903. That of Antigua was the Royal Arms and Presidential Seal (1/2d to 2s6d); St. Kitts-Nevis, the Seals of St. Kitts (Columbus sighting land), and of Nevis (Sulphur Baths), on alternate denominations, 1/2d to 5s, and Dominica, a view of Roseau from the sea (1/2d to 2s6d). The Seal of Montserrat (Hope clinging to a cross) appeared on that Presidency's Postage & Revenue series (1/2d to 2s6d). The 5s of Antigua, Dominica and Montserrat were in large receipt size (vertical rectangular), with the head of King George V adapted to the 1903 frame designs. In the British Virgins, however, several changes had taken place since 1899 when the Madonna with lilies design made appearance. In 1904, the DLR-1888 keyplate design (Postage & Revenue) with the head of King Edward VII was used for all values, 1/2d to 5s, and in 1913, the same design, but with the head of King George V substituted.

Montserrat brought out on October 10, 1916 (authorised by Order-in-Council of Sept. 25, 1916), a series in the King's head and Seal type, small size, the denominations being 1/2d, 1d, 2d, 2 1/2d, 3d, 6d, 1s, 2s, 2s6d and 5s. All were printed on multiple Roman CA watermarked paper. By an Order-in-Council of March 24, 1922, additional denominations of 1/4d 1 1/2d, 4d, 5d, 3s and 4s were authorised, and these were issued July 13, 1922. The £1 stamp authorised at the same time has never been requisitioned.

The next Presidency to make a change was St. Kitts-Nevis, and there on June 15, 1920, a double medallion series (authorised by Order-in-Council of June 7, 1920) was issued in 12 denominations, 1/2d, 1d, 1 1/2d, 2d, 2 1/2d, 3d, 6d, 1s, 2s, 2s6d, 5s and 10s. The portrait of King George V appears in the left hand oval on all values, while in that at the right, the Seals of St. Kitts, and of Nevis, are used on alternate values. The £1 added to the series by an Order-in-Council of Jan. 9, 1922 was issued June 12, 1922. These were all multiple Roman CA watermarked.

On July 1, 1921, Antigua brought out a Postage & Revenue series in the well known King's head and Presidential Seal type, small size, similar to that used by Montserrat. This was authorised by Order-in-Council of June 29, 1921, and comprised the denominations of 1/2d, 1d, 2d,

2 1/2d, 3d, 6d, 1s, 2s and 2s6d. The 5s continued in large size, with the portrait of King George V adapted to the 1903 frame. By Order-in-Council of Jan. 9, 1922, 1 1/2d, 4d, 3s, 4s and 5s were added to the series, and issued Feb. 1, 1922. A stamp of £1 denomination was authorised by Order-in-Council of March 24, 1922, and placed on sale Sept. 1, 1922. All were multiple script CA watermarked, except the colored paper varieties, 3d and 5s (on yellow), 1s (on green), 2s and 2s6d (on blue), and £1 (on red), which were on paper with multiple Roman CA watermark.

The British Virgin Islands King's head and Seal series, small size, was provided for by Order-in-Council of March 24, 1922, and comprised ten denominations (1/2d, 1d, 2d, 2 1/2d, 3d, 5d, 6d, 1s, 2s6d and 5s). These were issued June 15, 1922, all script CA watermarked except the 3d and 5s (on yellow), 1s (on green), and 2s6d (on blue).

Ever since 1890, the DLR-1888 keyplate type, Postage & Revenue (with the necessary change in the sovereign's head) has been used for the Leeward Islands Federal series. An Order-in-Council of Sept. 3, 1901, authorised denominations of 1/2d, 1d, 2d, 2 1/2d, 3d, 6d, 1s, 2s6d and 5s, to which a 1/4d was added by order of February 20, 1909. The additional denominations of 4d, 5d, 2s, 3s and 4s were authorised by Order-in-Council of January 9, 1922, and 1 1/2d, by an order of May 17, 1926.

Madrid Convention (1920) Changes

By an Order-in-Council of Jan. 9, 1922, a rate of 2d was made effective from Feb. 1, 1922, on letters originating in the Federal Colony addressed to the "United Kingdom, other parts of the British Empire, Tangier, and the U. S. (including the U. S. Virgin Islands, Porto Rico, Alaska, Hawaii and the Canal Zone)." To other foreign countries, the letter rate was increased from 2 1/2d to 3d. Post cards for British Empire, U. S. and foreign destinations were increased from 1d to 1 1/2d, and the registration fee from 2d to 3d.

With the raising of the British Empire and U. S. letter rate to 2d (this of course had been the rate from the British Virgins since Sept. 1, 1916), the demand for 1 1/2d stamps was greatly lessened, though it still represented the post card rate for destinations beyond the Federal Colony.

On January 2, 1923, St. Kitts-Nevis issued a special series of stamps commemorating the 300th anniversary of the founding of St. Kitts by Sir Thomas Warner, in 1623. The denominations duplicated those of the double medallion

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Rumors had been current for many years that the View of Roseau type of Dominica was to be altered to permit the insertion of the King's portrait into the upper right corner. But on March 1923, a new series was issued, in large size, double medallion type, similar to but in much better design than the St. Kitts-Nevis series. The King's head appears in the right hand oval, and the Seal of the Presidency (old time sailing vessel) in that at the left. The values comprised 1/2d, 1d, 1 1/2d, 2d, 2 1/2d, 3d, 4d, 6d, 1s, 2s, 2s6d, 3s, 4s, 5s, 10s and £1, all script CA watermarked except the 3s and 5s (on yellow), and £1 (on red).

With the raising of the foreign post card and letter rates, color changes were necessary to allow of red being transferred to the 1 1/2d (foreign post card rate), and blue to the 3d (foreign letter rate). This necessitated a re-arrangement of the colors used for the 1d, 1 1/2d, 2 1/2d and 3d, which under the Crown agents color scheme of 1908, had been

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printed in red, orange, blue and violet on yellow respectively.

The St. Kitts-Nevis Tercentenary series of January 2, 1923, and the Dominica double medallion series of March 1, 1923, having been printed after the new rates were made effective were in new colors for the lower values; 1d violet, 1 1/2d red, and 3d blue. The 2 1/2d of St. Kitts-Nevis was printed in brown, and that of Dominica, in orange. Both series were bi-colored, with centers in black.

During 1922, color changes in the double medallion series of St. Kitts-Nevis appeared, the 1d violet in August, and the 2 1/2d brown and 3d blue in July. The 1 1/2d in red was not issued until August 15, 1923.

In the Leeward Islands Federal series, color changes were made in the 1d, 2 1/2d and 3d. The former in violet was issued August 21, 1923, and the 2 1/2d orange and 3d blue on Sept. 22, 1923, at Montserrat. The 2 1/2d orange is the best of the three. It was sent only to Montserrat, and the lot was small—only 50 sheets (of 120 each), or 6,000 stamps, and these exhausted during the summer of 1926. Those disposed of by the Crown Agents in London were of course additional.

On Sept. 27, 1923, the 1d violet and 2 1/2d orange of Antigua were placed on sale, and the 1 1/2d red on August 26, 1926. The 3d was not printed in blue, but appeared on script yellow July 23, 1925.

Montserrat, on April 5, 1923, brought out 1d violet, 1 1/2d red, 2 1/2d orange, and 3d blue.

On Sept. 1, 1923, the 2 1/2d of British Virgins was issued in orange, and the 5s on script yellow watermarked paper.

Stockholm Convention (1924) Changes

By Statutory Rules and Order No. 5, of 1926, made March 1, 1926, the rates on foreign letters, and those for the British Empire and the U. S., were reduced from 3d and 2d to 2 1/2d and 1 1/2d respectively, effective April 1, 1926. The post card rate of 1 1/2d was not changed.

With 1 1/2d rate restored on letters to the British Empire and U. S., there is now a double use for a stamp of this denomination. A 1 1/2d stamp was added to the Leeward Islands Federal series, by Order-in-Council of May 17, 1926, and printed from plate 11, in red, was issued Sept. 10, 1926.

The British Virgin Islands is also being furnished with a 1 1/2d red stamp (authorized by Order-in-Council of Oct. 8,

1926, No. 23, of 1926), and a reprinting of the 1d in violet is on requisition.

With the return of 2 1/2d as the foreign letter rate (since Apr. 1, 1926) future printings of the 2 1/2d for all Presidencies will revert to the original blue. This will necessarily affect the 3d and restore to it its former violet on yellow. Already the 2 1/2d blue of the Federal series, script CA., has been printed and dispatched to Montserrat. Antigua, Montserrat and St. Kitts-Nevis have re-issued the 2 1/2d in blue. The 3d violet on script yellow has been issued (for the first time) in St. Kitts-Nevis, and is on order for Montserrat. The 2 1/2d blue of Dominica has not yet been printed, and it seems unlikely that the 3d will be printed violet on yellow, inasmuch as a higher value (3s) in the series appears in these colors.

An Order-in-Council of Oct. 8, 1926 (No. 22, of 1926), authorizes and provides for the use of 1 1/2d post cards (single and reply) and envelopes, and 1/4d newspaper wrappers after January 1, 1927.

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By A. J. SEFL

In a recent Editorial we drew attention to the dangers of repaired and cleaned stamps. For some time past we have, in conjunction with our Publishers, been studying possible ways of combating this evil. We are happy to announce that we have now in practical use a scientific method whereby almost all repairs and cleanings can be infallibly detected. This new method consists in the examination of specimens in a special cabinet under powerful ultra-violet rays directed upon the object through a special filter.

We feel a certain amount of pride in being first to introduce this method into philatelic practice in Great Britain, and are happy to note that experts, before whom we have demonstrated the results of our work, are fully satisfied of its possibilities, and several machines have been ordered through our publishers.

In the past, one of the methods of dealing with a repaired stamp has been to soak it in benzene, when the repaired portion sometimes appeared more opaque. By the new process any repaired portion of a stamp immediately stands out under the special lighting, while, in a cleaned specimen, the old pen-marks, even if invisible under a magnifying glass, are clearly revealed.

We are working on further extensions of the scientific principles involved in this apparatus, particulars of which it is not necessary to give here. Our intention, however, is to avail ourselves, wherever possible, of every scientific assistance that might be beneficial to the hobby.

We append herewith a few details of a more scientific nature which may interest some of our readers.

Very many bodies or materials, probably a far larger number than has hitherto

been supposed, show under the influence of strong light an individual fluorescence, but usually of so weak an intensity that their own luminosity, coloured red, green, blue, etc., is not perceptible under the influence of ordinary sources of light. The brighter the source of light, the more intense the fluorescence; the darker the light, the less intense the fluorescence; in any case it remains imperceptible, because it is always overpowered by the bright light which produces it. What is required, therefore, is a source of light which gives out rays dark to the eyes, but possessing, nevertheless, sufficient actinism to produce the fluorescence.

Such a source of light was discovered to exist in the Quartz lamp, after it had been found possible to produce easily-handled filters permeable only to the invisible dark ultra violet rays, i.e., the rays of less than 4,000 A.U. wave length, all the bright light being entirely cut off. It is true that there was in existence already a certain fluid filter, composed of 2-3 different solutions placed one behind the other in layers (the so-called "Wood-filter"); but the production and handling of this filter was so complicated that a large number of those interested in this process found it impossible to fit to their lamps.

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Discussion of minor rules may be a good thing, but rather more the business of the Executive Board than the possible competitors. It seems as if the Elimination Exhibition would give publicity, and that this would at least make the next exhibition as large as the last. Why not?

The matter of frames per exhibitor is a matter for the Board in charge. No other form of dead competition limits the awards per competitor. Why the stamp cult? Cost being the main factor, the time or length of the show is distinctly a matter of funds. I believe Saturday to Saturday, open if possible Sunday P.M. and evening, would be well enough and worth trying. This would mean closing the trade booths for business Sunday, but nothing else.

The Elimination Exhibition would give the juries more time for deliberation, and the awards might well be omitted till the end of the show. In fact, the examining visitors ought to have a hand in judging the sweepstakes class, if there is one.

One word more in favor of the Elimination idea. The areas we serve are so great that the combined populace of any section cannot visit the final show without great expense. The holding of pre-shows to select final competitors would aid in giving a much larger section of our populace a chance to "see and enjoy," and a greater number of owners a chance to display, as runners up for the finals.

My comment on Mr. Luff's notes.

GEORGE WALCOTT SHOWS U. S. STAMPS Reported by CHAS. J. PHILLIPS.

On Wednesday, March 16th, there was a good gathering of members at the New York Collectors Club to see a special display made by Mr. George Walcott. Among those present were H. L. Lindquist (President), George Walcott, E. S. Knapp, J. N. Luff, W. Scott, G. Sloane, G. Ohlman, A. J. Goetz, Major G. W. Camp, C. Curie, Theo. E. Steinway, J. M. Bartels, V. Moizan, E. Perry, H. Delius, K. R. Cobbe, C. J. Phillips, H. Toasperm, Hugh Clark, W. Zimmermann, J. Rich, S. Rich, G. Burger, J. H. Hall, G. K. Parsons, Frank Crane, H. M. Konwiser, A. W. Vogt.

Before showing his stamps Mr. Walcott explained that he must apologise for showing only one volume but he had only mounted this one as he had been laid up most of the winter. The volume shown contained only the 1861, 5c buff, the finest selected copies only, each one being perfect and being selected for shade or cancellation. The first page consists of the unused, no less than ten perfect copies being shown in the shades of buff, brown-yellow, and olive-yellow.

Of the used stamps 132 copies were shown comprising a page of 29 with town cancellations in various colors, 20 grids also in several colors, then a page of stamps cancelled with numerals in circles, dots and the word PAID.

A great feature of the collection was the magnificent lot of stamps on covers, such as—Singles used as a domestic rate, probably an overpayment of the due rate. Singles showing part payment to Canada, France and Holland. Covers with pairs of 5c buff used to Canada. Covers with pairs used for Transcontinental rates from San Francisco. Then combinations of the 5c buff used with other stamps such as a cover with a 10c green Aug. 1861 used to France. Pair of 5c buff and a 10c August, 1861 used to Germany, and several covers with 10c green 1862 plus 5c buff, used to France and Germany. A cover with 5c buff and three 10c 1862 used to Switzerland. Strips of three 5c buff on covers to Germany. Also combination covers to the Canary Isles, Cape of Good Hope, etc., showing the use of the 45c and 60c rate, and finally a cover with an irregular block of six 5c buff with San Francisco cogwheel cancellation used to Germany.

Mr. Walcott also showed a wonderful lot of New Yorks, 1845, 5c black, all on covers from one correspondence and all addressed to Lyons, France. Every stamp in perfection condition, and in the lot, all the big "shifts" were represented. The gem of this superb lot was a cover used on July 15, 1845, the first day of use, and unsigned, most valuable and interesting and showing that these rare unsigned copies were the first few that were used.

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6	1887	2a green & carmine	.10	.08
12	1887	3a green & blue	.15	.10
13	1887	4a green & brown	.40	.25
14	1887	8a green & yellow	.40	.10
15	1887	12a lilac & carmine	.15	.04
16	1887	24a lilac & blue	.25	.08
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Below Is Our 1927-1928 List of MINT GERMAN STAMPS

GERMANY			Scott's No.			Price			Scott's No.			Price			Scott's No.			
POSTAGE																		
37	3	Pfg.	138a	tete beche	.50	217	1000 Mk.	.01	302	20 Mn. Mk.	.01	302	20 Mn. Mk.	.01	302	20 Mn. Mk.	.01	
38	5	"	139	15 Pfg.	.01	218	2000	.03	303	50	"	303	50	"	303	50	"	
39	10	"	140	25	.01	218a	2000	.01	304	200	"	304	200	"	304	200	"	
40	20	"	141	30	.01	219	3000	.01	305	1 Mid. Mk.	.01	305	1 Mid. Mk.	.01	305	1 Mid. Mk.	.01	
41	25	"	141a	tete beche	.30	Sets of numerals Type A 31 211 to 219			306	2	"	306	2	"	306	2	"	
42	50	"	142	40 Pfg.	.01	and 235-236-236a, 12 val.			307	5	"	307	5	"	307	5	"	
37-42 set of 6 val.		.75	143	50	.05	220	50 Mk.	.06	308	20	"	308	20	"	308	20	"	
43	3	Pfg.	144	60	.01	221	5	.01	309	50	"	309	50	"	309	50	"	
44	5	"	145	80	.01	222	10	.01	301-309 set of 9 val.			310	1 Mid./100 Mk.	.01	310	1 Mid./100 Mk.	.01	
45	10	"	146	100	.12	223	12	.01	311	5	"	311	5	"	311	5	"	
46	20	"	147	120	.01	224	20	.01	312	5	"	312	5	"	312	5	"	
47	10	"	148	150	.02	225	25	.01	313	5	"	313	5	"	313	5	"	
48	20	"	149	160	.01	226	30	.01	314	10	"	314	10	"	314	10	"	
49	25	"	150	2 Mk.	.06	227	40	.01	315	10	"	315	10	"	315	10	"	
50	50	"	151	3	.10	228	50	.01	316	10	"	316	10	"	316	10	"	
51	2	"	152	4	.02	221-228 set of 8 val.			319	5	"	319	5	"	319	5	"	
45-51 set of 7 val.		.65	153	5	.08	229	100 Mk.	.01	320	10	"	320	10	"	320	10	"	
80	2	Pfg.	154	10	.12	229a	100	.01	321	10	"	321	10	"	321	10	"	
81	3	"	155	20	.25	229a	purple	.03	310-321 set of 10 val.			322	3 Pfg.	.01	322	3 Pfg.	.01	
82	5	"	137-155 (without tete beches)			.80	230	200 Mk.	.01	323	5	"	323	5	"	323	5	"
83	10	"	Set of 19 val.				231	300	.01	324	10	"	324	10	"	324	10	"
84	20	"					232	400	.01	325	20	"	325	20	"	325	20	"
84a	20	"					233	500	.01	326	50	"	326	50	"	326	50	"
84b	20	"					234	1000	.01	327	100	"	327	100	"	327	100	"
84c	20	"					229-231 set of 6 val.			328	5	"	328	5	"	328	5	"
85	25	"					235	4000 Mk.	.01	323-328 set of 6 val.			330	3 Pfg.	.01	330	3 Pfg.	.01
86	30	"					236	5000	.05	331	5	"	331	5	"	331	5	"
87	40	"					236a	100,000	.01	332	10	"	332	10	"	332	10	"
88	50	"					237	5000	.03	333	20	"	333	20	"	333	20	"
89	60	"					238	10000	.01	334	30	"	334	30	"	334	30	"
90	80	"					238a	5000	.01	335	40	"	335	40	"	335	40	"
80-90 set of 11 val.		1.50					239	50000	.01	336	50	"	336	50	"	336	50	"
91	1 Mk.	.45					240	75000	.01	330-336 set of 7 val.			337	60 Pfg.	.01	337	60 Pfg.	.01
92	2	"					241	8T	.01	338	80	"	338	80	"	338	80	"
92a	2	"					241a inside of entire sheet of No. 241.			339	1 Mk.	"	339	1 Mk.	"	339	1 Mk.	"
93	3	"					242	5T Mk./40 Pfg.	.01	340	2	"	340	2	"	340	2	"
94	5	"					242a	8T	.01	341	3	"	341	3	"	341	3	"
91-94 set of 4 val.		1.50					243	15T	.01	343	10 Pfg.	.01	343	10 Pfg.	.01	343	10 Pfg.	.01
80-94 set of 15 val.		2.50					244	20T	.01	344	20	"	344	20	"	344	20	"
95	2 1/2	Pfg.					245	20T	.03	Munich Exposition Issue			345	5 Pfg.	.01	345	5 Pfg.	.01
96	7 1/2	"					246	20T	.02	Rheinland 1000 Year Jubilee Issue			346	10	"	346	10	"
97	15	"					247	25T	.01	347	5 Pfg.	.01	347	5 Pfg.	.01	347	5 Pfg.	.01
98	15	"					248	30T	.01	348	10	"	348	10	"	348	10	"
99	2	"					249	30T	.01	349	20	"	349	20	"	349	20	"
100	35	"					250	75T	.01	347-349 set of 3 val.			350	5 Mk.	.01	350	5 Mk.	.01
101	75	"					251	75T	.01	FAMOUS MEN			351	3 Pfg.	.01	351	3 Pfg.	.01
GERMAN REPUBLIC							252	75T	.01	352	5	"	352	5	"	352	5	"
105	10	Pfg.					253	100T	.01	353	10	"	353	10	"	353	10	"
106	15	"					254	100T	.01	354	15	"	354	15	"	354	15	"
107	25	"					255	125T	.01	355	20	"	355	20	"	355	20	"
108	30	"					256	250T	.01	356	25	"	356	25	"	356	25	"
105-108 set of 4 val.		.12					257	250T	.02	357	30	"	357	30	"	357	30	"
111	1 Mk.	.06					258	250T	.02	358	40	"	358	40	"	358	40	"
112	1 25	"					259	250T	.01	359	50	"	359	50	"	359	50	"
113	1 50	"					260	250T	.01	360	80	"	360	80	"	360	80	"
114	2 50	"					261	800T	.01	351-360 set of 10 val.			351	3 Pfg.	.01	351	3 Pfg.	.01
114a	2 50	"					262	800T	.01	AIR POST STAMPS			401	10 Pfg.	.01	401	10 Pfg.	.01
114b	2 50	"					263	800T	.01	402	40	"	402	40	"	402	40	"
111-114a set of 5 val.		.30					264	800T	.01	403	25	"	403	25	"	403	25	"
115	1 25/1	Mk.					264a	800T	.01	404	40	"	404	40	"	404	40	"
116	1 50/1	"					265	800T	.01	405	50	"	405	50	"	405	50	"
117	2 50/2	"					266	800T	.01	406	60	"	406	60	"	406	60	"
117b	2 50/2	"					266a	800T	.01	407	80	"	407	80	"	407	80	"
115-117b set of 4 val.		1.40					267	800T	.01	408	1 Mk.	"	408	1 Mk.	"	408	1 Mk.	"
118	5	Pfg.					268	800T	.01	409	2	"	409	2	"	409	2	"
118a	5	"					269	2 Mn./200	.01	410	3	"	410	3	"	410	3	"
119	10	"					269a	same dull red	.03	411	5	"	411	5	"	411	5	"
119a	10	"					270	2 Mn. Mk./300 Mk.	.01	412	10	"	412	10	"	412	10	"
119b	tete beche						271	"	.01	413	25	"	413	25	"	413	25	"
120	15	Pfg.					272	"	.01	414	100	"	414	100	"	414	100	"
121	20	"					273	400T Mk./15 Pfg.	.01	415	5	"	415	5	"	415	5	"
122	30	"					274	"	.01	416	10	"	416	10	"	416	10	"
123a	tete beche						275	"	.01	417	25	"	417	25	"	417	25	"
124	40	Pfg.					276	"	.01	418	25	"	418	25	"	418	25	"
124a	tete beche						277	"	.01	419	100	"	419	100	"	419	100	"
125	50	Pfg.					278	2 Mn. Mk./200 Mk.	.01	420	200	"	420	200	"	420	200	"
126	60	"					278	5T	.01	421	200	"	421	200	"	421	200	"
126a	tete beche						241-278 set of 38 val. without "a" items			401-421 set of 19 val.			422	5 Pfg.	.01	422	5 Pfg.	.01
127	75	Pfg.					280	500T Mk.	.01	423	10	"	423	10	"	423	10	"
128	80	"					281	1 Mn.	.01	424	20	"	424	20	"	424	20	"
129	1 Mk.	.02					282	2	.01	425	50	"	425	50	"	425	50	"
130	1 1/4	"					284	4	.01	426	100	"	426	100	"	426	100	"
131	2	"					285	5	.01	427	200	"	427	200	"	427	200	"
132	4	"					286	10	.01	428	300	"	428	300	"	428	300	"
118-132 (without tete beches)		.35					287	20	.01	422-428 set of 7 val.			429	5 Pfg.	.01	429	5 Pfg.	.01
Set of 15 val.							288	30	.01	430	10	"	430	10	"	430	10	"
Same with tete beches (19 val.)							289	50	.02	Continued on Next Page								
For ALL se tenant pairs, look after No. 155							290	100	.01									
							291	200	.01									
							293	500	.01									
							294	1 Mid. Mk.	.01									
							295	2	.01									
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Stop Press --- Another Spasm

It is most unfortunate that modern British Colonials are always found with original gum because it robs me of one of my pet arguments that collectors are foolish enough to pay about \$10,000.00 a pint for mucilage. So I must find another thing to take a pot shot at this week—and oh, it is to be to Allah—ye shriners, I've found it. It's centering. Now years ago, about the time Walter Scott cut his first tooth—some fool started the centering business. Absolutely perfectly centered, etc. Brother sufferers of this wicked world the British Government printers are making stamps for the consumer not the collector. Don't kid yourself that Britain cares whether you buy her Colonial stamps or not—what collectors buy, or import, drop in a big bucket. And as the Government perforates its stamps to itself about 50%—or more—of my importations are not perfectly plumb and centered. The N. Y. dealers tried this game on me of demanding perfectly centered stamps—I showed them a sheet of Pounds and they hummed and they hawed, and spoke feelingly of plumb levels, even margins, etc., and I start to put the importation back they say, "Give me half a dozen, anyway." Of course. Piffle! I say try and get the best you can, but don't get too fussy because, if you are, you are going to have some lovely holes in your albums.

I don't propose or dare to dictate to collectors what they shall or shall not buy—but I do propose to try—if possible—to show the American collector that it's high time he comes back to reason and to collect stamps—plumb levels.

I've had some nice letters lately:—
"Awfully glad to see you back in the game, hope you'll hit out as you used to when you ran Gibbons."
"Put me down for two lists—want two in case I lose one."
"I think you know more about Colonials than the Government does."
(That's a hot one.)

Meanwhile, my check list of XX Century British Colonials is 50c—this week, next week, and for ever. No competition, cinch. If you want me to supply stamps, say so, but I don't hang 'round auction rooms and tag the dealers in the hallway—In fact, I abominate all kinds of slimy business practices and I'm here, on the job, to help you if you want to get your collections up to the minute. If you are a 50% fiend, leave me alone, please.

E. B. POWER

Columbia Heights, BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Continuation of 1927-28 List of MINT GERMAN STAMPS

U.S. No.	Price	Scott's No.	Price
20 Pfg.	.08	567 10 Mk.	.01
15x5 "	.08	568 10 "	.02
1 Mk.	.25	569 20 "	.01
2 "	.70	570 50 "	.01
3 "	1.05	571 100 "	.01
35 set of 7 val.	2.35	551-571 set of 21 val.	.40
CHARITY STAMPS			
10x5 Pfg.	.04	572 20 Mk.	.01
15x5 "	.04	573 30 "	.01
76 set of 2 val.	.07	574 40 "	.01
6x4 Mk.	.02	577 200 "	.01
12x8 "	.02	578 300 "	.01
78 set of 2 val.	.03	579 400 "	.01
5 Mk. x 100 Mk.	.01	580 500 "	.01
25 " x 500 "	.01	572-580 set of 7 val.	.05
20 " x 1000 "	.15	581 5T/5 Mk.	.01
81 set of 3 val.	.16	582 20T/30 Pfg.	.01
4x5 Pfg.	.10	583 100T/15 "	.01
4x10 "	.20	584 250T/10 "	.01
4x20 "	.40	585 800T/30 "	.05
4x50 "	1.00	586 75T/50 Mk.	.01
85 set of 4 val.	1.70	587 400T/15 Pfg.	.01
5x 5 Pfg.	.04	588 800T/30 "	.01
10x10 "	.08	589 1 Mn. Mk./15 Pfg.	.01
20x20 "	.16	590 2 " /10 "	.01
88 set of 3 val.	.25	591 5 " /100 "	.01
5x 5 Pfg.	.04	581-591 set of 11 val.	.15
10x10 "	.08	592 100 Mn. Mk.	.01
20x20 "	.16	593 200 "	.01
50x50 "	.40	594 2 Mid. Mk.	.02
92 set of 4 val.	.68	595 5 "	.03
OFFICIAL STAMPS			
5 Pfg.	.05	596 10 "	.04
10 "	.01	597 20 "	.06
15 "	.01	598 50 "	.09
20 "	.01	599 100 "	.15
30 "	.01	592-598 set of 7 val.	.25
40 "	.01	600 3 Pfg.	.02
50 "	.01	601 10 "	.02
1 Mk.	.01	602 20 "	.04
1.25 "	.01	603 50 "	.08
2.00 "	.01	604 100 "	.15
5 "	.01	599-604 set of 6 val.	.30
10 Pfg.	.02	605 3 Pfg.	.10
20 "	.02	606 5 "	.03
30 "	.02	607 10 "	.06
40 "	.02	608 20 "	.09
50 "	.02	609 30 "	.15
1 Mk.	.02	610 40 "	.18
1.25 "	.02	612 60 "	.27
2.00 "	.02	613 80 "	.36
5 "	.01	605-613 set of 8 val.	1.15
10 "	.01	801-887 on request.	

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THE PRECANCELS OF WILMINGTON, DEL.

By A. C. LEDUC.

It is only natural that Wilmington, the largest city in the state, should have been the first to use precancelled stamps. The plate used for precancelling stamps for this Post Office up to 1925 was similar to style U-10, except that "Wilmington, Delaware" are in plain letters (no serifs) and between lines instead of bars. (Called the "old plate" in this article.) Since 1925 the precancels have come from a new plate, style U-11. The letters have serifs and the words are between bars instead of lines. (Called the "new plate" in this article.)

The exact date of the use of the first precancels is unknown, but it is supposed to have been at the time the last perf. 12 issue was still current. The use of precancels at Wilmington has become more common among the large business houses during the last two or three years. The local Postmaster has endeavored to get the large mailers to use precancels, as it expedites the handling of their mail. Precancels are used at the parcel post windows of the Post Office the year round for the mailing of packages handed in by the general public. The first values precancelled for Wilmington were from the last perf. 12 set and ran from 1c to 10c. These are not at all plentiful. Very few have ever been found inverted. A 4c parcel post is listed in the catalog but I have never seen one and have never been able to find any one who has. Can anyone give any light on the matter? Of the perf. 10 precancels the values used were 1c to 10c and so far no one has found any inverts in this issue.

With the advent of the perf. 11 issue the precancelling work has not been of as good a grade as formerly. Many stamps show only a part of the wording. Every sheet of stamps precancelled has half of the stamps normal and half inverted as the present printer has a small press and only half of a sheet can be fed into the press at one time. This necessitates turning each sheet around in order

to print the other half. On account of so much labor involved there appear more faulty imprints. There are frequent double prints of the normal and inverts; a few have also appeared where the imprint was double in which one was normal and the other inverted. They are bound to occur where there is careless work. Where half of the sheet is printed one way and half the other it is natural that the two center rows of a sheet should be inverted to each other. Normal and inverted pairs are not common as sheets are usually split thru the center.

The use of precancelled due stamps has been discontinued. They are exceedingly hard to find and are much scarcer than the catalog prices would indicate. A great many 2c Hardings were used. Of these the double inverts are rare and as there are only 50 copies known the catalog price is due for an adjustment. These double prints have no philatelic flavor, as they were found among several thousands of Harding precancels and are known to have been entirely accidental.

All values of the old issue perf. 11, 1c to 12c inc. and the 15 and 50c, have been precanceled with the old plate. The new plate has been used to precancel the 3c offset and the 11c and \$1.00 normal and invert in all cases. The old plate has been used to cancel the values 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50, and \$1.00 normal and invert or up or down as the case may be. The new plate is coming into regular use on the values of the new issue perf. 11 and the perf. 10 x 10 as they appear.

So far only one stamp has been issued in style U-97, that being the 1½c coil. The 1½c Bureau print coil is now taking its place. I have a 25c of the current issue cancelled with rubber precancel stamp Wilmington Del. in style U-53 reading up. This is the only one I have seen and suppose it was used at some time when the regular 25c electros ran out. With all the recent changes of plates, stamps and perforations there is a big field in which to work and there are bound to be some very good items among them.—Precancel Gazette.

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Writing for the Hawaiian Philatelic Society, Mr. Edw. L. Caum, Honolulu, remarks: "A committee has been appointed by the Governor of Hawaii to make all necessary arrangements for a celebration to be held in Honolulu in 1928, to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the discovery of the Islands by Captain James Cook; and the Hawaiian Historical Society and the Hawaiian Philatelic Society have gone on record as favoring the issue of a series of commemorative stamps for the occasion. This plan has received the unofficial approval of the governor and the postmaster; and steps are now being taken to present the matter to the proper authorities through official channels. It is thought that stamps bearing the portrait of Captain Cook, a picture of the monument at Kealahou Bay, where Cook lost his life, or other designs appropriate to the occasion would be of considerable interest, not only to us here in the islands, but to the country at large." It is not for us to say that the Hawaiian Islands do not deserve stamp recognition of the kind; and we believe that there is a disposition to discriminate in favor of the commemoratives that have a broadly national aspect rather than those of localized significance. It is

known that sometimes campaigns for celebratory issues are started by "drive directors" and "publicity experts" whose interest in the objectives are commercial instead of purely sentimental, and that the demand for the special stamps is manufactured to some extent. Again, the force behind the Hawaiian movement is based on a sense of historical appreciation and is unattached in any way to a measure that may be given a narrow implication.

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We have received an interesting letter from Mr. DeWitt C. Sprague, Des Moines, Iowa: "I am sending you a copy of the *West High Tatler*, a St. Patrick's Day number, of the current week. An unusual feature of a high school publication appears in the box, 'In the Spotlight' (a regular feature). I tried to use some 'indirect propaganda' and had the staff paste an Irish stamp on each of the 850 copies circulated. The suggestion that a stamp is an actual bit of the country of its origin may encourage some youngsters to continue and stimulate others to begin collecting stamps. As I act as faculty adviser to the staff and teach high school journalism at West Des Moines High School, there will appear a story of putting out this feature, and other articles will follow." Flanking the half-penny green, Ireland, are the words: "A Symbol of Ireland. An actual bit of the Irish Free State. The *Tatler* gives its readers an Irish Postage Stamp in lieu of a 'bit of the old sod.'" Here is a new wrinkle that embodies an original idea so far as its connection with outside journalism is concerned; and all credit is to be given



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The case involving the confiscation of stamp cuts and electros by the Canadian authorities may not have the far-reaching consequences that it was feared that it was fraught with, at first. In answer to our inquiry on the subject, reliable correspondent informs us that misapplied zeal on the part of an official accounts for the drastic action of the authorities. He says: "I wrote at once to the Deputy P.M.G., Senator Caldwell, and others, pointing out that we stamp collectors might be nuts, but not crooks, and that I hoped when they had satisfied themselves of this, the cuts would be returned. . . . I think that they realized very well that philatelists are a well-garnished body of considerable size and importance in the community, and anything that has such a serious effect on it without really accomplishing anything for the Department were better 'left alone,' which is the gist of my letter from Ottawa." It transpires that cuts entering into the composition of Butler's forthcoming year book, which subscriptions up to five thousand are said to be entered, were seized with the warning to Mr. Butler that he p

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Through the courtesy of Mr. LeGrand Payne, Indianapolis, Indiana, we have received a cover from Saint Patrick, Missouri, dated March 17, 1927, a happy souvenir of the day. From Mr. H. H. Hoerning, Verona, N. J., an envelope bearing a 12c Cleveland has come, postmarked Caldwell, New Jersey; and in the corner of the envelope, Mr. Hoerning has written: "Grover Cleveland was born in this city 90 years ago today, 3-8-1927."

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A correspondent has taken the trouble to send us a Canadian stamped envelope, 2c, bearing the imprint in red, in two lines, "Par Cometeque—By Labrador Dog-team Post," that originated at Cartwright, Labrador, on January 5, 1927. Five other postmarks indicate the line of postal march; and it took the envelope well over two months to make its thrilling journey. A 4c Newfoundland stamp paid the postage.

A comment in a letter from Mr. H. M. Konwiser strikes the right note: "The recent splendid philatelic show in New York developed the important idea that the one big lesson of the show" was that it paved the way for smaller annual shows elsewhere. A great tidal wave of enthusiasm was let forth, but what is being done to conserve the enthusiasm?" He says that if St. Louis is to have an exhibition it is high time to prepare for it, and adds: "If the St. Louis folks want to hold one in August, they need to form a committee, seek funds and entries, and hire a hall. The rest will be a matter of routine."

One keen observer of the swing of the philatelic pendulum notices that foreign collectors are taking advantage of the concentration of collectors here on U. S. to buy good foreign stuff, which they seem to think more of than the home collectors. This brings to mind the statement of an advertiser in his announcement that rare stamps bring 30 to 100% more in Europe than they do in this country.

A correspondent says that the Atlanta Collectors Club, Georgia, which has a good location in a downtown building, is letting the public know of its existence by numerous frames of postage stamps in prominent show-windows of business houses in the city. The example is one that could be followed by societies in other cities, in these days when suitable material for window display is in demand by the large stores.

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Origin of Countries' Names (Insert in Your Album.)

Tobago, discovered by Columbus in 1498, was by him named *Asuncion* = "Assumption," a Festival celebrated by the Roman Church on August 15th. Its present name is clearly the Spanish *tabaco* = "tobacco," a plant associated both with this island and also with Trinidad. The latter name was used in this country as a synonym for tobacco.

Transjordan—The first part of this name is, of course, the Latin preposition *trans* = "over." The latter part is the Hebrew *Yarden*, and is always found with the definite article. It means the "descender" from the Hebrew word *yad* = "to descend." It is called by the Arabs "*al 'urdun*," which is what is found on the overprinted Palestine stamps, together with the Arabic word *sharq* = "East."

Trinidad—Columbus, we are told in history, vowed that the first land he discovered he would name after and dedicate to the Holy Trinity. When, on the evening of July 31, 1499, he came into sight of this island and saw the triple mountain peaks, which are one of its features, it seemed a heaven-sent confirmation of his vow. The name is the Spanish *Trinidad* = "Trinity."—*Stamp Collecting.*

Stamp News for the Juniors

Is there anything you want to know about stamps or stamp collecting? If so, write the editor. What would you like to see in this department? We have no way of knowing unless you tell us. Mr. Senior Collector, can't you give the boy collector about 50 words of encouragement along practical lines? Address your letter to the Beverly office.

Junior Gossip

—A Junior Stamp Club has been formed in Beverly, N. J. Its officers are Harry Katz, president; Wm. Kolberg, secretary and Albert Heineke, treasurer. The club has nine members.

—**GEORGE PLOTKIN**.—We do not have on hand the perforation scale described recently. If we can get a supply due notice will be given. Thanks for your article from the New York *Sunday World*, with its argument for the adoption of auto vending machines. The 4c U. S. comes in shades that are quite distinct.

—Can any dealer or collector inform us the name of some party who is using the new style perforation gauge pictured in the WEEKLY several weeks ago? If so, we shall be grateful for the information. Several of our Juniors have sent in asking for specimens.

—**H. E. SMITH**.—If you will write to F. H. Vallancey, 89 Farringdon St., London, Eng., you can no doubt secure information in regard to a book on the stamps of Malta.

—Our Juniors failed to read the article on map stamps printed in a recent number. The result was that many of the stamps chronicled in that number were named by the competitors in this contest. Duplication exists to such an extent that we have decided to call the contest off. Prize awards were made as usual.

—**Wentworth Miller**, 23 Willow Av., West Somerville, Mass., would like to exchange with other Juniors.

Only a Scrap of Paper

(B. Fisher, Jr., in "Stamp Coll. Magazine".)
It's only a scrap of paper,
With some coloring on one side.
It's only a scrap of paper,
Perhaps not one inch wide.

Perhaps it shows a ruined town,
That's knocked by shot and shell.
Or perhaps a king who's lost his crown,
Or perhaps The Liberty Bell.

Besides, it's knowledge in itself.
That's why you should retain it,
And not be overcome by pelf,
And sell before you gain it.



A Philatelic Zoo

Did you ever try to pick out a philatelic Zoo, and one arranged alphabetically, at that? For example Ant-eater, Fr. Guiana—Buffalo, U. S. 30c; Camel, Sudan; Deer, North Borneo; Elephant, Br. N. Borneo; Fer-de lance, St. Lucia; Giraffe, Nyassa; Hippo, Liberia; Impalla, Liberia 2c; Jackal, Turkey-in-Asia; Kangaroo, Australia; Leopard, Fr. Congo; Monkey, Liberia; Nellore Cow, Borneo 18c; Orang-Outang, Borneo; Polar-bear, Norway No. 120; Quagga, Orange Riv. Colony; Rhino, Borneo; Seal, Newfoundland; Tiger, Fed. Malay States; Uruguay Longhorn, Uruguay No. 171; Vicuna, Peru 4c; Wolf, Fiume Charity; Yellow Tapir, Borneo; Zebra, Nyassa.—**PERCY A. HILL.**

A Limerick—No Longer Seen

A Syracuse boy named Green,
Had a love for Argentine.
He met a young man
Who was likewise a fan—
The stamps are no longer seen.
RALPH KATZ (Mass.).

Dots on U. S. Stamps

Relative to certain dots which you find upon the 2c issue of 1890, I would inform you that these are what are known as position dots. When a flat sheet of steel is marked off for stamp impressions, lines are first drawn and then little dots are made, so that each subject will register squarely and an exact distance from the next subject. It is supposed that part of the impression will fall on the position dot and hence cover it up. We find, however, in most of our earlier issues and quite a few of our late ones, that the dots may be found. Taking our earlier issues such as the 1847, you will find the position dots in the little three leaf ornament on the left, midway down the side of the stamp.—**PHILIP H. WARD, Jr.**

International Navigation Congress Issue



5m, brown and black.
10m, red and black.
15m, blue and black.

Philately Plus Imagination

By **KENNETH MARKHAM (12)**
"Alaska question, Hawaii?"
"Chile, I prefer Indore."
"Are you Hungary?"
"Yes Siam."
"Then grab some China, Russia to the table, and I'll Fiji."
"Do you want Hamburg?"
"No, make it Turkey, with plenty of Greece."
"About your divorce? Jamaica case of it?"
"Yes, I Sudan. I was surely Angra with her."
"I'm free, too. I had to Canada."
"Did you Sweden my Java? Give me Samoa."
"Tell that orchestra to Tunis something. I'm through."
"Denmark the bill to me. I'll stand for no other plan Norway."

Junior Glossary

Reprints.—(Fr., réimpression; Ger., Neudruck; Sp., reimpression).—Impressions taken from original printing plates or stones of stamps that have ceased to be issued by the post office, as specimens for sale to collectors or otherwise.

Se tenant.—Means "joined together." A term used when two stamps have not been separated, the one generally being an error or variety.

Sheet of Stamps.—An entire unsevered quantity of stamps as printed.

Specimen.—Stamps overprinted thus have been sent to the members of the "Universal Postal Union," or to postmasters as samples of new issues.

Strip.—An unsevered row of stamps, either vertical or horizontal.

Sulphuretted.—Erroneously termed "oxidized." A change of color, generally due to action of fumes of sulphur upon the printing ink.

Surcharge.—An "overprint" which confirms or alters the value of a stamp.

Tête-bêche.—Signifies the inversion of one stamp of a pair in relation to the other. When such a pair is severed the peculiarity disappears.

Un-used.—A stamp that has not done postal duty.

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Junior Gossip

—**E. H. SANDELL**.—Note the Whole Number on our first page reached the number on your wrapper your subscription will have expired.

—**K. MARINE HERZLER** would like to know what countries have philatelic agencies. Canada may be addressed at Ottawa, and Canal Zone at Balboa Heights. Who can supply us with a list of all other agencies?

—**George Galgan (12)** sends in entry on our British stamp contest, does not include his address. Will please mail it to this office?

—Canadian collectors who would like to exchange Canada stamps in quantity for U. S. should write David C. Voorhis, Jr., 161 Brook St., Dunsmuir, Pa.

—**WM. MAUSER**.—We regret that we cannot give you the value of your cancellation. The poor editor is lost in an item of this kind. Ask your favorite dealer.

A Limerick With A Kick

A boy once tried a limerick,
But could not write one with a kick.
Of stamps, his only fad,
He wrote, and yet so bad,
The editor was sent home sick.
CLARENCE USSELMA

Local Stamps

Local stamps are those available for use in a circumscribed area and fall into two main divisions—government and private locals. Government locals are included in most general catalogues, private locals are not, and though some in the latter class are equally as interesting as those in the former, their omission from the catalogues militates against their general collection. Among Government locals we find such labels as the 1c and



issued by the Spanish government in 1900 for use within the city of Madrid, and Inter-island stamps of Hawaii, and stamps provisionally used by various departments of Peru during the war with Chili.

Of private locals those of the United States and China are best known, the simple reason that these are listed in Scott's local catalogue. There are many others, such as the interesting Russian stamps of Russia and the equally interesting rubbish issued in Germany and Switzerland solely for the exploitation of stamp collectors.

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A NOVEL CONTEST

By CHARLES F. SCHELL,
Braintree, Mass.

We are greatly indebted to Mr. Charles F. Schell for a novel contest in which Juniors should be interested. From a block of letters below it is possible to spell out the names of numerous persons whose portraits appear on postage stamps, by starting with one letter and moving to any of the adjacent letters without skipping. The moving may be not only horizontally and vertically, but also diagonally, and we have printed the word WASHINGTON in distinctive type in order that our readers may know the method of solving the puzzle. Here is the block of letters:—Letters may be used just as many times as may be desired, so long as the continuity in moving from one letter to another is maintained.

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LIST OF MAP STAMPS

By CLARK COOPER.

This list of map stamps supplements Mr. Kiead's list of Feb. 28 so nicely that we can fit it worthy of inserting in our columns. It is the best entry received and we congratulate Master Cooper upon the merit of his list as well as upon its neatness.—Ed.)

United States	625	10c dark blue
"	605a	15c olive bistre
"	625b	20c yellow green
Argentina	685	5c red (Official)
"	776	5c red (")
"	833	5c red (")
"	879	5c red (")
"	908	5c red (")
Al. Com.	73	6p yellow brown
"	74	2sh violet brown
"	75	1s gray
"	80	£2 rose and vio. brown
Ashaijan	49	200,000r on 25r or. brn.
"	68	300,000r on 25r or. brn.
"akuProvince)	313	250r violet and buff
"	324	250r violet and buff
Bril	240	300r olive green
"	241	400r blue
"	242	500r red brown
"	262	400r blue
"	271	400r blue
"	272	500r red brown
"	274	300r olive gray
Cal Zone	22	1c on 20c violet
"	25	2c on 1p lake
"	262	2c red
"	264	10c olive green
Elonia	77	300m brown and blue
Liria	776	5c violet and green
"	777	5c violet and green
Ole Giuba	25	5c yellow brown
"	26	20c blue green
"	27	25c olive brown
"	28	40c dull red
"	29	60c brown violet
"	30	1L blue
Sador	31	2L dark green
Mico	500	10c orange
"	664	4c green
"	666	10c brown red
Spa	714	15c deep ultr. and or'ge
"	715	20c carn. and green
"	716	30c brown and ultr.
"	717	40c green and brn. or'ge
"	718	4p magenta and yellow

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TWO EXHIBITION QUESTIONS

By N. Y. M.

Mr. Luff's masterly effort prompts these two thoughts on the first two questions:

"Should Judges be allowed to enter exhibits for competition?" Granting that no judge would care for obvious reasons to judge the class in which he entered an exhibit—why not? It seems reasonable to think that, as often happens in other exhibitions, an exhibit might get a fair shake, and not an extra favor, in such conditions.

Not much difference between this and the horse show, where the owner competitors often judge classes where they are not entered; or the great and exhilarating American cattle show, where the Jersey fancier competes for cattle honors, and rides his favorite in the jumps,

at the same time filling in as judge on the Airdales and Poland-China hogs. There will surely be some lacerated feelings by losers anyhow, and that kind of people would holler even if the judges were the Twelve Apostles, or a selected jury from Valhalla. As to that, there never was a "fair" jury to most losers. "Should collections that have won golds at other shows be barred from competing, except in the Championship class?"

Well, mebbe so—but who ever saw the same collection shown twice, unless by a man's executors or heirs? It won't be the same 24 hours after the owner gets it back from the show, no matter whether he won a gold, palms, etc., or was only an "also ran." Granted that the classes might be split more and the chances of a win made broader, there is no reason why the collection shown by

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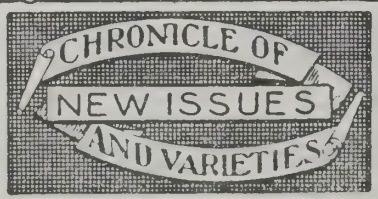
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-32.....08	38.....30	-33.....75	58.....20	JAMAICA, MINT	
BAHAMAS, MINT		-35.....08	59.....20	-50.....05	-64.....12
-33.....20	-47.....125	-38.....60	61.....40	-51.....06	-65.....40
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38.....100	-51.....15	-41.....03	69.....30	57.....100	68.....45
-41.....90	-52.....20	-42.....04	84.....05	-58.....20	-71.....30
-44.....12	-53.....25	-43.....20	85.....07	-59.....20	78.....20
-45.....25	-54.....40	-44.....20	86.....08	-60.....40	79.....15
46.....40	-58.....125	-45.....20	87.....10	-61.....05	81.....20
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-113.....40	-127.....03	49.....20	-36.....15	17.....75	-39.....75
-116.....08	-128.....04	50.....20	37.....20	18.....60	-40.....40
-117.....12	-129.....05	-21.....15	38.....20	19.....60	-41.....50
-118.....20	-130.....40	-22.....25	-39.....25	20.....50	-42.....140
-119.....75	-131.....15	-23.....40	-40.....50	21.....60	-43.....140
-121.....75	-132.....40	-24.....40	-41.....50	22.....15	-53.....50
-122.....100	-133.....10	-26.....40	-42.....60	23.....25	59.....25
-123.....125	-134.....50	27.....100	-49.....50	More next week!	

W. W. BETTS, County National Bank Bldg., Clearfield, Pa.



The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa., who will also be pleased to pass on oddities and varieties of all U. S. stamps from 1900 to date. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 75 Electric Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States

2c Battle of Bennington Stamp

The Postmaster General has just authorized the issuing of a 2c red postage stamp to commemorate the battle of Bennington. It is said that the stamp will be the size of the normal variety, will be printed in sheets of four hundred and distributed in panes of one hundred. At the present time, it has not been decided as to whether it will be a flat plate or rotary print. The design has not been approved, although the Bureau is now working upon the stamp. It is expected that it will be issued early in August and will possibly be placed on sale for the first time at both Bennington, Vt., and Washington, D. C.

Bennington is a small village situated at the foot of the Green Mountains, in Bennington County, Vermont, in the southwest portion of the state, about thirty miles from Troy, N. Y. The well-known battle of Bennington took place about five miles from the city on August 16, 1777. The American soldiers numbering two thousand, consisted of Green Mountain boys, together with militia from New Hampshire and Massachusetts. They were all under the command of General John Stark and met two detachments of Burgoyne's army, which they defeated. The victory had an important influence on Burgoyne's campaign, as it weakened his strength and encouraged the American militia to take the field against him.

This town was also the home of Ethan Allen and Seth Warner, and was named after Governor Benning Wentworth of New Hampshire.

No doubt the stamp will show one of the scenes from the battle.

Numerous other issues commemorating Revolutionary events are being asked for, but it is a question for the Postmaster General to decide. Personally, I believe that the last two years would have been an excellent time to have issued a series commemorating important events of the years 1776 to 1777.

Special Series For Hawaii

All interests in the Hawaiian Islands are active at the present time arranging for suitable celebration to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the discovery of the Islands by Captain Cook in 1778.

Mr. James A. Garvie kindly sends us further clippings from the local newspapers in which mention is made that not only the Historical Society, but that the Hawaiian Philatelic Society have gone on record as favoring two postage stamps, illustrating events in connection with the discovery. They have asked the Hawaiian legislature to request the Postmaster General to prepare two special stamps and designs are now being made in the Islands, which will be submitted. Of course, if the proposition receives the favorable consideration of the Postmaster General, the stamps will be good for postage not only in the Hawaiian Islands, but in the United States as well.

Mr. Bruce Cartwright, a well known philatelist of Honolulu, has been requested to confer with Postmaster Wooley of Honolulu, concerning the issuing of such stamps. The clipping mentions that it is reported that a granddaughter of Captain Cook is now living in Canada. It is hoped that a descendant of the explorer may come to the Hawaiian Islands in 1928 in connection with the celebration.

Air Mail Notes

Under date of March 12th, the Information Service of the Post Office Department announces that contract air mail service between Pittsburgh and Cleveland will be inaugurated on April 21st. Mr. T. Clifford Ball of McKeesport, Pa., was awarded the contract to cover this route sometime ago, and has now completed final arrangements for the inauguration of this service.

Provisional stops will be made at Youngstown, Ohio, and McKeesport, Pa., and these two cities will be given the benefit of the air mail just as long as the business warrants.

A schedule has not as yet been worked out, but it will be so arranged as to con-

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The Postal Bulletin for March 22nd announces that effective April 4th the Ponca City, Okla., will be embraced in supply on route C.A.M. 3 between Wichita, Kansas and Oklahoma City, Okla. The schedule on this route will be changed so that planes will leave Chicago at 5.50 A. M. and reach Dallas at 5.35 P. M. Coming the other way planes will leave Dallas at 7.45 A. M. and reach Chicago at 7.20 P. M.

Philippines

Mr. F. L. Brigham of the Bureau of Insular Affairs at Washington announces that they have just received from the Philippine Islands some of the 26 cent issue, in addition to the 20c Special Delivery, so that the Bureau of Insular Affairs are now in a position to immediately furnish in addition to the 26 cent series through the 26c, the current series of the lower denominations from 2c to 30c inclusive. The supply of 1 peso is at present exhausted but further supply is expected in short order. The 2 peso and 10 peso, perforated, are also available.

Attention of collectors and dealers is called to the fact that remittances must be made in cash or by money order, that sufficient postage is to be included to cover return registration.

I wish to thank Mr. F. C. Bundlie for notes of interest.

AFGHANISTAN.—M. Champion informs us that a new series of stamps is soon to be put on issue, as and when supplies of the current ones are exhausted. He says that the Afghan post has been placed under the direction of a French official—which is somewhat surprising, we think, in view of the terms of the international agreement giving preferential treatment to Great Britain in Stamp Collecting.

BELGIAN EAST AFRICA.—M. Champion writes that the printing of the 1.25fr provisional, chronicled in our issue of January 22nd, consisted of 50,000 copies of which 20,000 were sold and the remainder for some unknown reason—are to be destroyed.—Stamp Collecting.

CUBA.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 1c green, imperforate watermark star. They also advise that the 2c rose and 5c blue have been issued in like manner.

ESTHONIA.—A new currency has been decided on, the standard to be the Estonian mark, divided into 100 sayaks, one east equaling 100 Esthonian marks of the present.

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7	1.00			61	.60			108	.01	.05	.40
8	1.00			62	.60			109	.02	.06	.50
9	1.00			63	.60			110	.05	.25	1.00
10	1.00			64	2.00	15.00		111	.08	.50	
11	1.00			65	3.00			112	.05	.40	3.00
12	1.00			66	1.20			113	.05	.40	3.00
13	1.00			67	6.00			114	.05	.40	3.00
14	1.00			68	6.00			115	.05	.40	3.00
15	1.00			69	6.00			116	.05	.40	3.00
16 or a	1.20	3.00		70	7.00			117	.10	.60	3.50
17	1.20	3.00		71	3.50			118	.07	.50	5.00
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19 or a	.75	6.00		73	.01	.95	.30	120	.02	.06	.25
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20a	3.50			75	.30	2.00		122	.01	.03	.05
21	.50	3.25		76	.10	.75		123	.01	.04	.08
22	1.20	10.00		77	.80	7.00		124	.01	.07	.60
23 or a	.65	6.00		78	.01	.06	.50	125	.01	.04	.20
24 or a	.25	1.75		79	.01	.04	.15	126	.02	.10	.50
25 or a	.70	6.00		80	.01	.05	.20	127	.15	.75	5.00
26 or a	.80	7.00		81	.01	.05	.20	128	.06	.50	4.50
27	.60	5.00		82	.05	.30	2.50	129	.02	.15	1.35
27a	1.00	8.00		83	.50	3.50		130	.04	.30	2.50
28	1.50			84	.25	1.75	15.00	131	.08	.60	5.00
29	2.00			85	.10	.75	6.00	132	.04	.35	2.75
30	.01	.05		86	.07	.50	4.00	133	.02	.15	
31	.50	3.00		87	.08	.50	4.00	134	.02	.15	
32	.40	.20		88	.05	.30	2.50	135	.02	.15	
33	.07	.50		89	.04	.20	1.75	136	.01	.06	.40
34	.25	2.00		90	.01	.04	.08	137	.07	.50	2.50
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36 or a	.65	3.50		92	.40	3.00		139	.03	.15	.75
37	2.25	20.00		93	.01	.03	.05	140	.04	.25	2.00
38	.10	.75		94	.05	.40	3.50	141	.25	1.75	
39	.65	5.00		95	.02	.10	.75	142	.05	.35	2.25
40	.05	.25		96	.04	.20	1.75	143	.40	3.00	35.00
41	.10			97	.12	1.00		144	.10		
42	.01	.04	.20	98	.45	3.75		145	.01	.05	.20
43	.03	1.00	5.00	99	.01	.25	1.75	146	.02	.06	.35
44	.50	2.50	1.75	100	.05	.30	2.00	147	.01	.05	.20
45 or a b	.50	3.00		101	.05	.40	3.00	148	.25	1.00	6.00
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47	.25	1.75		103	.12	1.00		150	.50	3.00	20.00
48 or b c	.10	.70	5.00	104	.12	1.00		151	.10	.75	5.00
49	.40	3.00		105	.30	2.50		152	.04	.15	1.00
50	.06	.35	3.00	106	.45	3.75		153	.03	.15	.75
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Irish Free State.—Some interesting letters from the dealers, followed the curious statement in a recent No. of the "P.M.," as to the unsaleability of an ordinary Irish collection. One imagines, however, that the writer was declaiming, not against trade advertisements to buy Irish, but against the very large number of articles appearing in the reading matter of certain philatelic journals, all boosting Irish issues as the investment.

In these notes, and in the "P.M.," no undue emphasis has been laid on Irish emissions, although it has been pointed out that from an investment point of view, they are very sound and certain items have been singled out from time to time.

There has been an unusual demand for Irish from abroad, and the prices have gone much higher than for most Colonial emissions issued in similar numbers.

The most sensational increase of the last year, however, was in the high value Thoms, but it must be pointed out that these, being regarded as only minor varieties, are not listed in Scott or Yvert, and that, therefore, the demand from abroad should be much less for these. The numbers overprinted of the Dollard high values were considerable. I have no figures, but the foreign demand has been so keen that they have reached higher prices than some of the rarest Edwardian and Georgian high values, which are actually far rarer as regards numbers printed, and a good example of this was given in the auction columns recently, when at the Pillister Sale the 5sh Dollard (block of 4) reached £5 15sh and the 5sh overprinted for Bechuana-land, De la Rue print, fetched £4 5sh, although it is a far rarer stamp, and was always hard to obtain, and probably not a tenth as many were issued as of the Irish stamp, yet so keen is the demand and so many are following the injunction and buying Irish that its market value is at present actually higher than the Georgian rarity.

What must be emphasized is that it is not the rarity but the popularity of Irish that makes them so valuable, and as long as the demand continues there is no reason why a steady advance should not continue; some, such as Thom Saorstats, will probably overtake the Dollards, whilst adjustments will take place. It is to be doubted if the 2s6d Thom will hold its market valuation of £5; on the other hand, the 10d Thom is much too low at 5sh, and will probably reach £1 during the next year or two.

Zanzibar.—Some of the recent issues of this Colony are worth watching and buying. I rather fancy some of the Scripts, but as a tip buy the 10 rupee with Mult CA watermark. It is really the rarest 20th Century stamp of this country, excluding ultra high values over £1 face. Yvert is the only catalogue pricing it at all above the average at 650 francs, nevertheless, it is a stamp with a future.

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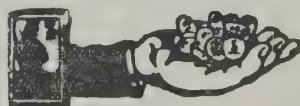
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few years, and their re-issue on the new Indian stamps would be an interesting souvenir of the struggle against the "Nationalist" forces in the unhappily divided celestial republic.

Trinidad.—Those who bought the 5sh Script (old type) as recommended in these columns, will, if they retain their holding, soon be able to congratulate themselves. It was recently obtainable at well under £1, but price has stiffened considerably, and the standard Price List (Turpin) just issued gives it as 40sh. It is relatively a better stamp than the £1 Script. In a small way the 6d current design in purple is improving, and is now selling for 2s6d and over (3s6d in same list).

It is noteworthy that most of the recent rare Colonials have turned out from those issued during the few years following the war, 1919-23. Perhaps print-

ings were extra small, or more likely usual speculators were too busy turning over Neuropes and War Stamps, or their capital tied up in them. However it may be, again and again we find stamps of that period turn out so scarce when they are superseded. The latest example is the 3sh Dominica M for which a brilliant future seems likely. The 5sh will probably be not quite good, although it should reach the level within a year.

Speculators, however, are getting v as to the few remaining stamps cur on the old paper, and one cannot pre any striking rise in any of these still use, and although there may be some value that gets overlooked, there are likely to be any more showing such increase as the 5sh and 10sh Cayr 1922, or the 3sh Dominica.—Philat Magazine.

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A short time ago in answer to an article of mine appearing in the MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS a noted French specialist wrote to me about the exact date the 20c blue greenish, Scott No. 16, was put into circulation. The fact that I had an original cover with this stamp settled the matter for all time.

From the historical point of view an original cover is intensely interesting. Take for instance the case of Nice and Savoy. At one time Nice was part of the Kingdom of Sardinia which today is part of the Kingdom of Italy.

Following the campaign against Italy the plebiscite decided that Savoy and Nice be annexed as a province of France, and was gladly accepted by the young Kingdom of Italy, confirmed by the treaty of March 14, 1860.

There are original covers stamped with the Kingdom of Sardinia post office cancellation on French stamps which vivify and remain as an everlasting memorial to the glorious history of this little kingdom. It proves most conclusively the vicissitude in allegiance that part of this kingdom, namely Savoy and Nice, passed through in becoming a province of France after having belonged to Italy.

From June to October, 1860, the post office used Italian cancellations to cancel French stamps then in use in Savoy and Nice, awaiting the perfection of the regular French cancellation. The illustrations accompanying this article show the three different types of cancellations. The Savoy cancellation has the orthography of the place and month in French, but in Nice they used Italian script. These accompanying cancellations on original cover which the writer has just described prove this historical fact, and are truly illuminating.

Within a few miles of Nice lies the smallest principality of the world called Monaco which passed under the jurisdiction of France in 1860.

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Take for instance the French stamp 1870-73 issue Scott 59 whose catalogue price is listed as 2c. By chance during the siege of Paris in the fall of 1870 this stamp was used on a cover marked "Ballon Monte" and sent by the famous Ballon "La Ville d'Oreland" on the 24th of November, 1870, twenty minutes before midnight. Today one of these covers with this stamp listed 2c in Scott catalogue is sought after by the French specialist, and air mail collectors, and they vie with each other in the payment of fabulous sums for it. This cover is now an important item in a famous collection and is of intense interest historically, and its fame has been broadcasted by numerous articles and international prizes.

Let us stop a moment to consider a little of the fascination history of the Ballon Monte. We of the Twentieth century often pride ourselves in living in such an advanced age. We speak of our many conveniences, inventions, etc., and hail the developments in the perfections of the air mail service as part of our proof.

With chagrin one must relate that France took the lead in air mail service as far back as September, 1870, during the siege of Paris by the Prussians. During the month of October, the second month of siege, the air mail service from Paris was definitely established and balloons departed every three or four days from the capital. Several of them fell within the Prussians lines and their pilots were shot as spies.

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brothers would offer to attempt it and they were unsuccessful.

In conclusion I should say that stamp collecting on original cover illuminates the national history, brings greatest return on the investment, proves conclusively the genuineness of the cancellation, and is a source of greatest information to the specialist.

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OUR information of last week that the veteran dealer E. A. Holton has passed on is supplemented by a further word from Frank P. Brown, who reminds us that Mr. Holton's old advertisements used to read:—"Collector since 1859. Dealer since 1861." In 1895 he sold out to a firm known as the Holton Stamp Co. Mr. Brown bought Mr. Holton's personal collection in 1915.

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Some Notes on Incoming Foreign Mail Cancellations

My article a few months ago on Incoming Foreign Mail Cancellations received at the New York City P. O. from the West Indies and vicinity met with an unusual burst of enthusiasm from some of the students of cancellations, and several copies in the past few days' mail show that there is a lot of interest in oddities of our own cancels on foreign stamps.

The new country to add to that list is Dominican Republic No. 103, the 5c blue of 1899-1900, this being the most recent of any stamps which I have seen with these numerals. Possibly the cancel ran over into the 20th Century. The appearance of this particular cancel is smudgy as to outline, showing that the cancel is about worn out, the figures being very heavy compared to the earlier ones on the imperf. Haytis, which are clean cut. Mr. R. C. Osborne sent in this copy, and a Hayti imperf. also.

Many U. S. stamps have been sent in with these numbers in similar elliptical form of cancel; but none were the foreign mail mark. There are three points which will help you to eliminate the suspects at a glance:

1. The numerals are well formed, with what would be called serifs if the numbers were letters, and are never of the block type, for they have a thickness and thinness.

2. The two vertical lines forming the outer sides of this cancel have small curves cut into their inner sides, or edges, to permit the circle to pass without being tangent to these lines; and

3. The circle is a very thin line.

The above will help you to eliminate most of those U. S. city types with the fat little figures, and the small thick line circles. To further verify them, the height of a numeral is 9mm; and the diameter of this circle is 14mm, which you will find is much larger than used in the city cancels of similar shape and appearance.

Mr. G. H. Kennedy has shown me a very pretty cancellation on a 3c Nat'l. It is the head of a beast, resembling the

Zebra of Nyassa, you will see it some day.

Mr. B. A. Oppenheimer has shown me a 5 point star with a small open triangle in the center on a 3c '69 cover pmkd. Springfield, Mass. This is the first one of these that has ever come my way, and you can probably find unusual cancellations in most any collection that you look at—what have you in your collection that would be interesting in the Forum?

It is an odd thing that no one has sent in any odd cancellations on those old big postage due stamps. One of the most frequently found is a very pretty precancelled N. Y. type, these initials being enclosed in a circle of fairly good sized dots, the N being upright, and the Y slipped in sideways, with its top at the left of the N.

Here are some of the interesting ones that I have saved up, all being on the big dues, not these little red ones of recent date that give a ruddy glow to the pan of water when you soak a bunch of them!

Boston used a red cross on many of these, it measures 14mm across, and would make a collector of 3c greens go into raptures if he could find some on his chosen stamps. The thickness of the cross varies, some being quite thick. Then there is the same size of cross enclosed in a circle, this being in black on the few I have found. Then you get the odd Maltese Cross in red from N. Y., with the cut into ends measuring some 20mm across, and a very pretty cancel. They are not hard to find. In same shade of red we get a large colorless A in a cut triangular piece the outer edges of the triangle with saw teeth, and a pretty cancellation. Another pretty red one is the "race track" type, i.e., double ringed ellipse, with what I take to be Washington at top, a large D in the center, and DUE at bottom. Town cancels in red are absent. Purple is next best in quantity, most of them being used in Washington, and a large T is on most of them somewhere, they are the race track type. Also an ellipse of big type with eight heavy horizontal bars, and the letter L in a small circle in the center of ellipse. These are hit in the bright

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purple of that period. The blue cancel is not much in evidence. There are a few open stars in circles in blue, however, and a few cut cork cancels in blue.

In black there are a quantity of odd designs in cut cork. A neat little cross in a square is unusual, the arms of the cross extending into the corners of the square. There are DUE 2, and 3 in circles like our common PAID 3 on 3c '57s, etc., of the postage stamps. One big 5 in a circle is neat. There is a circle with HELD FOR POSTAGE in thin letters. Also large type POSTAGE DUE in a straight line across several stamps, probably a precancel.

The town pmks. are not easily found, Philadelphia being most prominent. The targets and gridirons which are so common on postage stamps do not seem to be applied to these postage dues to any great extent. The dues seem to have an entirely different set of cancelling devices in the large towns. They are very interesting when found on the covers with neat cancels, and doubtless the readers have saved up a good many of these. If you have, you will notice that the dues used in the big cities have cancels which do not "tie them on" to the covers in many instances, which can mean only one thing, that they were cancelled in the sheet before they were stuck on to the covers.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR

NEW ISSUES --- SPECIALS

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"NEW ONES"

Collectors are realizing that the new and recent issues are a "good buy". One surely cannot go wrong in buying current and recent issues if they are held any reasonable length of time. Few are in use long and when once obsolete the tremendous demand from the great army of collectors to-day, soon jumps values. Below we offer you a splendid variety of recent items, Jubilee, Charity, Pictorial, sets and single items. An opportunity to fill spaces in your "Provisional Album", etc. All unused unless otherwise stated.



Egypt Cotton Congress

5, 10, 15M (illustrated) 30

Egypt Navigation Congress

5, 10, 15M (obsolete) 35

Belgium

New items including new postage, parcels post and Charity issues.

75c violet, 1fr yellow, 1.50fr blue 15
2frs dark green 09
5frs yellow green 23
10frs brown 45
Charity 1.50fr plus 25c blue 09
Charity 5fr plus 1fr red 95



Parcels Post 30, 50, 90c 10
Parcels Post 6, 7, 8, 9frs 1.35
Parcels Post 10frs green 45
Parcels Post 20frs magenta 90

France and Colonies

Many of these items are provisionals and it is not likely they will remain current very long.

25 on 35c, 50 on 75c, 50 on 1.25, 50 on 80c 15
Charity, 1fr plus 25c claret 09
Charity 5fr plus 1fr blue 42
Tunis, Pictorials, 2, 3, 5, 10frs 1.50
Tunis, Parcel Post, 5c to 1fr, 10 var. 32
Tunis, Parcel Post, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20fr 2.75

NIGER 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 65, 75, 90c, 1, 1.10, 1.50, 2frs 80

NIGER 5, 10, 20frs. Two colors 2.10
Dues 2c to 1fr, 11 var. 20



PROV. Dahomey, 10frs & 20frs on 5frs. 1.80
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PROV. Ivory Coast, 10frs & 20frs on 5frs 1.80
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PROV. Madagascar, 10frs & 20frs on 5frs 1.80

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New provisional high vals. just issued.
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FR. COL. Ivory Coast, Somali Coast,
Dahomey, Gabon, Guadeloupe, Guinea, Madagascar,
Oceanica, Reunion, Senegal, Togo—12 stamps .70
1.50frs stp. for above 12 cols. 1.10



"New Ones" and Recent

A nice lot of items issued within the past few months. All mint.

CANADA PROV. 2c on 3c one line 40
2c on 3c two lines 20
EGYPT Official 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 50M, new set 90
CHINA (Yunnan) 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 13, 15, 16, 20, 30, 50c 1.75
DENMARK Ship type—15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40c. Pretty set 70
DENMARK "Postfarge", 15, 30ö 19
Due 70 green 04
PHILIPPINES Commemorative, 2, 4, 16, 18, 20, 24c bi-colored 60
PHILIPPINES Comm. Officials, 2, 4, 18, 20c bi-colored 40
GERMANY "Famous Men" set, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf 1.00
PORTUGAL London issue, 2c to 3.20e, 21 var. 1.50
London issue, 4.50, 5, 10e 1.50
LITHUANIA Charity 2c to 60c—11 var. 90
Charity 2c to 60c—11 var. (different) 90
LUXEMBURG 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50, 65, 75, 80c, 1, 1.25fr 30
Same surcharged "Official" 30
Charity 5, 40, 50, 75c, 1.50fr. Pretty bi-colored set 18

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GERMANY Charity 5, 10, 25, 50pf, in several colors
SWITZERLAND Charity 5, 10, 20, 30c in several colors
NETHERLANDS Charity 2, 5, 10, 15c—Child Welfare set, bi-colored
TANNU TOUVA 1, 2, 5, 8, 10, 30, 50k, 1r Above with 3r, 5r
SAAR Charity, 20, 40, 50c, 1.50fr. Quite a pretty set
IT. SOMALILAND 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 60c, 1L Express 1.25L on 30c
TRIPOLI Exposition, 20, 25, 40, 60, 75c, 1.25L, Express 1.25, 2.50L. Bi-colored
IT. COL. Eritrea Express, 1.25L on 60c Libia Express, 1.25L on 60c
SAN MARINO Express 1.25L on 60c purple. Obsolete and scarce
LATVIA Newspaper 10, 15, 20, 50s, 1L. Large stamps
MOROCCO 20, 30, 75c, 1.50fr Air Mail, 80c, 1.40, 1.90fr
PROV. Alaouites, Syria, Lebanon 3.50 on 75c, 4pi on 25c, 6p on 2.50, 12p on 1.25, 20p on 1.25, 4.50 on 75c, 7.50 on 2.50, 15p on 25p.—24 stamps for all three countries. Some obsolete and scarce
PROV. 5c blue, imperf. Said to be a small issue
CUBA Imperf. 1c, 2c
MALTA 1926 "Postage", 10sh brown & gray* #129, cat. \$10.00
BELGIUM Jubilee set, 5c to 10frs, #166 to 178*. Handsome set

SPECIALS

Some good items here that the market is not full of at prices that cheap for the goods. Get our "Bulletin" for a host of other offers.

FRANCE Exhibition stamp. 5frs red, #191*
SWEDEN Entire sheet of 4 stamps*
SWEDEN Postal Congress, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50ö, #168-177. Good set
SWEDEN Postal Congress, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50ö, #183 to 192. Scarce
CHILI Pan Am. Congress, 2c to 5p complete #146 to 153, cat. \$3.47. Fine
CHILI Pan Am. Congress, 5p green & black, #153. Cat. \$2.00. Good stamp
BOSNIA 100 all different stamps. A fine lot of pictorials and cheap
NEWFOUNDLAND 1910, Guy, 3c olive, #89. Cat. 1.25. A good little stamp
LUXEMBURG 100 all different stamps from this popular and interesting country
CONGO Pictorials, 1923, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50, 75c, 1, 3, 5, 10frs, #88 to 99*, cat. \$5.01
CHINA 1923, \$5.00 slate & red, #222. Cat. \$2.50 and a good stamp. Fine copies
RUSSIA Jub. Romanoff, 3 rubles violet, #103*, Cat. \$1.50 each
MONACO 1.25 on 1fr, #79* (Cat. 50c) 1.25fr blue, #85* (Cat. 1.50 now)
LUXEMBURG 1891, 2 1/2 frs black, #68*. Cat. \$1.50. Good stamp
LUXEMBURG 1924 Jub., #181 to 184*, Cat. \$3.65 a set
SWEDEN Charity, #411 to 420. Cat. 2.05
SWEDEN Charity, #432 to 443. Cat. 1.35
Charity, #422 to 430. Cat. \$4.50. A set missing in most collections
BELGIUM 5frs Exhibition, #163*, Cat. \$2.50 Sheet of 4*, Cat. \$10.00
CHILI 1924 Dues, 2c to 60c*, Cat. 3.75
AUSTRIA 1910, 10k blue & brown*. A scarce stamp, Cat. \$15.00
BELGIUM 6f25c, #725. Cat. \$6.00. A scarce stamp and cheap
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HERE AND THERE

Bro. Francis, St. Michael's College, Buckingham, P. Q., has forwarded a copy of the Toronto Star Weekly of Feb. 12th, containing a full page illustrated article, by Frank J. Ayearst, headed: "Have You a Fortune Hidden in an Old Trunk?" Starting with the story of Mr. Angus' find of a pair of twelve pence black, Canada, in Victoria, Vancouver, the scope of the article widens until it covers philately as a whole. The account is a good one and it must have attracted much attention from non-philatelic readers.

Mr. Joel H. DuBose, Atlanta, Georgia, has sent us what literally is a philatelic fragment of much interest; and one might with reason make it the subject of sentimental musings to some length. A piece of cover that was sent from this country to Bingen-on-the-Rhine shows the remains of at least nine of the 12c of the 1857 issue, U. S., as mute testimony to the vandalism of profane hands. One of the stamps was cut from the envelope and probably was saved in good condition but the others seem to have been destroyed wantonly. The cover with its block of nine or more of the stamps would have made a real philatelic ornament, as has been remarked on a former occasion when the piece was told of; and now that we have seen the wreck, imagination has been succeeded by conviction.

One of the best bits of philatelic publicity that we have ever seen appeared in the Milwaukee, Wis., Journal recently as an aftermath of the exhibition held there by the local philatelists. The manner in which some of the Milwaukee collectors were woven into the picture was effective and the article certainly must have given philately a stimulus in that city, the abiding place of many active workers in the cause.

Mr. Clinton L. Chalfant, Warsaw, Indiana, whose part in the making of the Warsaw Daily Times is evident sends the issue of March 25th, containing a half column account of a stamp exhibit in the window of the J. B. Watson Drug Store. It is apparent that the display was conceived with the idea to use stamps of striking appearance to impress the outsider; and no doubt it succeeded in its purpose. Pictorial stamps may be counted upon to do their duty.

On April 4th, 1927, Ponca City, Oklahoma, became a regular stop of Contract Air Mail Route No. 3, Chicago to Dallas, National Air Transport, Inc., contractors.

We are informed that the Canadian Cancellation Club has been organized by a band of collectors who are interested in the various cancellations of the world; and not those of Canada exclusively. It embraces in its objective the precancels

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On a recent visit to Winchester, Illinois, Mr. Ted J. Tyrrell, Jacksonville, Ill., says that he found the 3c surface printed on sale but "no rare types."

The banquet of the Michigan Stamp Club, held at Detroit, on March 19th was a happy affair in conformity with the traditions established by the enterprising members of the organization. The toastmaster by Charles L. Brisley, who no doubt enforced the pledge that anybody who attempted to make a speech would be expelled from membership. The en-

tertainment was varied and the menu card showed an enlarged copy of the 13c stamp with appropriate legends. Mr. Herman W. Boers distributed a souvenir in the form of an excellent photograph of fine block of six of 1861 cancelled with three clear impressions of the striking U. S. shield obliteration that is numbered among his philatelic possessions.

The West High Tatler of Des Moines, Iowa, makes its promise good and follows its Saint Patrick's Day issue, illustrated by an Irish stamp, with a story telling how the trick was done in using nearly a thousand stamps. A later article on the symbolism of the Irish stamps is announced.

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C. E. Hunter, president of the Chicago
Philatelic Society in answer to his in-
quiries on a subject of interest to col-
lectors. The Washington letter is post-
marked, March 25th and disposes of Mr.
Hunter's letter of March 7th, 1927; it
reads as follows: "This Treasury De-
cision provides that no person other than
a Collector of Internal Revenue, or des-
ignated United States depositary shall
sell or expose for sale, give away, traffic
in, trade, barter, lend or borrow, or ex-
change any stock transfer or future deliv-
ery stamps issued pursuant to these
regulations; provided, that any person
or corporation which has been duly ap-
pointed and constituted and is acting
agent of any state for the sale of stock
transfer stamps of such state may, upon
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giving a bond satisfactory to the Collec-
tor, sell United States stamps issued pur-
suant to these regulations. The Treasury
Decision further provides that no per-
son shall buy, receive, or have in his
possession, or under his control, any
stock transfer or future delivery stamps
issued pursuant to these regulations, un-
less such stamps have been purchased di-
rectly from the Collector of Internal
Revenue, or duly authorized Deputy Col-
lector of Internal Revenue, United States
designated depositary, or a designated
agent for the sale of State stock transfer
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if the above ruling applies to legally can-
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ally canceled stock transfer or future
delivery stamps which have been pro-
cured in the manner outlined in your
communication." Thus the question at
issue which was presented to the WEEKLY
in a way to make the other interpretation
the logical one is now definitely and fa-
vorably settled by the Commissioner of
Internal Revenue, so far as the interests
of philatelists are concerned.

Writing to us under date of February
22nd, 1927, from Dunedin, New Zealand,
Messrs. Wilcox, Smith & Company, give
us the following observations on New
Zealand official issues: "I often wonder
that American collectors 'fight shy' of
New Zealand Official Stamps and by
Officials, I mean Insurance, Postage Dues
and stamps used on official correspond-
ence. There is absolutely no need for
such aloofness. These issues are quite
above suspicion and are much sought
after in the country of origin, some of
them being very rare. Insurances are
used solely by the Government Insurance
Department and are not supposed to be
sold to the public, though some leak out
from time to time. The 3d and 6d
values are used only at a few big offices
and accordingly are seldom seen. The
penny blue and two pence brown red,
without 'V.R.' are very scarce, indeed,
having been in use only for a few weeks.
Postage dues are now saleable to the pub-
lic but only the 1/2, 1, 2 and 3d are now
on issue. The stock of 4d to 2sh values
was destroyed by the Government a few

years ago; and these values, especially
unused, are fast becoming rarities.
Stamps surcharged 'Official' are used by
all Government Departments except the
Insurance Offices and may be bought at
certain offices by the public. Owing to
the machines used by most of the larger
Government Departments, values 3d to
5sh are scarce, especially 2sh and 5sh.
The Queen's head 2sh and 5sh now in
use will be superseded very shortly by 2sh
and 5sh King George, surcharged 'Offi-
cial.' The 4d is for postage and regis-
tration and the 9d for telegrams. The
Issues prior to the George set were not
supposed to be issued to the public in an
unused state but as usual some got out;
and I think that catalogue is much too
low for them. The one pound value is
not now issued and all on hand were de-
stroyed by the Government some years
back. The O.P.S.O. Officials are used
only on Government correspondence go-
ing out of the colony; and accordingly,
hard to get. There are few collections
complete in these three groups, both used
and unused."

From Mr. W. J. Cotterell, Phila-
delphia, we have received a postal relic
of historic significance, in the shape of
the poster giving notice of the establish-
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itary Station, No. 1, Cuba, dated at San-
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anteed" for money orders. The sheet
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accented letter or two were to have
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tury received because of the fact that
government had agreed to give the
stamps back to a speculator in payment
for the entire issue. Speculators were
not doing so well, however, in this cen-
try during the past few years, as with
the 'Sun Gate' fiasco; and I am glad
to be able to report that the Bolivian
government decided to dispose of these
stamps in legal manner. The end
notice is self-explanatory: 'No. 2121'
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retary's office of the administration
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eral of Mails, in consideration of the pre-
vious order, has the honor of giving the
following information: That, as per bu-
let of this bureau of Administration, on
2nd day of September, 1925, and ac-
cording to Invoice of Values correspon-
ding to this date the management of the
National Treasury has sent to this office
sum of one thousand bolivianos in sta-
ples of the Centenary issue of one and
two cents, so that they may be legally
sold to the public. This adminis-
tration has delivered said stamps, for
sale to the section of sales, appointing
special employee to sell and verify the
same so as to avoid speculations or pre-
judice their being monopolized by some
dealers or collectors. The total sale of these
stamps was made during the latter part
of November of the same year, as sta-
ples of them were sold on each day
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Junior Glossary

PAPER.—Bâtonné.—Watermarked with parallel lines.

Chalky Paper, Chalk-surfaced, or Coated.—A paper coated with a preparation of chalk, or similar substance.

Dickinson or silk thread.—Named after its inventor, John Dickinson, and containing continuous silk threads running through the paper.

Granite.—A paper with colored fibres in its substance.

India Paper.—Wove paper, of a fine soft texture used for proofs, impressions, etc.

Laid.—Containing a series of watermarked lines close together.

Pelure.—A thin, semi-transparent paper often of greyish tint.

Quadrillé.—Watermarked with crossed lines forming squares or oblongs.

Ribbed.—Possesses close parallel lines, slightly raised, on the surface of the paper.

Safety.—A bluish paper, originally used for British Revenue stamps, being so prepared that any attempt to remove the writing-ink obliteration would destroy the impression.

Surfaced-Colored Paper.—Paper colored on the surface only and provisionally employed for certain British Colonial stamps during a shortage of dyed paper, usually termed "white backs."

Toned.—Paper with a slight tint.

Stamp News for the Juniors

Is there anything you want to know about stamps or stamp collecting? If so, write the editor. What would you like to see in this department? We have no way of knowing unless you tell us. Mr. Senior Collector, can't you give the boy collector about 50 words of encouragement along practical lines? Address your letter to the Beverly office.

Junior Gossip

—We have received from Kenneth B. Welch a clipping showing a picture of the League of Nations poster. The paper states that this stamp is being affixed to certificates of identity of Armenian and Russian refugees. The bureau of the league in charge of the refugees sells the stamps for five francs each, the fund thus raised going to the refugees.

—VILJO LINDSTROM.—Most any kind of variety can be obtained in U. S. envelopes. Mr. Ward, our editor of U. S. new issues, will be very glad to inspect any item that seems out of the ordinary. Enclose a stamped envelope for reply.

—FRED BAMBER.—We thank you for your article, but are not using it because it follows too closely the language of the catalog. We suggest that you try again when the opportunity offers.

—Any Junior who wishes a correspondent in Porto Rico may write Manuel Abruna, Box 144, Arecibo, P. R. Juniors must bear in mind that we cannot be expected to arbitrate any exchange transactions.

—K. M. Fender calls our attention to the fact that he has a stamp like A5 of Leeward Islands, but in the tablet containing the value there is a shaded background. This is true of several values of the set. Evidently the catalog makers do not think it necessary to have two cuts to show this difference in design.



Lithuania
War Orphan Issue

2c, 3c, 5c

10c, 15c, 25c

Mesh Watermark

1927

Department Stamps

These, also, are stamps of a local nature for they only have franking power within certain territorial limits. The Republic of Colombia furnishes the most obvious example. Here practically every department has a special issue of stamps in addition to the general issue of the republican stamps. These department stamps are not good for international postage though I am not certain that their use is confined strictly within the limits of the department whose name they bear.

Another well-known instance occurs in the issues of Nicaragua where specially overprinted stamps are used in the Bluefields district of the Province of Zelaya. The reason given for this overprinting is that the currency in this district is silver, worth about 50c to the peso, instead of the paper currency used elsewhere in Nicaragua and which is only worth half as much.

Origin of Countries' Names

(Insert in Your Album.)

Malta was known to the Greeks and Romans as Melita. The place was famed far and wide for its honey, Latin *mel*, mellis.

Seychelles, annexed by France in 1742 and named by them after Moreau de Séchelles, Chancellor of the Exchequer to Louis the XV.

Palestine appears in the Bible four times as Palestina and Palestine. In each case the Hebrew word is Peleseth, which, wherever else it is found, is translated Philistia, the reason for this being that when the Hebrew Scriptures were translated Palestine and Philistia were synonyms. Milton, e. g., in "Paradise Lost" uses Palestine when speaking of the country of the Philistines. The root of the above Hebrew word is Palash = "to migrate." To the Jews, therefore, the names Palaesthinim = Philistines would mean "strangers," and Palestine "The Land of the Strangers."—Stamp Collecting.

A Philatelic Aviary

In making up your philatelic zoo arranged alphabetically, see what you can do with birds. The following is a suggestion and it opens up a wide range of study for the Juniors. Here is my list: —Apterix, N. Zealand; Black Swan, West Australia; Cockatoo, Borneo; Dove, Czechoslovakia; Emu, N. S. Wales; Fish Eagle, Liberia; Great Cassowary, Borneo 24c; Hornbill, Borneo 16c; Iguana, Liberia; Jackass bird, Australia 6d; Kea, New Zealand 1s; Lyre-bird, N. S. Wales; Maya, Tonga; Northern Gull, Miquelon; Ostrich, Abyssinia; Peacock, Labuan; Quetzal, Guatemala; Ruffed Ptarmigan, Newfoundland; Stork, Austria Airmail; Tropic-bird, New Caledonia; Uruguyan bustard, Uruguay; Vulture, Colombia; Wild-Duck, China.



Jamaica

By MORTON GOLDFINE (12).

Jamaica, a colony of Great Britain, is due south of Cuba and in the Antilles. Her many tropical exports and tourists both tend to make her prosperous. She has altogether issued 126 adhesives, as follows:—101 regular, 4 official, 17 war stamps and 3 semi-postal charity stamps which were sold ½ pence over face value for poor Jamaican children. Her issues, on the whole, are not speculative. They have been produced in London. They hold great possibility for specializing as none are valued for exorbitant sums, the highest price being about \$20 on the first issue. Juniors also can specialize in her issues for a modest sum. Being situated so near the U. S. and having so many connections with us in trade matters I think that with such favorable conditions Jamaica is ideal for a specialist, especially one who has not a very great purse.

A Specialized Collection

By EMIL REYNOLDS.

Many side-lines have been written about but here is one that I think has not been mentioned very much. It will make an ordinary or specialized collection of a country very much more interesting. Suppose we take a specialized collection of one country and look thru it. We find singles, pairs and blocks of four both used and unused, covers and pieces of covers. Then there are pages of cancellations and minor varieties galore, etc.



The writer was recently invited to visit a collector and see his collection of the stamps of Netherlands and its colonies. Of course it was "specialized" and it really was a nice showing. But the thing that struck my eye and made me sit up and pay attention was the following: Friend Collector devoted one page to each town cancellation and got that "town" on as many different stamps as possible and in the middle of the pages he had a nice post card view of the town. On the opposite page he gave a brief description of the town, size of its industries and other interesting details. Of course, some people may say that the description of the towns, etc., is not philatelic, but this collector does, because he likes it and he thinks it is interesting.

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An overprint, meaning Architect, it is found on certain stamps of South Australia. These were used on the official correspondence coming from the office of the State Architect. Since 1874 these and all similar departmental stamps of South Australia have been dispensed with, by the general official issue overprinted or punctured with the letter "O.S."

Carriers' Stamps

This is another class of special stamp monopolized by the United States. These stamps were used to defray the postage on letters carried from a post office to an addressee residing in the district.



served by that particular post office. They were in use as early as 1842 and as late as 1858—a period when ordinary postage only defrayed the carriage of mail from one post office to another. Most of these services were of a semi-official nature and the fee charged was rarely higher than 2c.

Junior Dictionary

Abstimmung in Salzburg 29 Ma 1921 ("Plebiscite," etc.)—Austrian stamps with this overprint are bogus.

A Felkelo Magyarok Altal Megszalt Nyugat Magyarorszag 1921 Aug. Szept.—In August, 1921, Austrian troops took possession of a portion of Western Hungary in accordance with the terms of the Versailles treaty, but the Hungarians drove them out. Hungarian stamps were surcharged as above "Western Hungary, occupied by insurgent Hungarians 1921 Aug-Sept" and used during the months specified.

Agadir.—A seaport town in Morocco, where a set of bogus stamps with design of a lion and flag was issued in 1900. It was presumed to be for a postal service between this town and Mogador in the interior.

Allenstein.—A town and district in East Prussia, population about 25,000 where a plebiscite was ordered by the Versailles Treaty to determine whether Poland or Germany should have dominion. Two sets of stamps were issued, the first Apr. 12, 1920, and the second May 2, consisting of German stamps properly overprinted. The plebiscite was decided in favor of Germany and Aug. 15, 1920, ordinary German stamps were again put into use though the plebiscite issues remained valid to Sept. 13, 1920.

Alzamiento de Enriquillo.—This inscription is found on the 2c value of a set of stamps issued in 1899 by the Dominican Republic to procure funds for a mausoleum for the remains of Columbus. It means "Rebellion of Enriquillo."

Amurskaya Oblastnaya Pochtovaya Marka.—An inscription in Russian letters on stamps issued in the Amur district, now part of the Far Eastern Republic. It means "Amurian Provincial Postage Stamp."

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STAMP BOOKLETS OF 1926

(Continued from page 225)

Booklets but has not been reported. When a design is cancelled the existing stock may be withdrawn and used for other purposes, such as in binding up packages of sheets and parts of such covers showing backs of "cover b" have been seen in the 97c 2c denomination. This is very unlikely, however, that any booklets or combination 1c-2c booklets were made with this cover.

Cover "c". This being the present standard we can expect all six denominations of booklet to ultimately appear if Congress passes the bill restoring the 1c rate to private post cards. All three denominations of the 2c booklets are out and may be found in the larger quantities.

These three types of cover thus may be found in fifteen different varieties, i.e., 1c—25c, 97c*; 2c—25c*, 49c*, 97c*; 2c—73c*.

2c—25c*, 49c, 97c.

1c—25c, 97c; 2c—25c*, 49c*, 97c*;
2c—73c.

Starred items are known.

The real expert on printing has a further field of endeavor, if he wishes to exhaust the subject of the covers.

The Bureau makes these covers by two processes, electrotypes and surface printing or photolitho prints. The Bureau many years had ordered the necessary electrotypes to print these covers from the Government Printing Office but when the 3c booklets were suddenly called for early in 1918 surface printed covers were made for that denomination.

Since that date both processes of printing have been used as best suited the balance of work in the printing division; apparently the use of surface printed covers has been limited largely to the 2c denomination. At any rate proofs of masks for that denomination only are found in the file now. Generally speaking, the electrotypes covers should be distinguishable by sharpness of print, the type being pressed into the surface like a newspaper and not laid on the surface as in the case of the surface print. Doubtless, a study of these covers will develop an easy way of determining the difference.

We now come to the pane differences which form a second series of variations which add interest to our quest. The authorization of the Post Office Department permitting the use of rotary press work on all postage stamps up to and including the 10c denomination necessitated the development of rotary plates for the stamp panes. Early in 1917 plates were ordered for rotary booklets but these were never finished, although it was 1924 before they were cancelled. On July 22, 1923, curved plates 17450 and 17451 were approved, and on May 13, 1926, two more plates, 18550 and 18551, were certified. These latter plates were laid out with slightly different spacing from plates 17450 and 17451, to see which arrangement would best meet the requirements. A difference of spacing from that of the flat plate panes

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As a result of this experimental work, further changes of spacing were made, resulting in the accepted pane now regular for booklets.

The use of the rotary press panes came promptly into use with the beginning of the fiscal year July 1, 1926. The following types of panes may be found issued during 1926:

1. 1c and 2c flat plate panes.

2. 2c—1st Experimental type from rotary plates 17450-51.

3. 2c—2nd Experimental type from rotary plates 18550-51.

4. 2c Permanent rotary panes from plates 18662 and above.

From the above it will be noted that there is but one type of 1 cent pane to be found and four types of 2-cent panes. No rotary panes of the 1 cent denomination has been made, as yet.

Pane No. 1 needs no explanation to identify the 1c denomination. The 2c denomination can be easily told from the rotary panes by usual differences found between flat press and rotary press work.

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(To be concluded.)

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The firm of Victor Weiskopf Inc., 505 Fifth Ave., N. Y. City, has taken out a contract for 5,000 lines of advertising space to be used during the coming year. Mr. Weiskopf has just returned from Europe with a great stock of stamps, the extent of which will be reflected in the firm's advertising during the coming months. Elliott M. Walton is the manager of the company. Mr. Weiskopf writes: Copies of advertisements will go forward to you promptly in the future, as the work will be divided now between Mr. Walton and myself. For your information, we will also state that we are continuing our wholesale business on the same large scale as heretofore and give special attention to retail trade also.

MAIL AUCTION

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BIDS CLOSE THURSDAY, MAY 5, 6 P. M.

All stamps are described by Scott's 1927 catalog. Any lot incorrectly listed may be returned. Stamps will be sent for inspection on receipt of postage and registry charges.

Lot.	Description	Cat.
1	U. S. 1847, 5c, Red "Paid" canc. ..	\$17.00
2	1851, 1c, used type 4 ..	2.75
3	1c, type 4, Used Strip of 3 ..	7.00
4	1861, 10c, O. G., little off centre ..	12.00
5	12c, O. G., little off centre ..	9.00
6	24c used ..	8.00
7	1862, 5c, #75, used, little off cen. ..	6.00
8	1867, 30c, used ..	6.00
9	1869, 12c, O. G. ..	8.00
10	1873, 10c, O. G. ..	5.00
11	1879, 10c, unused ..	3.50
12	1890, 90c, O. G. ..	2.50
13	Newspaper, 36c, #2014, O. G. ..	2.50
14	6c, no gum, #2008 ..	1.00
15	8c, no gum, #2009 ..	1.00
16	10c, no gum, #2008 ..	1.00
17	60c, pen. canc., #2016 ..	3.00
18	12c, O. G., #2035 ..	3.00
19	36c unused, #2037 ..	3.00
20	12c O. G., #2066 ..	3.00

BRITISH COLONIALS

21	Ascension 1st, 1922, 1/2p-1sh, O. G. ..	5.15
22	1924, 2sh, 3sh, O. G. ..	2.50
23	Barbados 1841, 1sh, #35, used ..	4.00
24	1871, 1/2p, #36, used ..	8.00
25	1873, 3p, used, off centre ..	4.00
26	1875-8, 1p, O. G. ..	2.00
27	4p, scarlet, used ..	2.00
28	4p, lake, used ..	2.00
29	1sh, #56, used ..	3.66
30	Barbuda 1922, 1/2p-1sh, O. G. ..	14.64
31	1922, 1/2p-1sh, O. G., Blocks of 4 ..	3.00
32	Br. Guiana 1898-9, 2c/15c, #154a, O. G. ..	4.00
33	1898-9, 2c on 10c, O. G. pair showing #153a ..	4.00
34	2c on 10c, O. G. pair showing #153c ..	5.00
35	Cook Ids. 1916-19, 1sh, O. G. Blk. 4 ..	12.00
36	Ceylon 1857, 1p, #1, used ..	3.00
37	1857, 1p, #3, used ..	6.00
38	2p, #4, used ..	6.00
39	1861, 1sh, #24, used, repaired ..	25.00
40	1p, #25a, used ..	6.00
41	6p, #28a, used, str. edges ..	4.00
42	1sh, #34, used ..	4.00
43	1863-7, 1/2p, O. G. ..	4.00
44	1/2p, used ..	6.00
45	2p, used, #49b ..	3.50
46	4p, used ..	4.50
47	6p, #52, used ..	4.50
48	6p, #52a, used ..	6.00
49	4p, #50, unused ..	6.00
50	1867, 5p, #60a, used ..	3.75
51	1872-80, 16c, O. G. ..	1.50
52	1879, 4c, used ..	2.00
53	1885, 10c on 24c, #119, used ..	4.00
54	Cyprus 1922-3, 9pi, O. G. ..	16.00
55	1922-3, 9pi, O. G. Block of 4 ..	16.00
56	Malay-Borneo on Brunel, 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 10c, 25c, O. G. ..	..
57	Malay-Borneo Exh. on Brunel, same values blocks of 4, O. G. ..	..
58	on Kelantan, 1c, 4c, 5c, 30c, O. G. ..	..
59	on Kelantan, same in blks 40, O. G. ..	..
60	Mauritius 1912-22, 50c, O. G. ..	5.00
61	1912-22, 50c, O. G. block of 4 ..	2.40
62	Malta 1907, 4 1/2p, O. G. block of 4 ..	3.00
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64	Self Gov. 2 1/2p, #78, O. G. ..	6.00
65	2 1/2p, #78, O. G. block of 4 ..	12.50
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67	10sh, O. G., #85 ..	4.00
68	Rarotonga 1919, 3p, #54, O. G. ..	16.00
69	1919, 3p, #54, O. G. block of 4 ..	2.50
70	Seychelles 1912, 1R 50c, used ..	4.50
71	1912, 2R 25c, used ..	4.50

Stamps on Original Covers

72	U. S. 181, 3c, pair, black S. Fran. canc. ..	..
73	3c Treasury ..	..
74	6c Treasury ..	..
75	1861, 1c, 3c ..	..
76	1893, 15c ..	..
77	2c green, Boyd's City Despatch ..	..
78	Baden 1853-7, 3kr ..	..
79	Belgium 1849, 10c ..	..
80	1849, 20c ..	..
81	Congo 1920, Air Post set and #61 ..	..
82	Germany 1859, 6kr, #49 ..	..
83	Hanover 1859-61, 1gr strip of 3 ..	..
84	Netherlands 1850, 5c ..	..
85	1850, 10c Pair ..	..
86	Newfoundland 1920, 2c on 30c ..	..
87	1920, 3c on 15c, #128 ..	..
88	1920, 3c on 15c, #129 ..	..
89	1920, 3c on 35c ..	..
90	#203, Air Mail ..	..
91	Reunion #152 (6) ..	..
92	Saxony 1855-6, 2 and 3gr ..	..
93	Togo 1900, 5, 10, 25pf ..	..
94	1916-7, 1fr, 2fr, 5fr ..	..
95	Lot of O. G. Br. Cols. in blocks and singles, face ..	25.75
96	Lot Damaged stamps, cat. about ..	100.00
97	Lot 100 covers, mostly current foreign, cat. ..	11.00
98	Lot 20 copies each 2s 6p and 5sh Gt. Brit., used ..	..
99	Lot 35 copies India, 2R George, used
100	Lot 10 copies each Morocco Air post, 1922-3, 25c, 50c, 75c, 1fr, #152

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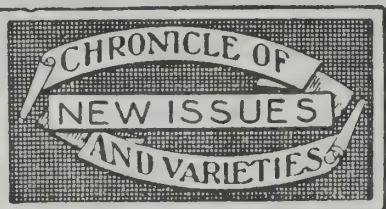
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-19.....	.40	-64.....	.03
-57.....	.12	-65.....	.05
-58.....	.15	-68.....	.25
-60.....	.50	-71.....	.10
-62.....	1.75	-73.....	.25

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-98.....	.05	-106.....	.15
-99.....	.08	-107.....	.15
-101.....	.20	108.....	.15
-101.....	.40	-109.....	.15
-102.....	.40	-110.....	.20
-103.....	.60	-111.....	.15
-104.....	.05	-112.....	1.00

W. W. BETTS, County National Bank Bldg., Clearfield, Pa.



The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa., who will also be pleased to pass on oddities and varieties of all U. S. stamps from 1900 to date. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 75 Electric Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States

Current Issue Perforated 11x10 1/2

Washington announces that orders are being placed with the Bureau for some of the 1 1/2c and 5c rotary print, perforated 11x10 1/2, which heretofore have been known precancelled only. In view of the fact that the stamps have been previously issued throughout the country, arrangements are not being made for first day covers. So far, the 1 1/2c, 2c, 3c, 5c and 10c are known perforated 11x10 1/2 and the other denominations from 1c to 10c inclusive may be expected any day.

1 1/2c on 2c Green 1887

It has been some months since I have had the pleasure of chronicling a new Provisional envelope but one has just been brought to my attention that has not been noted heretofore. This is the 1 1/2c single line figures, overprinted on the 2c green on white of 1887. The envelope is size 3 and a few were found in one of the larger post offices among the regular stock.

The same stamp, overprinted on amber, Scott's No. 2717 has been known from the first but we have not seen the variety on white until this little lot was brought to my attention.

1914-15, 12c Vertical Pair, Imperf. Between

The 12c perforated 10, watermarked, was found in Flint, Michigan, some years back in sheets, wherein one vertical pair on the sheet was without perforations between. This was due to the fact that some of the pins from one of the perforating wheels were missing. It depended entirely upon the manner in which the sheet was fed to the press as to whether the perforations which were missing fell exactly between the two stamps, or whether they fell partly between one pair of stamps and partly between another. Pairs exist in which not a single perforation shows between the stamps but these are exceedingly scarce. The variety was located in the Flint post office during the Christmas holidays of 1917 by Mr. W. A. Beach. They were found in the excess stock that is always allotted such post offices during the Christmas rush. A number of the sheets contained the part

perforated pair but as Mr. Beach was a new collector at the time, he cut the stamps out and trimmed the perforations off, making imperforate pairs. He writes he doubts whether more than ten blocks of six were preserved showing the actual variety as issued.

White Plains Variety

Mr. George P. Smith calls attention to the fact that in the lower left pane of plate 18774 of the 2c White Plains, that not only the dot which has been described before is found over the "S" of "States" in the ninth stamp but that the third stamp which is the one immediately under the top plate number, shows a small line through the "C" of "Cents." If one studies these small panes made up for the International Philatelic Exhibition carefully, many such varieties will be noted, for these stamps were turned out in a great hurry.

Air Mail Notes

Under date of March 24th, the Post Office opened bids for the operation under contract of the New York-Chicago air mail service. The four bidders were the Colonial Air Transport, New York, National Air Transport, New York, North American Airways, Cleveland, and E. F. Stewart, New York. These concerns asked prices of \$1.68, \$1.24, \$1.23 and 35c respectively per pound. The Stewart firm, however, who bid 35c, accompanied their bid by a qualifying letter and proposing to carry all first-class mail between New York and Chicago by air, thus dispensing with distribution and sorting now done enroute in railway mail cars.

The Postmaster General has not as yet made any award.

ALBANIA.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us six values of the 1925 issue with an overprint of "A Z" and a wreath. The values thus surcharged are the 1q orange, 2q red brown, 5q green, 10q rose red, 25q blue and 50q green.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.—Mr. R. Roberts sends for chronicle the 1 1/2p rose, new multiple A and Crown close watermark, comb machine perforation 13 1/2x 12 1/2, A. J. Mullett printing. Mr. Roberts adds that this appears to be a new perforating machine but evidently only a small batch were perforated by it as the stamps were distributed to various offices but they could not be obtained from Melbourne as the machine had broken down and they reverted to the old perf. 14 machine. It is of course quite possible that the machine might be repaired, though on the other hand it might be discarded altogether, as it is to be hoped it will as it is a most inefficient machine and most difficult to tear, in which case, these may be scarce.

BARBADOS.—Mr. R. Roberts and Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the new Tercentenary Commemorative stamp

BRITISH COLONIES

	No.	Cat.	Net		No.	Cat.	Net
PAPUA	51	.25	.13	GT. BR. OFF. IN TURKEY 8 ..	9	.75	.40
59	59	1.25	.65	10 ..	10	1.00	.60
61	61	.06	.03	11 ..	11	1.75	1.00
BR. SOL. ISLANDS ..	29	.08	.04	13 ..	13	.04	.02
TONGA	39	.06	.03	14 ..	14	.40	.20
40	40	.15	.08	15 ..	15	.60*	.35
CAYMAN IS.	59	.60*	.35	ST. KITTS-NEVIS ..	40	2.50*	1.25
GAMBIA	81a	.85*	.50	ST. LUCIA	52	1.25	.65
ST. VINCENT	73	.65	.35				
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UNITED STATES

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- *2 1/2d dull rose, imperf. (1), o. g., fine100.00
- *2 1/2d dull rose, perf. 14 (2), centered E15.00
- *2 1/2d (2), centered a jot N, ctn. a blue pen-cross12.50

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- *10c blue (4), good margins, fine copy100.00
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1866

- *3d blue (7), two copies; 1867, 2c brown (8), all o. g., fine6.50
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1867-69—PERF 14

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- *10c lilac-rose (10), o. g., very fine30.00
- *25c orange (11), o. g., very fine5.00
- *50c violet (12), o. g., centered least jot S, still fine15.00
- *\$1.00 green (13), full o. g., very fine40.00

CANADA on COVERS

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- *1c, 5c (14, 15), pair of each, on one cover, very striking effect, on Registered letter, tied on by pinks2.30+
- *5c vermilion (15), strip of three, pair, four singles, used "en suite" on one cover, five are centered N. A very unusual line. Tied to cover and to each other by nine grids3.60+
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- *10c red-lilac (16), vertical pair10.00

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- *1/2c (21), block of four, mint gems8.50
- *1/2c (21), block of eight, mint gems17.00
- *1/2c (21), block of nine, with sheet margin and part imprint, mint gems19.00
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- *1d violet-brown (1a), fine wmk. ST.9.00
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- *3d green (3), wmk. ST.5.00
- *3d green (3), full o. g., very fine10.00
- *3d green (3), triangular block of four, mint gems, shows wmk. 8520.00
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- *3d green (3), fine used copy10.00
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- *6d (13), very wide margins, very light ctn., very fine75.00
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- *2c vermilion (82a), imperforate pair, full o. g.30.00
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- *25c blue (6), two singles and pair, on original cover7.50
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- *5c, pair; 10c, two pairs, one vertical; two strips of three, one vertical; 20c, pair; very fine (2, 3, 4)5.50
- *10c (8b), pair, one sideways, fine10.00
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- *1871, 1, 1, 30, 30, 80c (7, 11, 13)12.50
- *80c (13), fine copy13.00
- *80c (13), fine copy26.18
- *1871-76, 1c-80c (12, 14, 18, 22, 23), 21 in all6.50
- *25c (17), three pairs; 30c (18), pair9.00
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placed on sale in Barbados Feb. 17th last. It is of 1 penny denomination in rose color, script watermark and bears the portraits of King George V and King Charles I. Line engraved and printed by Messrs. Bradbury & Co., New Malden. The perf. is 12½.

CHAMBA.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the appearance of the following new colours De la Rue issues: 1½a rose, 2as6p orange, both watermarked single star.

CUBA.—Whitfield King & Co. report that the 2c postage due stamp has been printed in rose red color.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA.—The 185h. postage due stamp, has been surcharged for use as 60h, in blue. Copies have been received from Whitfield King & Co.

FRANCE.—The Economist Stamp Co. have shown us a copy of the 10c green, in which the wrong die was used. It has the thin letters of the 1906 die and was of a limited issue.

FRENCH COLONIALS.—The Economist Stamp Co. have submitted for chronicle the provisionals noted in last week's issue.

GAMBIA.—Whitfield King & Co. send for chronicle the 4p current design on script watermark paper.

HEJAZ.—Three more values of the new design have been received from Whitfield King & Co. They are the ½ yellow, ¾ green and 1 piastre mauve. *Stamp Collecting* describes as follows: "The Arabic inscription at the top of these Turkey-inspired stamps signifies 'Arab Government.' As already explained, the device in the centre is the King's touhgra or monogram, i.e., 'Abdul Aziz Bin Abdul Rahm,' the smaller monogram to the right of the touhgra being that of the King's family, reading 'Al Saoud.' Below the touhgra are the words 'Nejd and Hedjaz Postage' the denomination being shown in the lower corners and in words between."

INDIA.—Mr. R. Roberts advises that the 4a, Nasik printing, inscribed "Postage and Revenue" overprinted "Service" watermark multiple star has been received.

LEEWARD ISLANDS.—Whitfield King & Co. advise that a 2½p, blue, has been issued, script watermark.

PERSIA.—Our good friend at Tunbridge Wells, Mr. G. Wilson, kindly sends further news regarding the Teheran-Baku air service and aerial provisionals recorded last week. We now learn that *twelve* values of the 1909 series have been overprinted for this service, viz.: 1, 2, 6, 9, 10, 13ch, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 30krs (fancy a 15s stamp for air mail!). The ordinary postage is paid in ordinary stamps and the extra in the overprinted stamps. The overprinting was done locally and is the same on all denominations.

There is to be a weekly service from Teheran and also from Baku, the same plane apparently returning after a few days. The flight from Teheran takes about eight hours to Baku, allowing for short stops at Kazoin and Pehlevi to deposit and pick up mails. The concession was granted last year to the Junker's Co., and the inaugural flight took place in the presence of the Shah.—*Stamp Collecting*.

POLAND.—A 40 groszy stamp bearing a profile likeness of Fryderyk Chopin has been issued. The color is blue and Whitfield King & Co. send the stamp for our inspection.

SARRE.—The following is a list of the new values and subjects now in process of issue: 10 and 30c, Fountain of Marché St. Jean, Sarrebruck; 15 and 75c, Sarre Valley; 20 and 40c, Sarrelouis fortifications; 20c, 50c and 5fr, Tholey Abbey and the Schaumberg; 80c and 1fr Mineshaft; 1.50, 2 and 3fr, Burbach steelworks. In the meantime the provisionals of 1921 have been demonetized as from the last day of February.—*Stamp Collecting*.

URUGUAY.—Whitfield King & Co. call our attention to the 8c rose, which has been placed on sale in the re-engraved type.

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Postmaster General New, however, was not satisfied with this explanation and recently when an article was broadcast throughout the country that a letter penned by an Army chaplain and containing a dying Civil War soldier's quest to his family, had just been delivered in a little Indiana town after having been in the mails for sixty-one years, assigned an inspector to make an investigation.

The newspaper article was dated Ironton, Ohio, but the principal in the story was Mrs. Elizabeth Barnheisel of Conza, Indiana, 97-year-old widow of Cornelius Barnheisel, who died in

STATEMENT OF THE OWNERS, MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION, ETC., REQUIRED BY THE ACT OF CONGRESS OF AUGUST 24, 1912.

OF MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS, published weekly at Portland, Maine, April 1, 1922.

State of Maine, } ss.
County of Cumberland, }
Before me, a Notary Public, in and for the state and county aforesaid, personally appeared Wm. W. Jewett, who, having duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the business manager, part owner of the MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS, and that the following to the best of his knowledge and belief is a true statement of the ownership, management (and if a daily paper, the circulation, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 411, Postal Laws and Regulations printed on the reverse of this form, to-wit:

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It would be interesting if some dealer who runs a new issue service would publish a statement giving the respective percentages of his customers who take (a) up to the 1s value; (b) up to the 10s value; (c) up to the £1 value; (d) no limit. The quantity of stamps in circulation depends to a considerable extent on the numbers distributed through new issue services, though there are, of course, large quantities sold through other channels.

I would advise readers to watch Mauritius. There have been a number of changes there recently, and there are more to come.

The "Port Fuad scandal" has attracted a good deal of attention in the philatelic Press. The number of corpses resulting from the riot has gradually risen from one to seven; but an eye-witness states that, though he heard of one, he could obtain no confirmation of the death. The Egyptian street lounge who was chiefly concerned is a tough fellow, and not likely to succumb in a mere riot. As far as the stamps are concerned, very high prices are being asked for the few sets which have reached this country. I understand that high officials are holding a few sets, but they are not likely to flood the market with them, and I shall be surprised if the price, retail, falls below £20. I do not anticipate any startling rise in the near future, as a set at this price can only find a limited sale.

The new issue for Tanganyika has also been receiving attention in the Press. It is stated that objection may be taken to the fact that His Majesty's portrait appears on the stamps of a Mandated Territory. We imagine that the authorities concerned took advice on this point before the stamps were issued, but in any case the mills of the League of Nations grind slowly, and it is not likely that the stamps will be withdrawn at once. As they are still available at current rates there would be no harm in making sure of them.

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But who speaks of Papua today? Very few collectors will now get a thrill out of the mention of the word and nobody seems over-anxious to get a complete collection of these very interesting and not less attractive stamps, and why? Simply because for the last ten years, or since the issue of the "ONE PENNY" provisionals there has been the same series of stamps in use, not quite as handsome perhaps as the first engraved issues, and without any major varieties to speak of, although the careful student may discover certain flaws in the design, such as a broken leaf on the 3d, and deformed leaves on the 2d and 2s6d values.

Last fall it was reported that Papua stamps were now being printed on the remaining "war paper," whatever that meant, so as an untiring Papua enthusiast, I immediately sent for two complete sets to Port Moresby, which have just

arrived, and all the news I got was—nothing. The stamps do certainly not make a war-like impression, printed on purest white paper with the same old (sic.) crown over A wmk., the same number of teeth, i.e., 14 to the inch, and the Lakatoi still drifting peacefully along in the offing of the equally peaceful village of Hanuabada, so I am really unable to tell what this "war paper" looks like.

Aside from very slight variations in the shades of some values, all the stamps are exactly the same as they have been since the day of their first issue; the 2½d of 1919, reported obsolete some time hence, is again in stock, while the 6d received is still the old orange-brown stamp of 1911, only on a brownish paper, instead of white, but this may be due to the color of the gum which is equally brownish. This particular stamp seems to exist in unexhaustible quantities and only once, in Sept., 1924, did I receive a supply of the new 6d violet, no matter to which P. O. I have written, always the old 6d brown, the catalogue price of which, 65c, appears therefore too high.

There is one peculiarity in the present set, which I would not overlook to mention, and that is that on the 1½d and 10sh values, the last two to be issued (in 1925) the value in the lower right oval panel is out of line, or to be more exact, it leans perceptibly towards the left, and the 0 of 10sh is quite a little narrower than the one in the left panel, but as this seems to be the rule, it cannot be considered a variety but rather just an oddity.

It seems quite clear that the more stamps are issued by almost any country the more popular they will be with the collector; Papua and Cayman Islands had their day, then came Cyprus, Gibraltar, Malta and even St. Kitts-Nevis with their defamed cricket ground stamps which, by the way, are not any worse than so many other commemorative and charity issues, as they were good for postage and certainly used for this purpose, and not even the harsh epithet of "rankly speculative" will reduce their value in the eyes and mind of the lucky possessors, amongst whom I, myself, cannot unfortunately be counted as I was not in the field at the time of their issue. The harder it is to get a stamp, the more it is coveted, and if Papua should revert to the former habit of changing its stamps frequently it will immediately return to the front in the collectors' esteem.

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By ELLIOTT PERRY.

ALTHOUGH they are really one issue the U. S. postage stamps printed by the National Bank Note Company from 1870 to 1873 are divided for convenience sake into two groups. The first group comprises Scott numbers 134 to 144 with "grill measuring 8½ to 9 by 10½ to 11½ mm." The second group comprises Scott numbers 145 to 155. These are without the embossed grill, but otherwise are identical with numbers 134 to 144.

Our available information indicates the grilling process was part of the contract held by the National Bank Note Co. until the termination of that contract April 30, 1873, and therefore, all the stamps printed under that contract should have been grilled. Strictly speaking then, the embossed stamps are the normal varieties and those without grill are sub or minor varieties. The prevalent idea that the grilled stamps were issued first and were succeeded by those without grill is somewhat incorrect. It would be more correct to say the grill was used more extensively in 1870 and 1871, and that more often in 1872 and 1873, the people supposed to be operating the grilling machine were only "going through the motions."

Proof that grilling did continue to some extent to the latter part if not to the end of the contract period exists. The first series of National plates, bearing numbers 1 to 24, included one or more plates for each denomination of the set except the 6c and 7c stamps. These 24 plates included two 1c, (Nos. 16 and 17), four 2c, (Nos. 12, 13, 14, 15), eleven 3c, (Nos. 1 to 11), and two 10c, (Nos. 18 and 19). The next nine plates included four more 3c, (Nos. 25, 29, 31, 32), two 6c (Nos. 26 and 27), two 2c, (Nos. 28 and 30), and the only plate made for the 7c, (No. 33). As the 7c stamp was not printed until March, 1871, and occurs with grill, we know the grilling machine was still in use as late as March, 1871.

The last group or groups of plates of the National series comprise 22 plates all of which bear numbers higher than that of the 7c plate and therefore, probably, were made at intervals in the period between the early spring of 1871 and April 30, 1873. There were four 1c plates, (Nos. 50, 51, 52, 53), five 2c, (Nos. 34, 35, 45, 46, 47), eleven 3c, (Nos. 36 to 44 and 54, 55), and two 10c, (Nos. 48, 49).

The last eleven of these 22 plates were numbered from 45 to 55 and include four 1c, three 2c, two 3c and two 10c. These eleven plates were most certainly made to replace earlier plates that had become too badly worn for further use and any grilled stamps from them cannot reasonably be placed earlier than the last third of the contract period. We are well justified in assigning most of the stamps from these eleven plates—including any that were grilled—to the latter part of 1872 or the first part of 1873. There is no reason whatever for believing stamps from any of these eleven plates were issued in 1870, and very slight chance any of them were included among the printings made in 1871.

Grilled stamps from some of these eleven plates disprove the contention that all the 1870-73 grills were issued in the early part of the contract period. Turning to page 127 of Luff's book on United States postage stamps, we find the 2c National from plate No. 45—one of the three last 2c plates—listed with grill. Further proof is found in a well known collection which contains one or more grilled stamps bearing the high numbers of the last plates. Additional search is likely to result in the discovery of other copies.

Much attention has been paid by collectors and catalogers to the grills found on the 1867-68 issue and much effort has been made to obtain a comprehensive and correct list of the various varieties and sizes of those grills, but although some of the grills of 1870-73 show differences both in size and character fully as distinctive as several of the 1868 grills the various different grills of the 1870-73 period are not noted in the catalogs. Instead of being properly classified these National grills are grouped under one rather indefinite heading, which examination of the stamps on which they occur shows to be both misleading and incorrect.

The impression conveyed to me when I read "Grill measuring 8½ to 9 by 10½ to 11½ mm" is that the stamps to which it refers—Scott numbers 134 to 144—are all found with a grill of the same character, but which varies in size from 8½ to 9mm wide and from 10½ to 11½mm tall. I also understand the variation in size as stated refers to complete grills—not to partial grills—that is, not to grills so poorly impressed or centered that only a part is visible.

I am not able to reconcile my comprehension of the catalog description with a careful examination of the stamps. I find several varieties of grills differing from each other, both in character and in size and usually not agreeing closely with the variation stated in the catalogs. There are two definite sizes. The smaller usually measures about 8x10mm, but is sometimes less than 10mm tall and is often 8½ to nearly 9mm wide. The larger measures about 10x12mm and is often a fraction larger each way. Full, deep impressions of this grill are extremely unusual and might easily measure 10½mm wide by 12½ to 13mm tall. Partial impressions of this grill are common and the part showing may measure anything within the limits stated.

This larger grill is the cause of most of our trouble with the 1870-73 grilled stamps, yet the fault does not lie in the roller or in the character of the grill units, but rather in the bed or backing against which the roller pressed. I suppose the first time this bed was adjusted for this roller was also the last time it received any attention. Certainly that is just what the stamps indicate. The grill units are sharp pyramids, but the bed or backing did not hold the stamps firmly against the grill roller and the usual re-

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June 1, 1918. Washington to Boston via New York. Rate 24c. Circular cachet "First Air Mail", also the stamp tied to cover with red postmark, "Aerial Mail—Via New York".

June 3, 1918. Experimental flight. New York - Boston. Circular cachet reading, "First Trip", though the trip was not completed.

June 9, 1918. Boston - New York. Bears a large double circle postmark with the inscription "AIR MAIL—June 9—FIRST TRIP". This was the last of the 24c rate "first trips" on government routes, until the establishment of the 24c trans-continental rate.

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Dec. 16, 1918. First Washington - New York flights at the new 6c rate.

Sep. 7, 1919. Inaugural flight of trans-continental service at regular 2c rate.

July 1, 1924. Inaugurating trans-continental service involving night flying, zone rates.

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sult was a partial impression from the points of the pyramids. Such gridded stamps may—and too frequently do—show only a few faint marks like pin pricks, or none at all. Strips and blocks may show stamps with complete grills, partial grills, traces of grills and invisible grills—all from a single impression of the roller on the same sheet. This grill occurs on all values of the set, which is unfortunate for philately; but what is worse, it appears to have been the only grill used on the 10c, 12c, 15c, 24c, 30c and 90c stamps. Hence, these higher values are hard to find with grill and are seldom satisfactory when found.

The smaller grill—8x10mm—is not a reduced size of the larger. It is entirely different. The pyramidal bosses are not sharply pointed but have nearly flat tops and steep sides. The rectangular tops of the bosses were pressed into the faces of the stamps and appear slightly raised on the backs of the stamps. Narrow ridges between the bosses are depressed on the backs of the stamps and are raised above the level of the rectangular depressions on the face of the stamps.

In detail this grill resembles the "grill-all-over" and normal 13x16mm grills of 1867 but similar characteristics are found on the front instead of the back of the stamps, and vice versa. The "ribs" or ridges between the bosses are thicker and less sharply impressed on the small grill of 1870-73 than on the "biscuit" grills of 1867, and while the biscuit grills often show irregular breaks in their units, the blunt points of the bosses on the 1870-73 small grill do not usually break the paper of the stamps.

The smaller grill of 1870-73 is even more like the "grill-all-over" essay that is sometimes mistaken for Scott No. 79—the issued 3c 1867 gridded all over. (See note under No. 81 in the Standard Catalog.) This essay also has the characteristics reversed as compared to the 1870-73 small grill. That is, the bosses are raised on the face of the essay and complementary rectangular depressions are found on the back. This essay was made by pressing a roller covered with truncated pyramidal bosses into the back of the "stamps," thus producing the rectangular depressions on the backs and raised, blunt rectangular bosses on the face. Further careful study may show that the smaller grill of 1870-73 was made by altering the roller previously used for this "grill-all-over" essay and

then applying the altered roller to the face of the 1870-73 stamps.

The 8x10 grill of 1870-73 is often clearly impressed and usually the impressions are much more distinct than those of the 10x12 grill. Complete impressions of the smaller grill are not scarce and nearly complete impressions are common. This 8x10 grill has been found only on the 1c, 2c, 3c, 6c and 7c stamps. Records covering a large number of stamps are not available but there is no doubt the small grill is frequently found on all of these five lower denominations and quite possibly it may be commoner than the large grill on some of them.

Over 95% of the 1870-73 stamps which show an identifiable grill have either one or the other of the two grills here mentioned as occurring on issued stamps printed by the National Bank Note Co. during that period. There exists, however, a minor variety of the "8x10" or small grill and also a minor variety of the "10x12" or large grill. These minor varieties differ from the two common or normal grills in the character of their bosses, and probably indicate attempts to improve the results which were more or less ardently desired. The smaller grill is occasionally found with bosses from sharper pyramids than the normal variety. When not completely impressed this variety of the small grill might readily be mistaken for a partial impression of the larger grill. It is too uncommon to be bothersome. A minor variety of the larger grill may be found by anyone who has sufficient time and will exercise sufficient patience. This also is too unusual to interest those who are not extreme specialists.

It seems to me the two major varieties mentioned should be known to every collector of United States stamps. They differ from each other much more than do the "E"—(11x13)—and "F"—(9x13)—grills of 1868 which have been recognized as major varieties and so catalogued for many years. The two 1868 grills mentioned have exactly the same characteristics of detail and differ only in size. The smaller was made by cutting down the larger. The two grills of 1870-73 not only differ as much in size as do the "E" grills of 1868 from the "F" grills but the 1870-73 grills are also quite dissimilar in character.

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U. S. STAMPS "USED ABROAD"

By DOUGLAS ARMSTRONG.
(Continued from page 716, Vol. XL.)

China and Japan.—Although under the Postal Law of July 27, 1868, the Postmaster-General of the U. S. A. was empowered to "establish in connection with the steamship service to China and Japan a general postal agency at Shanghai, China, with such branch agencies at the other ports in China and Japan as shall, in his judgment, be necessary for the prompt and efficient management of the postal service in those countries," no immediate steps appear to have been taken to carry this into effect. At this period the American Consuls at Yokohama (Kanagawa) and Shanghai acted as postal agents and this arrangement continued in force until the year 1875, when the U. S. postal agency at Yokohama was discontinued. What special cancellation (if any) was employed by the U. S. Consular post office at Yokohama, is unknown to the writer, who failed to secure any covers bearing early U. S. stamps and emanating from this office. The more recent issues may occasionally be met with showing the postmarks of Kobe, Nagasaki, Yokohama, etc., but these are merely Ship Letters, which have been cancelled at the first port of call on the steamship's itinerary after posting on board, and the obliterations are in every case those of the Imperial Japanese Post Office.

The Shanghai Agency is, however, in quite a different category. United States postage stamps would seem to have been in use there from a comparatively early date, probably some time in the seventies, so that most subsequent issues of the U. S. A. are encountered with the Shanghai postmark.

One of the earliest types of postmark in use by the U. S. Consular post office at Shanghai consists of a single-line circle inscribed round its circumference "U. S. POSTAL AGENCY—SHANGHAI" with the date and time of posting in abbreviated form in two lines across the diameter in conjunction with an elliptical "killer" containing the figure "1" in a circle, and the last two figures of the year mid-way between the circle and the ellipse, at the foot. An interesting cover showing this type of cancellation was in the writer's collection of U. S. used

abroad. Posted at Nanking, China, in 1897, it bore in the first instance two local postage stamps of that Treaty Port of the face values 2 and 3 cents, respectively, which originally served to frank the letter as far as Shanghai by the Local post. There it was handed over to the U. S. postal agency for transmission to the addressee in Springfield, Mass., for a further fee of 5 cents represented by a 2 cents Omaha and 3 cents Columbus stamps of the U. S. A.

At a later date another type of postmark was introduced, with the wording amended to "SHANGHAI CHINA—U. S. POSTAL STA.", and this is believed to have been employed down to the time of the actual closing of the Agency in December, 1922.

The military post offices established in China during the Boxer outbreak of 1900 provided what are probably the scarcest and certainly the most historically interesting examples of U. S. stamps used abroad. The international troops landed in China for the relief of the besieged Legations in Peking, included a brigade of U. S. troops despatched post haste from the Philippines to the seat of war.

At first the official despatches of this force were conveyed by naval despatch vessels to Chefoo or Shanghai, and thence transmitted to Washington over the Trans-Siberian telegraph line. The first ordinary mail from the U. S. troops was forwarded via Nagasaki by courtesy of the Japanese postal agency in Tientsin and was franked with stamps of that nation. On August 2, 1900, however, four special military post offices were established to deal with the growing correspondence of the American forces in the field—at Taku, Tientsin, Peking and Toughka respectively. These were supplied with contemporary postage stamps of the U. S. A. in denominations 1, 2, 5, 8 and 10 cents, which were cancelled with distinctive postmarks containing the words "Mil.P.Sta. China," together with the name of the town and date of posting. The various forms of inscription found on the postmarks used by these military post offices are as follows:—

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- (4) Mil. Postal Sta. No. 1, China.
- (5) Peking, China, U. S. Mil. Postal Sta.
- (6) Mil. P. Sta. No. 1, Peking.

The first three of these offices appear to have been of a stationary character, whilst the one located at Toughka was presumably a field post office and following the movements of the brigade to which it was attached.

There was in addition a Registered mark in use by Military Postal Station No. 1, in the form of a circular date stamp, struck in violet ink, and inscribed "Registered Mil. Postal Sta. No. 1, China."

U. S. stamps with postmarks of the military post offices in China are extremely hard to come by, and command high prices on the infrequent occasions when they are offered for sale. They ceased to be employed when the main body of U. S. troops was withdrawn from China on August 1, 1901, after having been in use for a year, all but one day.

Samoa.—In the days when Samoa was an independent native kingdom under the joint protection of Great Britain, U. S. A. and Germany, each of the Consular representatives at Apia, the chief port, kept on hand a supply of their national postage stamps for the convenience of traders who wished to forward letters by vessels bound for British, American or German ports, which afforded the only means of communication with the outer world. More often than not the stamps affixed to such Ship Letters were not cancelled until they reached the port of arrival, but occasionally they received the postmark of the local Samoan post, more particularly when they bore in addition the private stamps of that service. The writer has seen the 90 cents carmine U. S. A. (series 1873) with the Apia, Samoa postmark of June 28, 1878, and other varieties doubtless exist.

Under the terms of the Samoa Convention of 1899 the islands of Tutuila,

Manua and one or two smaller atolls were formally ceded to the United States. At one time it was proposed to apply a special overprint to the stamps sold in Samoa, but the project was abandoned, and since early in 1901 ordinary unsurcharged U. S. stamps have been current there.

Two post offices only are maintained in the group by the U. S. Post Office Department, one at Pago-Pago, the chief settlement on Tutuila Island and the second at Tau on Manua. Both take the form of a single-line circle with the name of the office at the top and "Samoa" at the foot, with date and time of posting in the centre. Neither of these postmarks is common, that of Tau being the scarcer.

Guam.—This American naval base in the Pacific has only one post office, situated at Agaña, the chief town and port, where contemporary postage stamps of the U. S. A. have been in use since the beginning of the present century. The fact that it is one of the most elusive varieties of modern U. S. stamps used abroad may be accounted for by the small white population (including the marine garrison) and that most of the naval vessels touching there have their own particular postmark.

Philippines.—Special post offices for use by the U. S. troops in occupation of the Philippines were established at Cavite (on July 25, 1898) and subsequently at Manila, Cebu, Iloilo Harbour, etc. These offices employed ordinary current postage stamps of the U. S. A. devoid of any distinguishing overprint, and were subordinate to the head post office at San Francisco.

The earliest type of postmark used by Military Station No. 1, consists of a large concentric circle struck in lilac ink and inscribed round the circumference "Philippine Station—San Francisco." It was used in conjunction with a cancelling stamp formed of three heavy concentric circles. This gave place very shortly to a somewhat similar mark lettered "Mil. Sta. No. 1, Philippine Is-

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The Protest

"I have just read your article on page 141 on the matter of 'Credit' and I must admit that it interests me very much as a member of the A.P.S."

Of course I do not know any more of the incident you wrote than that it sounds like a grievance. If so, would it not have been proper to make a complaint and what more could we have done than investigate the case—give the accused a chance to answer and if guilty on your complaint expelled—all this, I'm sure you ought to know, is the procedure prescribed by our By-Laws, a reasonable method.

Our Society does not guarantee anyone a profit or assurances that you will get your money any more than the A.S.D.A. will guarantee its membership, and I hold within me the judgment that the percentage is not any different there, than here—you forget that our numbers are about 40 times greater.

Complaints that come from the A.S.D.A. membership at times are bound to be unsatisfactory, no more fair than the average. I have in mind several.

Our difficulty often has been to make the charges stick, in very nearly every case on settlement the case usually falls as flat as the proverbial pancake. I feel that your article is not justified, it isn't fair even though generally written—it's an assertion to say the least.

I'm afraid you are somewhat in the same class that we have had to deal with (with the results previously mentioned), that you are not sport enough to take your chances as is met with in every business. It is perfectly fair to protect yourself and far be it from me to uphold any crook, but I know, like any business man should, the limitations of trying to make us a collection agency where it isn't always fair to do it.

I'm playing a hunch when I say that the motive back of this and the other article is probably the case—for your information I'll say that that has been settled to the satisfaction of the complainant and in view of such settlement it did not warrant an expulsion, notwithstanding the blood-curdling yell of 'expel him' by your friends."

lands" San Francisco, also of the rubber stamp variety and applied in coloured ink. Metal postmarks of the duplex pattern were subsequently introduced with inscriptions reading "Mil. Sta. No. 1, Philippine Islands-Manila" or "Mil. Sta. No. 1 Manila-Phil. Islands."

Some additional varieties of military

In Reply

"Let me preface my letter by saying that I believe in the A.P.S. and WEEKLY is anxious to do all that we can to promote its interests. It is merely a question as to what shall be the scope of the organization that is up for discussion. As you know, I have been a member of the Society, have attended many of its conventions, and have definite ideas as to its policies."

I believe that membership in the A.P.S. should mean honorable and just treatment of fellow-members of that organization. You intimate that the Society is not a collection agency. Possibly I am but at the same time it should have 'credit protection' when it comes to business relations between two members."

You know more about than I do. You know how many claims you have had against this party. You know how much trouble you have had effect settlements. So far as we are concerned he owes us \$75 for advertisement and a check for \$25 protested represents an additional obligation of \$3. Such a man ought not to be a member of A.P.S. and be permitted to prey upon philately."

I can give you another example in of Mass. This party absolutely refuses to reply to letters, meet his obligation to us, and if I may take not the A.S.D.A. has had him on its black list. I think I could give you some further instances in case they were needed.

The reason why these claims have been filed with your Board is on account of previous experiences where we have been informed that the A.P.S. was not the collecting business. Here then is the whole crux of the case, and my impression is that the Society should maintain credit standards.

In sheer self-defence the WEEKLY is compelled to require that membership in any stamp society cannot be accepted without reference. If we accept commercial references and find ourselves imposed upon we can find no fault, but the general rule of collectors and dealers feel that there should be protection afforded along the lines by an association such as the A.P.S. is supposed to be.

Pardon this long letter, but I feel that the situation calls for it. If the A.P.S. feels disposed to waive the 'collecting agency' principle I shall be very glad to comply with any rules in connection with the filing of our claims. It is the aim of the WEEKLY to purge the trade so far as it can of the irresponsible dealer who knows no standard except a lust for the almighty dollar."

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STAMP BOOKLETS OF 1926

By H. M. SOUTHGATE, 5800 Conn. Av., Chevy Chase, Md.

(Continued from page 227)

ane No. 2 is from the first experimental set of rotary plates, numbers 17,051, which were put to press June 9, 1926, and 31,895 sheets (360 subject) were printed. As the entire printing is reported to have been made only into 25 cent booklets and in "a" covers there would be over 900,000 booklets of this type turned into stock.

ates 17450-51 were returned for proofing 11 Sept. 1926, so that we may expect this No. 2 pane to appear with the "c" cover at some future date in all stamp demonstrations and possibly the combination 1 cent 2 cent 73 cent booklet. It cannot appear in the "b" cover.

These are the only curved or rotary plates made that show guide lines, and that any rotary panes with guide lines can at once be identified as pane No. 2. If in trimming the right side of the full sheet the cut is a little too far to the left, the plate number may be partially visible on the left side. Some of these panes showing plate numbers were found by a keen Boston collector. Plain panes not showing guide line numbers are difficult to identify from panes 3 and 4, but careful measurement of the spacing may show this. Plate number or guide line panes are desirable as sure of this type.

The plate numbers on these 360 subject plates are located at the four corners in the side margins, and in the position as on the ordinary rotary plates, of 400 subjects. It is thus possible for four different positions of each plate number to be found; but as the trim is made on the right side, and the edge is used as a guide for perforation the cut is carefully made, sheet by sheet and consequently the numbers on the right will seldom if ever show up; as stated above, if the trim on the left is too deep the left hand numbers

found in the "a" type cover, 25 cent booklets.

The only sure identification of the No. 3 panes will be probably from panes showing the plate number, as no guide lines appear on the plate and the spacing differences between panes 2 and 4 are small, the greatest differences being in the top margin. It is possible that in panes showing the bottom line of the stamp from the pane above, i.e., showing the full binding margin that definite identification may be made.

As both of these experimental panes are the only rotary panes appearing in "a" covers they may be easily identified as being experimental panes and should be kept with the covers.

No. 4 pane. These permanent or standard rotary panes come from plates 18662 and above. As panes showing but the bottom part of the number will be found, the following list of plates made to date may be of use in identifying the numbers. In some cases the slightest showing of the bottom of the numbers is sufficient:

18662	18705	18711	18720
18663	18706	18712	18721
18695	18707	18716	18842
18696	18708	18717	18843
18697	18709	18718	18844
18698	18710	18719	18845

These panes first appeared in August, 1926, in 25c booklets with the "b" covers but as far as known they have not been found in the "a" covers. As the No. 1 panes came out in the "b" covers it seems probable that we shall not find the "a" covers with these No. 4 panes but they should be looked for. These No. 4 panes likewise should be watched for in the 49c and 97c booklets with the "b" covers. All 2c denominations with No. 4 panes appear in the "c" covers.

Summarizing the above we have the following possibilities in combinations of covers and panes:

I 1c, 25 cent Booklet				II 1c, 97 cent Booklet				III 1c-2c, 73 cent Booklet			
a.	1	4		a.	1	4		a.	1c&2c	1c&2c	
b.	*	*		b.	*	*		b.	1	1	*
c.	P	P		c.	P	P		c.	1	2	*
								c.	1	4	*
IV 2c, 25 cent Booklet				V 2c, 49 cent Booklet				VI 2c, 97 cent Booklet			
a.	1	2	3	a.	1	2	3	a.	1	2	3
b.	K	*	*	b.	K	*	*	b.	K	*	*
c.	*	P	*	c.	*	P	*	c.	*	P	*
Cover a.—Flat Plate				Cover a.—Old Type				K—Known			
2.—1st Experimental				b.—New Experimental				P—Probable			
3.—2nd Experimental				c.—New Regular				*—Improbable			
4.—Regular Rotary											

top and bottom will show. pane No. 3. The second set of experimental rotary plates, Nos. 18550-51 were put to press also on 9 June, 1926, the same date as the plates 17450-51 (pane No. 2) were started and 61991 sheets were printed (360 subjects). Like the sheets for pane 2 this printing was supposed to be made only into 25 cent booklet in "a" covers and there were probably some 1,800,000 booklets of this type turned into stock.

ates Nos. 18550-51 were cancelled after this printing, so that, in all probability, experimental pane 2 can only be

The probability of a 1c rotary pane 4 has been included above, although these varieties would not strictly come within the scope of these notes, as no curved booklet 1c plates were made in 1926.



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There are in the vaults a considerable number of flat 1c booklet plates but owing to changing of postal rates they never have been put to press. These probably would be used up before curved plates are made but they may be used in "a" or "c" covers. It is not impossible that a new form of cover might supersede the "c" before these No. 1 panes are used up.

Action by Congress to restore the 1 cent rate to private post cards will create a demand that should wear out existing plates rapidly in making up a sufficient stock.

The writer would appreciate hearing from anyone finding experimental panes 2 and 3, the only rotaries in the old, or "a" cover, and also of any combinations not listed as known, more especially the numbers 1 and 4 panes in the "b" covers in 49c and 97c denominations. As the "b" cover was put to press before the rotary number 4 panes were approved, both types 1 and 4 2c panes in all denominations were, doubtless, put into circulation but so far only the 25c books of both types have been reported.

CONFISCATION IN CANADA

By EDWARD E. GOODCHILD.

Greed, and nothing but greed, has much, if not all to do with the sudden action of the P. O. authorities in Canada regarding the reproduction of Canadian postage stamps.

Since its inception, those who have guided the destinies of the Philatelic Department of the Postage Stamp Dept. of Canada have given very courteous and valuable assistance to philatelists throughout the world, and in moments of despair we should not be unmindful

of that fact.

Information of valuable assistance as to plate numbers, quantities supplied, etc., have always been readily given by those responsible. With that experience one may well inquire why this apparent change of heart, if any, of the authorities toward Philately. A little play of imagination can readily supply the answer.

In the belief they were conferring a favor upon philatelists, the department under authority of Mr. Gabony, the Deputy Minister, instead of destroying all of the supplies of the now famous three-cent surcharges saved a number of sheets for "philatelic purposes."

A firm of Canadian stamp dealers, obtaining their supplies rather early saw an opportunity for a little "clean up" and boosted these "rare" items at 25c each and then up to 35c per stamp.

If there is one bugbear philatelists have to contend with it's the surcharge issues. Most, readily lend themselves to the faker's art and this Canadian surcharge is no exception, in fact, the type is of the font found in "any old printing establishment."

At thirty-five cents per stamp the faker would be more than well repaid, we must therefore believe that those in charge of stamp issues were alive to the possibility of the market being flooded with spurious surcharge specimens, and took action as a precautionary warning against such.

The legal aspect of the case is at present being investigated by certain legal authorities insofar as it affects seizures of cuts, and although no definite decision has yet been arrived at, it is the belief that the P. O. department would be acting within its rights so far as cuts of Canadian Postage stamps are concerned but would have exceeded its power and open to action if its seizure included demonitised or Revenue stamps outside of its jurisdiction.

That the matter will be adjusted to the satisfaction of all parties interested is the belief of those more qualified to judge.

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The buzz of conversation regarding prospective commemoratives for the U. S. is losing some of its softer accents and again it becomes evident that there is a division of opinion as to the effect that such stamps have on what may be called the welfare of collecting. We do not know whether any philatelic societies have debated the subject as has been suggested but it is plain that readers have not been backward in speaking for themselves, individually. Recently, we took a vote of twenty callers on: Are commemorative issues desirable, in good number, in your opinion and (b) for the benefit of collecting, as a whole? The voters ranged from twelve to sixty-five years of age and their answers were tabulated but the result was that the voters, when viewed compositely, almost divided themselves, half and half. It was not denied, however, that the "thrill" of such issues was weakening with successive issues. One reader who, by-the-way, is in the advertising business says: "You have summed up the matter in remarks made in a recent issue, as follows: 'The danger of undue industry in stamp making is recognized even by those who stress the temporary tonic effect of new stamps on philately. Each succeeding special issue moderates interest and a check is needed to prevent the idea from running wild.' That is a good statement and why not rest on it? When it is found that sales to collectors fall off, it will be shown how collectors stand." Then our editorial friend, Mr. Victor W. Rotnem, takes up the cudgels for commemoratives and brings arguments to bear in favor of them but he takes it for granted that our expressions are personal, instead of being based on the opinions of a rather large number of collectors who have taken the time to register their views. We have felt that the advertising value of commemorative

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ratives commended itself and this advantage, coupled with the fact that the outlay for the stamps was no hardship on the collector justified the stamps. However, we are aware that there are not a few collectors who take a broad view of the problem and say that the effect of the stamps on collecting is an impairing one. The fear that the trickle of commemoratives may become a stream worries more than the well-known corporal's guard of collectors.

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A book of over 350 pages has been published at Cleveland, Ohio, with the engaging title, The Overland Mail, and while there is nothing of philatelic content in it, if the picture of a pony express envelope is excepted, the book is one that will be esteemed for its historical importance. The years, 1849 to 1869, are reviewed by the writer, LeRoy R. Hafen, Ph.D., historian of The State Historical and Natural History Society of Colorado, who had access to a host of authorities on his subject; and we may add that there are about 750 footnotes in the book.

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From Mr. E. W. Murray, Monroe, La., we have received two varieties of the Wells, Fargo & Co.'s prepaid newspaper stamps, 1c and 2c, each with the text: "In payment of the charges on newspapers and magazines to all points

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Mr. N. J. McQuade, Utica, N. Y., says: "Having collected stamps for fifty years in a modest way and having marked on the back of each stamp, the time of purchase, and from whom bought, as well as the price, I find much



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As readers know, the post office de-
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the western division of the flight was
awarded some weeks ago but inasmuch
as the bids on the eastern service, Chi-
cago to New York, were unsatisfactory,
a second call was advertised and the
National Air Transport, Inc., has been
awarded the contract. The schedule
will necessitate a flying speed of a mini-
mum of ninety miles an hour.

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The story of the man who bought
a hotel so that he could "fire the clerk
who was flip to him" comes to mind as
a consequence of the following request
from a reader: "Why don't you buy
—because it is so woodeny; I am
sorry that I have to see it come each
month." Some of our readers take a
great interest in our affairs and many
has and suggestions come from those
who are interested in our publishing
welfare. At times, advice is given that
is impractical because it proceeds from
a mistaken idea of the purpose of the
paper. The mission of the WEEKLY

is to present the news of the week in a
readable manner so as to enlist the at-
tention of all classes. A month's issues
of the paper will establish the fact that
within that period, about all the notes on
the collecting scale are struck, with un-
due emphasis on none. We realize that
the pursuit has advanced beyond the per-
sonal stage and that collecting is in no
way dependent on the wishes or whims
of any individual; and so, our columns

reflect that condition. Well-balanced
rations must be provided and a surfeit
of no one course is offered, at any
rate. At times, our pages cannot ac-
commodate all the matter that crowds
for place and changes have to be made
at the last moment, which upsets our
routine, but in the aggregate, the whole
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71.....1.50	89-90.....1.00	NATAL, MINT		93......30	112......20
72......25	99-100......40	#96.....8.50	#116.....9.50	94......25	113......30
73.....2.00	103......40	115.....4.50	117.....30.00	95......40	114......30
74......60	105......90			96......75	115......45
IRELAND, MINT		NYASALAND, MINT		97......90	116......90
#1-8.....4.25	#12-14.....1.65	#2-6.....1.75	#22.....3.75	98......80	117.....2.00
9.....4.00	15-26.....5.00	RHODESIA, MINT		101.....4.50	118.....4.00
10.....7.00	29-41.....3.50	#119-25......85	#129......50	SEYCHELLES, MINT	
11.....14.00	42-44.....7.25	127......30	130......75	#29......30	#77......15
18.....17.50	45-56.....1.45	128......45	136.....8.00	30......40	78......15
LEEWARD IS. MINT		ST. LUCIA, MINT		31......30	79......20
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8.....5.00	36-43.....3.50	VIRGIN IS. MINT		41......60	81......30
11......50	50-51......25	#38-44.....1.10	#56......20	49......60	82......65
17-19.....1.35	60.....1.25	45.....1.25	57......10	60......50	95......30
33.....1.00	76-77......80	46.....2.50	58......32	71......75	97......15
		54......25	59......75	76......20	98......20

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NEWS ITEMS:—

WE are indebted to M. P. Ganey for
two clippings. One gives the story
of the Lamborn auction sale in New
York City as it appeared in the N. Y.
Times. The other is from the Peoria,
Ill., Star and describes the collection of
airmail stamps of Paul F. Robertson of
that city. The story of his collection is
accompanied by a picture of Mr. Robert-
son.

ALBERT H. HARRIS, writing us in
behalf of the Harris Publications
Ltd., informs us that his office has been
removed to 112 Strand, where he is
very pleasantly situated. This firm is
actively engaged in various lines of phil-
atelic publishing.

WE have received from Fred E. Pro-
haska, 82 Hutton St., Jersey City,
N. J., his April price-list covering a
wide range of stamps in sets and singles.
A sample copy will be sent by Mr. Pro-
haska on request.

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"Finger Print" Overprint

Quite recently Sidney Brownstein contributed a bit of verse to our columns, and we are very glad to have another contribution, as follows:—

The type of fellow I can't stand
Is the guy who grabs with dirty hand.
A Stamp that's new and clean and mint,
And returns it surcharged "Finger print".

We can sympathize with Sidney.

Side-Lines in Collecting

In recent issues I have suggested some specialized collecting with animals and birds in alphabetical order. This idea can be applied in other directions, as for instance the botanical kingdom, where nearly every useful tree and plant is well represented. Map and ship stamps are very common and in general of interest-



ing appearance and make a very fine collection in themselves. Then there are in addition to scenic views, those representing the various trades and activities of mankind. In the average catalog there are nearly one hundred different trade activities represented from bishops to blacksmiths, the collecting of which makes for infinite variety.—PERCY A. HILL.

Stamp News for the Juniors

Is there anything you want to know about stamps or stamp collecting? If so, write the editor. What would you like to see in this department? We have no way of knowing unless you tell us. Mr. Senior Collector, can't you give the boy collector about 50 words of encouragement along practical lines? Address your letter to the Beverly office.

Junior Gossip

—We have received a little story on 'The Precancelled Stamp of Kokomo, Ind.' from Parvin Riley (17), Bridgeton, N. J. We are not publishing the same, but we thank our Junior friend for remembering us with his story. In this connection we may add that we are glad to hear from our Junior collectors at any time, but it may not always be possible for us to use their contributions. We shall do this whenever possible.

—We are very pleased at the interest taken in our British stamp contest. Answers were sent in by the following Juniors:—

Earl L. Whetsell, Eugene McDonald (15), Paul Barnes, Helen G. Hovda, David Q. Weaver, Kazuo Sakane, Alfred R. Tapert, G. A. Vikre (15), Russell Manning, Arthur Newman (16), Julius Petrofsky, Edward Farnsworth, Paul Hardacre (11), Billy Germain, Robert Pullen (9), Billy Burr, Fred Applegate, E. Bradford, Lewis Broatch, Samuel Horvitz, Jeffrey Weinberger, Alvin Stamme, Ben R. Gossick, J. Raymond White, Russell Mau, Samuel Horvitz, Harry Katz, Edw. H. Sandell, Donald Smith, Jeffrey Weinberger (15), Louis A. Otto, Jr., Jack Morgan (11), David E. Van Voorhis, Jr., Hugh Rowlands (13), Ben Lyons, Clifford Stoner, K. Maxine Herzler, Wentworth Miller, Albert Tansey (14), Paul Tietjen, Donald Nystrom, Harry Bauman, Harold C. Brown, Walter Toczko, Paul Anderson, Wesley L. Furste, II (11), Lester Harmon, Jr., Arra Avakian, Bond Perry (13), Donald Favor (14), Lyle E. Beal, George Murphy, Ralph Greenwood, Karl D. Ebers, O. Fay Allen, Jr., Lois P. Allen (11), John Lervak (14), Leicester E. Lau (12), Ephraim Sperman, Charles Roberts, Florence Lyons, Fred Bamber, Edw. H. Sandell, Allen Harding, Chas. S. Latham, Robert Raffauf, Wm. Maurer and J. B. Rogers.

—"I believe Albert Rosenthal is right. If U. S. stamp dealers will put the catalogue number on the back of each stamp they sell, it would prove quite popular with collectors who are puzzled by different shades and varieties. — H. R. ZUCKERMAN.

Origin of Countries' Names

(Insert in Your Album.)

Orange River.—The Hottentots call this river *Garib*—"great water." This word was corrupted by the Dutch into *Gariep*. In 1777 Colonel Gordon, a Dutch officer of Scotch birth, named it "Orange" in honour of the Prince of Orange.

Nova Scotia.—In 1603 this country was called Acadia by the French. An expedition sent out under De Monts, by Henry the IV of France, came into conflict with the English settlers while carrying out their royal master's rather large pretensions. Doubtless, in consequence of this, James the First, with his usual Scotch canniness, made a grant of the whole peninsula, under the name of *Nova Scotia*—"New Scotland," to Sir William Alexander, another Scotsman. The name *Scotia* was originally applied to Ireland. A tribe from thence came and settled in a part of Scotland, then called Caledonia, giving to it the new name of *Scotia* in the eleventh century. From that beginning the name *Scotland* became established in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries.

Mauritius.—The island was discovered by a Portuguese navigator in 1505, but it was taken possession of by the Dutch in 1598 and named by them after Count Maurice of Nassau. Previously the name given by the Portuguese was "Ilha da Cerne."

Montserrat was discovered by Columbus in 1493 and named by him from *Mont Serrado*, Spanish *serrado* and *serato*—"toothed like a saw," a "saw-like mountain."—*Stamp Collecting.*

Postmasters' Stamps

These are stamps and envelopes prepared for and issued by the Postmasters of various cities in the United States in 1845-46 to facilitate the prepayment of postage previous to the introduction of



the general Governmental issues. Outside the United States we find but one solitary representative of this class of special stamps—a 1d label issued by the Postmaster of Hamilton, Bermuda, in 1848.

An Album Page Arrangement

So many collectors using a blank album think it is their bounden duty to crowd as many stamps on a page as possible, and with that "laudable" object in view, they mount the first stamp in the upper left-hand corner, and follow the others all as close together as possible, row by row, ignoring such trifles as different issues and regardless of the most elementary ideas of symmetry. This is, of course, altogether the wrong way. Each issue must be kept entirely separate. Thus if one has two issues of stamps, one containing three varieties and the other two, these must not be placed in the same horizontal row but each must be allowed a row to itself. Furthermore, the stamps should be mounted in the centre of the page and not as near the left-hand side as possible. For the sake of illustration we will presume we have four issues to mount on one of our pages comprising seven, three, four, and eight stamps respectively. We find eight will not go in a row and seven has a rather crowded appearance so we decide to allow two rows to each of these issues. In all we, thus, have six horizontal rows and allowing a fair space between these they fill the page nicely. The 22 stamps will be arranged as follows:—

1	2	3	4	5
		6	7	
	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14	
15	16	17	18	19
	20	21	22	

Do not arrange them thus:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22						

War Tax Stamps

Most collectors are familiar with the Spanish stamps inscribed "Impuesto de Guerra." These are listed in Gibbons under the caption "War tax stamps" and, we read, "These stamps were issued to collect a fee in addition to the ordinary postal rate." It will thus be seen that they are not postage stamps at all inas-



much as they did not pay postage but represented a transitory tax levied on letters and stamped papers and documents. The first of these war tax labels was issued in 1874 to help pay the expenses incurred by the Carlist insurrection while the last was issued in 1898-99 to help pay for the war in Cuba and the Philippine Islands.

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The Viking Ship

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The Junior Dictionary

Amur Province.—A tract of territory in Siberia. Stamps are said to have been issued in 1917, bearing the inscription "Amurskoe Zemstvo Lioy" or "Amurian Local Government Post."

Arad.—A city in Hungary where during the World War, the French occupation forces under the authority of the Allied commanders used certain Hungarian stamps overprinted "Occupation française."

Arbe.—This surcharge on the "Agency" stamps of Fiume was to indicate their use in the island of Arbe in the gulf of Quarnero, which was occupied by the Legionnaires of D'Annunzio.

Armenia.—A large table-land region northeast of Asia Minor. Stamps were first issued in 1920, consisting of Russian stamps overprinted with various devices. In 1921, a regular set appeared.

Aunus.—A town in N. W. Russia where in 1919, Finnish stamps were overprinted "Aunus" by the Finnish military forces engaged in fighting the Bolsheviks.

Ayacucho.—An Indian word found on Peru, 1921, issue, and meaning "Corner of Death." It has reference to the battle which secured the independence of Peru when Gen. Sucre defeated the Spaniards Dec. 9, 1824.

Azerbaijan.—This republic was composed of parts of former Russian, Persian and Turkish territory.

Bagdad Issue.—A name applied to a set of stamps used by the British Occupation Forces at Bagdad during the World War. Stamps of Turkey were overprinted "Baghdad—in British Occupation."

Balcony Falls, Va.—A town where Confederate provisional appeared in 1861. The stamp is circular in shape and the design is a five pointed star with "10" in the centre and P-A-I-D and the letters "C. S." in the spaces between the points.

Balboa Tomando Posesion De Oceano Pacifico.—"Balboa taking possession of the Pacific Ocean" on the Panama 1915, 2c stamp.

Banat Issue.—In July, 1919, the Serbian troops withdrew from the Banat, an agricultural region in Hungary whose chief town is Temesvar, but before the Roumanian forces could take possession, the local Hungarian postal officials issued a distinctive local set of stamps. It is known as the Banat Issue and is purely Hungarian.

Baranya.—A city in Hungary where during the Serbian Occupation in the World War certain Hungarian stamps were overprinted "Baranya."

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(Continued from page 238)
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partment to the government of the Phil-
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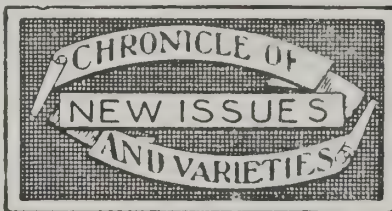
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United States

3c National, Broken Plate

Mr. Eugene Klein has just shown me the 1870 3c National broken plate on cover. I have never seen this break before, which extends horizontally across the stamp at the level of the neck. The crack is very deep at the left and terminates at the extreme right edge of the variety. The copy in question is on a cover from Ithaca to Williams Point, Pa., and the black postmark bears date of Feb. 6. Notation upon the envelope in manuscript shows that the year of use was 1873. The copy is on a cover used by the offices of the Ithaca & Athens Railroad.

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their delivery as special delivery articles of domestic origin.

BRAZIL.—L'Echo de la Timbrologie states that two Commemorative stamps will be issued in August on the occasion of the centenary of the foundation of the Courts of Justice in Brazil. The stamps will be 35x24 mm.; the values 100r blue and 200r red; the inscription "Brasil—11 De agosto 1827/1927—Cursos Juridicos—Centenario".—Philatelic Magazine.

FRANCE.—The latest new issue of this country is the 1fr10c cerise, Sower type. Mr. R. Roberts sends a copy for chronicle.

HUNGARY.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 70 filler scarlet, design similar to Scott's A27 but with the word at the top extending over the entire length of the stamp and the word "Filler" at the base in smaller and shorter letters. Also the 1 filler postage due stamps has appeared in carmine.

HYDERABAD.—Whitfield King & Co. report that they have received the 1 rupee value in yellow.

JAMAICA.—We have received from Mr. R. Roberts a copy of the 5sh stamp of the current issue in a different shade from the original printing. The frame plate is quite a bright orange yellow instead of the bistre and the vignette plate is a deeper richer blue.

MOROCCO.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the Air Post stamps in these new denominations and colors: 80c brown, 1fr40c red brown, 1fr90c blue and 3fr black.

NETHERLANDS.—Our Rotterdam correspondent, Mr. P. Gordon, informs us that the 7 1/2 and 60c values are to disappear from circulation, while new denominations of 27 1/2c and 45c are to be issued.

There is no official news as to the watermark being done away with, as recently rumored elsewhere.

Mr. Gordon tells us that a new set of Red Cross stamps, to celebrate the

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sixtieth anniversary of the Dutch R Cross Society, will be issued about June comprising the denominations of 2, 3, 10 and 15c, to be sold at a premium of 2, 2, 3, 3 and 5c respectively.—Stamp Collecting.

NEW CALEDONIA.—The long-promised portrait stamps have again been announced as about to be issued. In time, in about a couple of months L'Echangiste Universel gives biographical details as follows:

"La Pérouse. Born at Albi in 1735. Died 1788. Sent exploring by Louis XVI, he commanded two ships, which went aground off the Isle of Vanikoro (North of New Hebrides). He was massacred by the natives.

Jules Dumont d'Urville. Another French Navigator. During his voyage round the world, in 1828, re-discovered the remains of the boats, 'La Boussou' and 'L'Astrolabe.' These were, by order of the Government of Louis Philippe transported to France, where they are exhibited in the Naval Museum of the Louvre.

Louis de Bougainville, French Navigator. Born at Paris in 1732. Died 1811. Between 1766 and 1769 he undertook tour of the world, about which he wrote a book. Napoleon created him a Count and Senator."—Philatelic Magazine.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—Our Special correspondent, Mr. Frank F. Willis, has on good authority that plans are already under way for the issuing of a new set of stamps, which it is hoped will be ready in about two months.—Stamp Collecting.

NORTH BORNEO.—Mr. R. Roberts advises us that the following denominations of the current issue have been placed on sale with perforation 12 1/2: 1c, 3c, 5c, 10c, 25c, 50c and of the postage due series the 3c and 4c.

PALESTINE.—Further to the descriptions given in our last reference, we have now received the following: "It is officially announced that the first issue of new Palestine stamps, replacing the overprinted Egyptian Expeditionary Force stamps now used, will probably appear in July. The stamps will bear representations of David's Tower, the Mosque of Omar, Rachael's Tomb, and the Sea of Galilee."—"Exchange Telegraph Company."—Philatelic Magazine.

PARAGUAY.—From Whitfield King & Co. we learn that the 5c blue, design Scott's A38, has been surcharged "Habi tado en \$0.02 centavos" in four lines black.

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& Co., the 10c, brown and 30c, olive
They are of the same design.
of St. Jean at Marche, and bear
uprint "St. Johanner Brunnen."
the 2fr of the same issue has been
printed "DIENSTMARKE" diagonally in

V. AFRICA.—Our Johannesburg col-
Mr. J. Robertson, writes:—Re-
g the new overprint on the 1d pic-
i.e., English overprint on Afrikaans
and Afrikaans overprint on Eng-
lishes, I am able to inform you
the 1/2d and 6d pictorials will shortly
issue with this transposed over-
The overprint on these two values
is the case with the 1d denomina-
on stamps printed in London.

also have to thank Mr. Robertson
official pictorial post card, with a
few of Dwars River (Cape Prov-
on the back and a printed 1/2d
"Ship" stamp on the front. This
is a new issue, and we understand
four different views are obtain-
sold by the P.O. at 2 1/2d each—
obtainable with bilingual 1 1/2d stamp
overseas postage. The same friend
having just seen an English
African triangular with the over-
"SOUTH WEST AFRICA" in one line
type of sans serif caps as before.
copy shown was from a packet.—
Collecting.

SAITS SETTLEMENTS.—Mr. R. Rob-
forms us that he has received the
purple on yellow, Die 2.

SWITZERLAND.—La Suisse Philatelique
that the Arms of all the 22 Can-
have now appeared on the Pro-
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(1) Bust of Pestalozzi; (2) His Wife, Anna, née Schulthess; (3) Picture of Pestalozzi at Yverdon in 1812, by J. H. Meyer, and (4) Pestalozzi and "Iselin aux Bains" of Schinzach. — *Philatelic Magazine*.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA. — News from Mr. J. Robertson, editor of the *South African Philatelist*: — I am informed on authority which I have previously found 100 per cent reliable that supplies of further values in the pictorial set have reached Pretoria from London. Beyond the statement that at least one denomination is transverse oblong in shape no details are available, but the denominations received will probably prove to be the 2d and 3d, as they are much needed.

Supplies of the Pretoria printed 1/2d and 6d pictorials have been delivered to the Post Office Department by the Government Printer, and the former denomination will probably be on issue almost at once.

A new design has been adopted for the Postage Due stamps, while the wording has also been altered. Stamps are now inscribed alternately in English and Afrikaans, as on the postage adhesives. The new 1d Due is now on sale at Pretoria P.O., but is not yet available in Johannesburg. I shall probably be able to enclose specimens with this letter. [Not enclosed.—Ed.] The 2d, 3d and 6d Dues in the new design will probably not be available for some little while yet, but the 2d will be the next to appear. No further printings are being made of the 1/2d and 1 1/2d Postage Due stamps, as these denominations are no longer required.

I omitted to mention above that on the new Postage Due design the inscriptions are alternately "SOUTH AFRICA" and "SUIDAFRICA." — *Stamp Collecting*.

St. Kitts, 3d Ultramarine.—It is not my rule to be continually patting myself on the back, but one may be forgiven now and again when things turn out as predicted. I am hoping that all my readers took full advantage of the St. Kitts 3d blue, S.G. No. 47, which has now jumped to 2sh both mint and used. I may go a step further and give it as my opinion that not only this stamp, but others of the 3d values which have changed, or are about to do so, their colours will rise in price.

British P.O.'s in China (on Hong Kong).—I have a reason for making my "Best Thing of the Month," China, British Post Office, 50 cents, black on emerald, emerald back. S.G. 12b.

The printing of this stamp was not a large order, and it will not be repeated. These British Post Offices in China are often stated to be shut, and the stamps obsolete — but look out for some new issues from this quarter of the globe!

The Remaining M.C.A. Paper. — All values have appeared of the Crown Colonies series, with the exception of the £1 values, on the new script watermarked paper.

The red paper used for this value was manufactured in absurdly large quantities, and, I understand, would last for years if it is kept for the high value stamps it is exclusively used for at present. There are rumours about that the £1 values are shortly beginning to appear on the new script paper. I do not place any credence in this rumour, but there is so much of the red paper remaining, that I should say it will certainly be destroyed one day.

Australia.—Readers should quickly obtain the two low values Australian, 1d green and 1 1/2d red, with the new mul-

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*Costa Rica—Same, 1 colour50
*Dominica—3sh script wmk., New96
*Dominica—5sh script wmk.	1.60
*Egypt—20m Special Delivery15
*Egypt—New Official set, permanent design, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20 & 50m65
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*Netherlands—New circles wmk. 35, 40 & 50c, 3 vars.75
*New Guinea—1 1/2d red05
*Seychelles—9c red05
*Sierra Leone—5sh script wmk.	1.60
*Sierra Leone—10sh script wmk.	3.20
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tiple watermark, and perforated with the old comb machine, 14. I expect these will be the only two values to be issued with this watermark and perforation, and they had a very short life indeed, as a new comb machine, perforating 13 1/2 by 12 1/2 was very quickly brought into use.

French Provisionals.—I should like my followers to get all these as they appear. Some will turn out good, and others may not, but they only cost a small sum, so do not miss any. Whilst on France, I should like to mention that French precancels are beginning to go very high—not the Postes Affranchis which are at present in use, but all the Postes Paris and Postes France, which were previously in use. These may be found amongst the very commonest mixtures, and the market price of the commonest in France today is from 2s6d to 10sh. Some of them fetch even a good bit more.

French Colonial Surcharges. — Those readers who followed my last advice on these should keep it up with the new ones that are now putting in an appearance. The 10 and 20 franc provisionals which have just appeared for five of the French Colonies, will have but a very short life. Follow these up by obtaining copies of the new 90 centimes and 1.50 centimes surcharges as soon as you can obtain them.

Monaco.—A nice little country, this, I think, and I advise readers not to miss

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any of these stamps as they appear, as many of them are likely to have a very short life, and very few in number, comparatively speaking, are printed at one time.

Belgium.—The Belgium 5 francs, plus, 1fr red, charity (tuberculosis) stamp recently issued, has been fetching quite a large price here and even more in Belgium. I do not feel inclined to boost it, as from what I hear it is very probable that the Belgian Government will make a second printing of this stamp. Of course, the second printing, if it eventuates, may show a marked difference in some way or other, as they often do, but as I say, I shouldn't recommend buying this stamp except at the ordinary percentage over face.

Seychelles.—I am of opinion that there are two of the recent low value stamps of this Colony likely to become rather scarce in the near future. I allude to the 3c black and the 12c carmine scripts. The former has now reverted to green, and the latter to grey. Neither has had a long life, and the 12c especially has always been rather an elusive stamp.—Philatelic Journal of Great Britain.

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WESTERN AIRMAIL NOTE

By CALVERT R. STIER.

Bids for the carrying of mail by plane from Seattle to Victoria will be opened by the post office department May 17. This bid calls for operation of the airmail service for one year, 1, 1927, to the following July. Those liners bound for the Orient on the port of Victoria. No special cancellation is to be used on the opening of this service.

On CAM 5, Walter T. Varney, controller of the Pasco to Elko (now changed to Salt Lake City) airmail has application to the P. O. Dept. for operation of a seven-day schedule to begin April 1. Varney's planes now all days except Monday, when the r is dispatched by Oregon and Washington train to Salt Lake or San Francisco. This extra day of service will allow Varney to take care of the increased mail that has resulted since the reduction of rates February first. This serves the states of Washington, Oregon and Idaho, allowing the Northwest have direct air communication with New York.

Route 8, Seattle to Los Angeles, had several mishaps with its planes, the mail delivery has been most content and on time. This route is longest of all the contract ones, serves some dozen large coast cities.

The Wilkins Expedition at Point Barrow, Alaska, in which great interest being taken here in Seattle, has received its third plane from Detroit. The idea of this expedition is, for C. Wilkins and his staff to use the plane in flying from the base at Point Barrow in search for unexplored lands. Perhaps Wilkins will have a special N. Pole stamp issued, as did the Norwegian.

The China controversy has made the city of Seattle a clearing house for mail letters. Most of the important patches to the danger zones of N. China arrive here by Pasco-Salt Lake airmail and are despatched on the imperial liners bound for Kobe, Shanghai and Hong Kong. Those that are late are placed on the seaplane at Seattle and immediately dispatched to Victoria, where they are placed on outbound steamers.

It is doubtful if any more contract mail routes will be established here the west, despite some talk concerning new ones. The Seattle-Los Angeles-Victoria-Seattle, Pasco-Boise-Salt Lake and the Cheyenne-Denver-Pueblo routes amply take care of all important west cities.

NOTES ON NATIONAL GRILL

(Continued from page 235)

the 1870-73 series and tries to fill out set with similar "plain, strong grill" cannot live long enough to complete set simply because that grill does occur on the high value stamps, when both grills are represented in collection the owner is apt to wonder which are genuine or why the catalog fail to mention the existence of two distinct varieties.

The purchaser of a large grill show the characteristics of the smaller is of luck. When he discovers it was made by the National Bank Note Co. dealer who sold it is also out of luck. The 3c National with grill (Scott 136), is priced at 8c. Any dealer who stock contains a dozen or two probably has at least one copy of each of the major grills showing their characteristics plainly. At a cost of 15 cents any collector can possess himself of two stamps that will be a shield and buckler against the temptation to invest good money in good stamps bearing grills that are so good as they may look.

I wish to express my indebtedness to Arthur E. Owen for first calling my attention to the existence of National grills from the later plates and to John N. L. for having drawn so freely from his valuable book for the information covering the numbering of the National plates to which reference is made in this article.—Scott's Monthly Journal.

THE PRECANCEL REVIEW

Edited by FREDERICK W. ALLEN, 815 Delaware, S. E., Minneapolis, Minn.

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Part I.—Bureau Precancels

This week I have lots of news for those interested in the Bureau and precancellations. As you are aware, the Department is experimenting with a new perforation for the Rotary stamps, which is compound, being 1½, and for the first time Bureau precancels were issued in this perforation in the month of January. Following is a list of the same, which shall be found in the Bureau catalog as follows: "1927, Bureau Print Rotary":

(Perforated 11x10½)
Columbus, O., 3c, 5c, 10c.
Chicago, 1½c.
Los Angeles, 3c.
St. Louis, 2c.
St. Paul, 1½c.
Washington, D. C., 3c.

The above have been issued in the new perforation, except the 3c Dallas. This gives us five stamps in the new perforation, the 1½c, 2c, 5c and 10c. The 1½c will doubtless follow shortly. In addition to these new varieties we also look for the following, which were ordered during the months of December and January:

Batavia, Ill., 1½c coil.
Youngstown, O., 1½c coil.
Little Rock, Ark., 1½c coil.
Chicago, 1½c coil.
St. Paul, N. J., 1c coil.
Dallas, Texas, 1, 1½, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10c ordinary.
Batavia, R. I., 7, 9c ordinary.
It may be well to note that the Manassas coil was reported as having been issued a year ago, but this was not so. The 1½c has heretofore been all that has been furnished and is incidentally a common variety.

Dallas will use the entire set to 10c in 10x10 perforation, with the exception of the 3c, which is the 11x10½. The 10c coil may also be looked for, though not as yet been ordered.

Evidence has now the entire series of 1c to 10c in the 10x10 perforation, and the 7c and 9c have been furnished. Chicago, 1½c is a decided surprise. I imagine what the need is for such a circular mailing from this town.

Batavia and Youngstown coils will be hard to pick up, but Little Rock should be more plentiful.

The Harrisburg 3, 4, 5 and 10c ordinary stamps that were reported some time ago should never have been listed as they were reported through error by our correspondent.

The Gossip Bureau Catalog will appear at an early date, as the compilation has been completed and the material sent to the publishers. The prices on the Frenchtown and New Britain 1c coils have been advanced to \$5.00 and \$3.00, respectively.

Part II.—General Issues

THE ILLUSTRATIONS

Three Oaks, Mich.—Makes its debut in precancel circles with a printed cancellation produced by a 100 subject electroplate. I believe it exists only on the 1½c, perforated 10.

San Pedro, Calif.—The illustrated overprint was first seen by me, upon the current 20c. This style is going into widespread use, which is well, for it is admittedly of pleasing appearance and distinctive neatness.

South Bend, Ind.—Says goodbye to the old U-5 style! Just as well, too, because the old plate had several breaks in it and was beginning to show the signs of service. The new type came on the current 6c perf. 10, and was printed upside down.

Norfolk, Virginia—No longer will we get those large U-2 cancellations that were so striking, for the new plate is of the style that is being generally adopted. The 1½c, perf. 11 is all I have with the new overprint. Staunton, Va., has an electro that is practically identical, with the exception that the state name is abbreviated.

Carronton, O.—Very different, is it not, from the usual run of precancellations? Without question it is a local type set production. Have noticed it only upon the current 20c.

MISCELLANEOUS.

New Rochelle, N. Y.—In the course

of a month two new types of precancels are added to this city's list. First, the Bureau overprint on the 1½c coil, that is like the type for Grand Rapids, San Francisco, etc., and then an electroplate overprint resembling the Three Oaks, Mich. illustration. If ever a city needed an electroplate, it is New Rochelle, for the handstamped varieties were a disgrace to the name of precancels. The ink faded when you soaked the stamps and it was seldom that the cancellation was centered. However, the printed specimens are a delight to the eye. I can chronicle the 15 and 20c of the current series.

Ogden, Utah—Also discards a plate producing a large sized overprint, the Universal Style I, in favor of the style illustrated for San Pedro and Norfolk. This will mean a saving of ink, and an improved appearance for Ogden precancels.

Waukesha, Wis.—Likewise has a new electro of this same style. Prof. A. F. Gamber was the first to show it to me, on his pet stamp—the 14c.

Marinette, Wis.—Now possesses a plate which prints a cancellation like the illustrated Three Oaks. Have it on the 1½c.

Leon, Iowa — Wish we had room to illustrate this one. It consists of tall, thin capitals, with serifs, between lines and just about covers the stamp. I feel sure that the cancellation is a local type-setting, for it is printed, not hand-stamped. I found a pair of the current 13c in a job lot from a Texas correspondent.

Sherrill, N. Y.—Someone mentioned that this city has an electroplate, but if so it's new to me, for I have not seen evidence of the fact. If some reader has a specimen showing a printed cancellation, I shall appreciate seeing it.

There are a number of new offices to be recorded as having come into the precancel fold, with handstamped precancellations. These I shall attempt to cover in a separate article. News notes in regard to any of these will be appreciated.

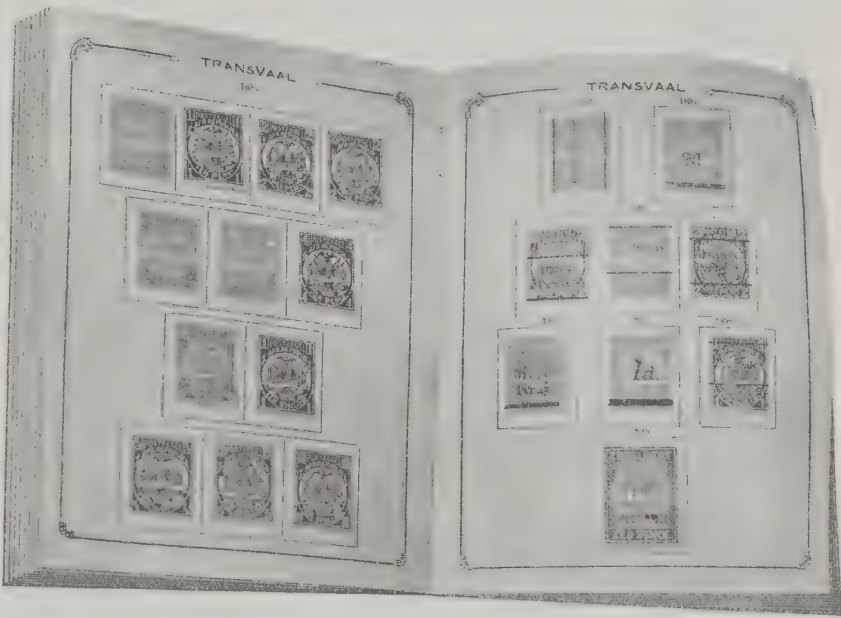
That the 1926 Standard Precancel Catalog is completely sold out, is the information I receive from the publishers. There are, however, a number of copies of the 1925 edition available at a sacrifice price. If any reader wishes more information concerning this interesting branch of the hobby, I suggest buying one of the 1925 books. They can be ordered through this department. The cost is \$1.00.

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STORY IS DATED APRIL 1

The following article in some form or other has been going the rounds of the daily press. D. Staver sends us a clipping from the "Daily Tribune" which we reprint because of the significant fact that it bears the date line "April 1". The contents contained in the article have not been verified by any of our Denver correspondents.

DENVER, COL., April 1.—Romance in stamps? Yes, and fortune, too! August Lutken, who spent 53 of his 63 years in collecting the postage of the world from its four corners, has disposed of part of his collection for \$38,000.

Lutken has sent to stamp dealers in California, 220,000 stamps, mostly those of the United States. He will retain a collection of 750,000, which he appraises at \$100,000.

Lutken the game was no rich man's hobby. He could afford no heavy expenditure for this or that elusive stamp to complete some particular collection. His entire accumulation, he estimates, did not cost him more than \$500. Most of it he sold to him in his travels. For it was he who had seen the seven seas from the kind of ship bottom, but for 18 years he was a marine in the British Navy. Always it was the zest of the hobby, rather than the thought of an annual monetary return, that urged him on.

How did I start?" Lutken says: "I was in San Francisco in 1876. Four men had signed up for Liverpool. One of them, broke, offered me a membership book with 11 stamps pasted in for a quarter. I had been interested

in stamps before that, but those 11 I consider formed the cornerstone of my collection. Their present value is \$825."

A side of stamp collecting that absorbs Lutken is its educational phase. He is frequently sought by local schools and often he is called upon to address student bodies in various parts of the State. His little cottage in a remote section of the city is a popular rendezvous for excited school children.

THE UNITED STAMP SOCIETIES

The membership of the U. S. S. has again been augmented during the last few months by the addition of the following member societies: — Ridgewood Stamp Club, Ridgewood, N. J.; New Haven Philatelic Society, New Haven, Conn.; Memphis Stamp Club, Memphis, Tenn.; Bloomfield Stamp Club, Bloomfield, N. J., and International Stamp Club, Sheepshead Bay, N. Y. The membership has now increased to twenty-eight and several applications pending. Societies desiring affiliation are cordially invited to communicate with the Chairman of the Recruiting Committee, Wm. C. Steiger, 400 Lookout Ave., Hackensack, N. J.

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HOW I FELL FOR PRECANCELS
 By A. F. GAMBER.

As has been the case with many other now rabid precancel collectors, the process of my induction into the game was somewhat accidental. My collecting instinct was first aroused when I was about 9 years old, by the sight of a 2 1/2d blue stamp on a letter addressed to my father from the Cape of Good Hope. Thenceforth, I was always interested in stamps, but until my mother bought me a cheap packet of 100 varieties in 1900, I suppose I had not more than 20 or 25 stamps. My chances for securing stamps were very few, and my pocket money was all pocket and no money. But by the time I entered Oberlin College in 1907, I had accumulated some few hundred stamps from all parts of the world. Lacking \$5 to buy a Christmas present for my girl (she's still it) I sold them for that amount, and have never felt that I was cheated out of a single cent.

In 1910, I got Scott's 19th and 20th Century Albums and went at it again, this time with some money to spend occasionally. After 1912, when I was out of college and on my own, the collection grew more rapidly, but I soon came to see that with my limited means I never would get very far, so I traded off all but my 20th Century United States and a few foreign countries in which I had the best showing.

During this time precancels meant nothing to me except that the overprint disfigured many an otherwise, to me, fine copy. Between 1914 and 1917, I was Assistant Postmaster in a small North Dakota town, where I picked up quite a lot of the perf. 12 and 10 and Parcel Post issues and later traded them off for foreign and United States. I realized that there was a precancel game, but still I was not intrigued.

When I moved to Fargo in 1918, I met Frank W. Johnson, the old reliable, who has collected everything philatelic since 1896 or thereabouts. Frequent looks at his precancel collection made me more interested in them, but still I held off, giving away or trading off the choice items that came my way, and throwing away the common ones. I met Fred Allen for the first time when the Victory precancel was at the height of its popularity, and he gave me still more of an idea of how interesting the game is, but not enough to precipitate me into it, for I was then intent upon forming as large as possible a collection of the revalued 3c stamped envelopes.

In 1923 came the Harding stamp, which attracted me, as it did many another, by its unusual color and the circumstances surrounding its sudden appearance. I set out to form a specialized collection of mint plate number blocks of this stamp, beginning with No. 14,852, the first one. Having made a fair start on this, it occurred to me that this collection would be more representative if I included in it a page or so of the stamp precancelled.

A page or two? Lord bless you, before I knew it I was in deep, deeper, and then still deeper, and I've been there ever since! Forgotten were the blocks of six, forgotten was everything but—oh well, you were there yourself! I played the old army game along with the rest of the nuts, and stuck when many became disgusted or discouraged and quit cold. Them was the happy days, and no mistake!

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At first I decided on three stamps of the 1922 series, the 9c, 11c, and 14c, but after a few months I saw that I was scattering my fire too much, so I disposed of my few 9c and 11c, and ever since then the blue Indian has been my game. I chose this stamp in preference to the other two because of the greater thrill to be derived from pursuit of so odd a value, one so seldom used in the regular course of business. Needless to say, my anticipation has been fully realized. At present I have over 600 varieties of this stamp, cataloguing over \$500 by the 1926 catalog.

In 1925 my little daughter wanted to collect stamps because a girl friend of hers was doing so. I started her on the Bureau Prints because of their simplicity, but I'm ashamed to say that I allowed my heavy school work and collecting and correspondence to keep me from sustaining her interest, so I found myself with a good Bureau Print collection on my hands, to which I am adding right along. At present I have some 560 varieties of this very popular stamp.

Within the past few months I have taken up the 15c orange Spécial Delivery, attracted to it by the fact that but few offices have any occasion to precancel it, and by the striking appearance of the black ink overprint on the orange stamp.

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THREE SCARCE WAR STAMPS

By E. C. ECKEL.

A critical reader will note that, in my attempt to give these notes a very concise heading, two evident errors are introduced. For, first of all, only two of the stamps to be discussed (Togo No. 22 and U. S. A. No. 472) are of the War period proper, the third (Saar No. 98) being of considerably later date. And, second, two of the three are not scarce as stamps solely, their present interest arising from particular circumstances of use, in two cases at least. As against these two errors I might plead that I have used the term scarcity in a very mild way indeed; for we are talking of things of very considerable rarity. As will be seen later none of the three is likely to exist in any such quantity as one hundred copies—and there is indeed no proof that at least one of them exists in more than one.

The three subjects are as follows:

- I. United States No. 472 used within France, 1917-1919.
- II. Togo No. 22 used, unsurcharged, under French occupation in 1914.
- III. Saar No. 98 with inverted surcharge.

These cases will be separately described in the order named.

I. United States No. 472 Used Within France.

The ten-cent orange stamp of the 1916-1917 issue has the distinction of being the only American stamp to be used of necessity within France, during the days of the A. E. F. No other American stamp had any validity, as used from one point in France to another point in France; and as a matter of fact there was no occasion for anyone to use any other American stamp in such fashion.

But the ten-cent orange had a very special, and very limited, use in France. Under French rulings, all mail from any member of the A. E. F. could be sent through French mails without payment of postage. Under our own Army regulations, the use of the French posts for personal mail was barred. So that in any case, no use for ordinary postage stamps existed, for all the usual official mail passed without postage. But with regard to special transfers of funds, under certain conditions, the case was different; and the ten-cent orange was applied as a Registry stamp, to secure recognition of registry by the French posts to whom these letters were entrusted.

The circumstances under which the American stamp was so used were limited, so far as I know, to shipments of checks to engineer or quartermaster officers acting as special disbursing officers, located at detached posts, and with a necessity for paying off civilian labor or local bills in cash. It will be seen that with all these qualifying conditions the total use could not have been very great; and even if the stamps were also used,

as is possible, though not necessary, to secure a return receipt for a check sent to a French commercial house, it is not at all likely that the numbers so used ran up far into the thousands. And it is highly improbable that one out of ten such covers were saved at the time—so that the existing supply is probably a matter of a few hundreds, and perhaps of far less. It is in any case one of the very scarcest of American usages of stamps; and as such is worthy of record.

The few covers in my collection of this type were all addressed to me, and all came from the Engineer Purchasing Officer at Paris (U.S.P.O. 702) during the period June-October 1918. They carry the familiar circular postmark of the U. S. Military Postal Express Service * Registry *, with an additional oblong block containing the word Registered and a penciled serial number. I hope that someone who was in close touch with the Postal Service of the A. E. F. will throw light on the period during which our stamps were so used and the extent to which that use was carried.

II. German Togo No. 22 Used Unsurcharged During French Occupation.

The second scarce use of a common stamp occurs with respect to the ten-pfennig stamps of German Togo issued on watermarked paper; and relatively scarce even in a surcharged condition, though common enough unused and mint.

A cover in my collection, bought in Paris last year, shows what is perhaps the scarcest Togo in existence, since it carries the 10 pfennig unsurcharged, along with several low-value stamps of the French — surcharged Togos. The cover originated at Atakpame, Togo, on December 26, 1914; and received a Paris postmark on Feb. 2, 1915. It is addressed, by the way, by a French lieutenant to a lady, which probably accounts for any use of stamps at all, since the mail of "Militaires" was at that time carried free. Luckily, however, our lieutenant did use stamps, and did use one of the very few 10pf Togos that remained unsurcharged in French possession.

In order to fix the relative rarity of this stamp so used, we may recall that the entire stock of 10pf stamps captured at Lome was 2,000 copies. Of these the British surcharged 1050 copies; and the French surcharged 908 copies. There remain a possible 42 copies unsurcharged; and there is of course no certainty that as many as that were actually available at any time in 1914. Yvert notes that certain copies of the 10pf, unsurcharged, were cut in half and used as 5pf stamps, so that our available supply, already low, is reduced by just that much. In any case it ranks as the scarcest of the first French Togos.

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All that need be said about this stamp is that, though uncatalogued, there are two copies known to exist, one in my collection and the other in New York. The surcharge measures exactly, its color is correct, and there is no apparent reason for doubting its authenticity—except the mere fact that, in a country which is perhaps the most highly specialized of all the new countries, this variety has never yet been recognized.

So I am noting the fact that it seems to be genuine, in the hope that some one else can add to the story. If genuine, since there are no inverted cliches in the plate of the 25 mark, we must account for it by assuming either the inversion of two of the surcharge cliches, which seems an unlikely thing to remain unnoted; or the introduction of an entire sheet inverted under the surcharging plate. If this latter explanation be correct, there were of course 98 more copies of the same inversion; and their non-appearance in catalogues or at sales becomes still more remarkable.

I might note now, in the interests of accuracy, that despite the frequent warnings against "counterfeits" of Saar stamps, the truth is that such counterfeits, properly so called, are very rare indeed. What did happen in the Saar was far worse, and impossible of detection now. It is said that crooked Germans, employed in producing the stamps, connived with crooked Frenchmen, employed in checking the output—and for a time produced perfectly genuine stamps for private account, using the same paper, plates—and workmen—but using unofficial time. Johann Schmidt might, for example, be engaged properly in printing Saar stamps up to 6 P.M. But he might also return surreptitiously at 10 P.M., and spend a few night hours printing equally good though unofficial Saar stamps. The matter led to fines and jail sentences finally; but meantime an uncertain number of stamps had been printed—and stolen. Under these circumstances it is obvious that the so-called guarantee of an expert is utterly worthless, for no one can distinguish the stamps that Johann printed up to 6 P.M. from those he turned out during his illegal night shift. Fortunately this practice affected only the earliest of the Saar series; those prepared and issued by the French were not involved in any disreputable affair of that sort.

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A CORRESPONDENT advises us that Norway is contemplating a Henrik Ibsen Commemorative Issue for March, 1928. It is probable that a large number will be issued so that there will be enough to go around.

THE same correspondent informs us that in memory of Einar Holboll, the next Christmas stamp will bear his picture, and the committee in charge of the stamp has decided to give his widow a pension of 2,000 Kr. a year and in addition 500 Kr. a year to his two children until they are 18 years of age. A children's sanitarium that is being completed in Svendborg, Denmark, will be named for him. Mr. Holboll is known as "the father of the Christmas seal" and at his death, which occurred Feb. 23, was Postmaster of Copenhagen.

A NEW wholesale list No. 70 has been received from S. Grossman Co., Box 120, Madison Sq. Sta., New York City. It consists of 20 pages and any dealer will find it advisable to send for a specimen copy.

WE are indebted to Theodore Kemm, managing owner of the Fifth Avenue Restaurant, 200 5th Ave., New York City, for three new yearly subscriptions received in a single letter. This is a splendid tribute to the WEEKLY and we feel like publicly acknowledging this fine bit of support.

A CLIPPING from the Arizona Republican gives the particulars of the growth in philatelic interest in that state. The Arizona Branch of the A. P. S. at Tucson has been working under the name of the Tucson Stamp Club, but steps are now under way to change the name to the Arizona Stamp Club. Plans are being formulated for the organizing of junior stamp clubs in each city of the state.

WE have received a very elaborate stamp auction catalog from E. Luder-Edelman & Co., Zurich, Switzerland. The sale is to be held six days, beginning May 9, and no fewer than 4,189 lots will be sold. The catalog consists of 150 pages and there is a supplement of 72 pages with superb illustrations of covers, pairs and blocks. It will be a notable sale.

ACCORDING to an announcement made by the Postmaster General there will be an issue of bi-lingual stamps to commemorate the 60th year of Canadian Confederation. No details are as yet available but if the new issue should equal, in an artistic sense, stamps issued in 1897, they will be something to be proud of. Announcement has just been made of a new provisional Air-Mail stamp, the 25c Patricia Red Lake Stamps with suitable wording and the new value of 10c.—G. H. CROUCH.

A NON-STOP flight from New York to Paris is being planned in connection with the American Legion convention in Paris this summer. Commander Noel Davis, U. S. N., a member of the American Legion, has named his

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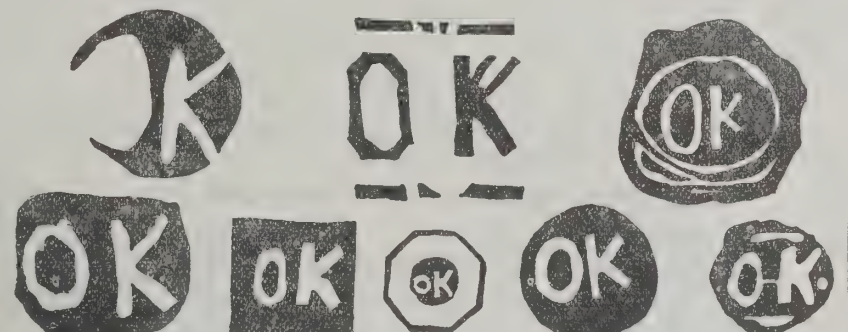
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| No. | Stamp. | Town. | Color. | Reported by. |
|-----|---------|--------------------|--------|---------------|
| 1 | 3c 1861 | Lee, Mass. | Black | W. S. Eager |
| 2 | 1c 1869 | ? | " | Franz Miller |
| 3 | 3c Amer | ? | " | Dr. Wm. Evans |
| 4 | 1c 1861 | Lee, Mass. | " | W. S. Eager |
| 5 | 3c Amer | ? | " | H. V. Swallow |
| 6 | 3c 1857 | ? | " | F. Allen |
| 7 | 3c 1873 | So. Gardner, Mass. | " | E. Bodurtha |
| 8 | 3c 1867 | ? | " | S. C. Rogers |

Many of the above may be familiar to you. There are a great many other types of this interesting cancellation, all of which will be reproduced from time to time. Among this lot are two which seem very unusual to me. For example, the second one is very odd, for the cutting has a double top stroke to the K as shown. No. 6 is a very handsome cancellation, and it is remarkable that such tiny letters could be cut out with a knife, for the actual cancellation is just as clean cut as is this illustration.

In the last group shown, the Whatdoyoucallit lot, the No. 6 calls for several names, among them being Belt Buckle, "Pirate's Teeth," Triple Cross, Rail Fence, and other names. We have not heard from its home—Philadelphia—yet, and it would seem as though someone there should be able to find out what it is actually intended to be, as it was in use a long time.

I suppose that most of the readers of the Forum tear out the front page of their New Scott Catalog and send for the year's *Monthly Journals* to supplement their catalogs, along with the Local stamp catalog. Well, if there are any who do not have the *Journal*, and who wish to keep up with the cancellations on early

U. S. it would be well for you to take a look at the series of cancellations which are coming out in the *Journal*, as these cancels are taken from the odd obliterations found in the Dr. Carroll Chase collection of 3c 1851-57 stamps. There are some rare and handsome effects, the Cantons are especially interesting as a group, and then there is the Fair Haven, Ct. "Used & Done For," the Chicopee Masonic, the Noisy Carriers, plus a neat railroad cancellation, and some of the packet cancels.

Mr. Eugene Klein sent in a most unusual cancellation on a 3c 1861 cover used from New Bern, N. C., the home of some other odd cancellations. This one is dated Feb. 11, 1866. The obliteration hitting the stamp three times, is a very small man with a stick over his shoulder, from which is suspended something (banner or bandanna with his effects), and it is a truly remarkable little cancellation.

A collector once showed me his collection of Boston cancellations. These dated from so far back that I have forgotten the date, they ran back over 150 years. Many of these were beautiful covers, neat and clean, and with very odd postal markings. Similar collections are

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est in getting covers from their home
cities, these being shown with civic pride.

Then too, there are many who collect
the cancellations of their home state, and
I suppose they show these with static
pride. I've been fussing with 3c 1851
covers from my home state, and now
have about 250 different towns repre-
sented, some few of which are not in
existence now—Sippican for example,
and New England Village, etc. Lots of
fun. Have found covers to Zoar, Mass.,
but can't get one from that town, and it
is needed to complete the list alphabetically.

Met some collectors from California
at the International Exhibition, and after
a bit of generalities, they asked me if I
had any small town cancellations on early
covers from their home state, so it looks
as though they are after these state can-
cellations too. This style of collecting
is hitting into foreign countries also. In
fact some of our collectors are digging
up catalogs of the foreign countries.
France has recently had some enthusiast
put out a small pamphlet with a list of
all the towns in their P. O. Guide from
1849 to 1876. An Italian publication is
putting out its list of all cities, towns and
hamlets. Great Britain and others have
their own lists dating well back into the
19th Century, when their towns were des-
ignated by numbers. The collectors are
beginning to take up these town cancella-
tions with much enthusiasm, especially
the towns which were removed in some
way from the mother country.

In the U. S. we know pretty well what
comes from Waterbury, Ct., and what
comes from Canton, Miss., in the early
days, and we are fortunate in not having
to remember numbers, for a collector of
France will have to memorize his list, so
that he will know that his wants start
with 5079, and not get these confused
with the Algerian numbers. Then he
may want the cancellations from Corsica,
which makes another set of numbers to
carry, and these are just the big numbers,
for he has a whole similar lot of small
numbers to remember too.

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A short time ago a little chap asked me
where he could get ten or a dozen covers
of 1861 issue with town postmarks from
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collecting of pmks, is not so easy as it
would seem. In time the collector who
can show some 50 town postmarks on
1861 covers from Arizona, Colorado,
Nevada and say Utah,—well, he will have
a collection that will make the "big-time"
collector look at them with more than a
 cursory glance, and he will say, "I
never saw that, 'n that, 'n that, etc."

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postmark for each of their own names,
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it."

SALE OF COOLIDGE STAMPS

By HERMAN A. BOERS.

The stamp collection of the late G.
C. A. Coolidge, who died in Detroit
June 1, 1926, was sold at auction at
rooms of the American Legion, Detr
Saturday evening, April 2. About eight
collectors, members of the Detroit Ph-
ilatic Society, the Michigan Stamp Cl-
and their friends, were in attendance.

The sale of this collection, which co-
sisted of many volumes, was conduct-
ed by the Detroit Philatelic Society, who
recently appointed an appraisal com-
mittee, consisting of C. Fred Heyerm
as chairman, with Fred Schmalzreidt a
J. E. Scott as associates.

There was some lively stepping amo-
the bidders in connection with certa-
lots that had a special appeal. Euge-
Telfer, R. H. Hendershot, Alan Fernal-
Dr. H. Preston Hoskins, William Swa-
Fred Farnham and Dr. Warren L. Ba-
cock were large purchasers, the prices
their lots ranging from \$56 to \$400.
This latter figure was on a collection
U. S. stamps from 1914 to 1916 and w
bid off by Dr. Babcock.

A U. S. collection, consisting
singles, pairs, strips and blocks (the ba-
ner volume of the sale, appraised
\$700) was started at \$400 and spirite
bidding resulted between William Li-
ngston and R. N. Hendershot. On
misunderstanding of what was suppos-
to be a final bid at \$585 a suggestion
continue bidding was acquiesced in ar
the collection was finally bought by M.
Hendershot for \$650.

The total amount of the sale wa
\$2,640.15. Gen. Coolidge will be remen-
bered for his activities in the A.P.S. ar
kindred societies. He was a veteran o
many wars and rose to the rank of Bri-
adier-General. Upon his retirement
from service in 1903 he went to Detroi
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| 53 15c slate | .30 |
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| 58 3c red & green | .10 |
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| 61 5c gray blue & black | .25 |

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| 752 2c blue | .10 |
| 753 4c green & black | .10 |
| 754 6c blue green | .15 |
| 755 8c brown & black | .15 |
| 756 12c rose red | .25 |
| 757 16c red lilac | .25 |
| 758 24c blue green | .30 |
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| 765 1c vermilion | .10 |
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| 768 6c brown & black | .18 |
| 769 12c rose red | .25 |
| 770 16c red lilac | .25 |
| 771 5c violet & green | .35 |
| 772 5c violet & green | .35 |
| 773 1c lilac rose | .15 |
| 779 2c bistre & black | .18 |
| 780 5c lake & black | .18 |
| 781 10c yellow & indigo | .20 |
| 782 15c slate | .25 |
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| 784 25c yellow green | .50 |
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PLATE NUMBERS, HINGES, ETC.

By SEVARD.

Last week we went to Chicago and bought some tickets for the World's Fair Columbian Exposition, 1893. And we were fortunate to get the ticket showing Handel for Music, a ticket as scarce as a blue speeding ticket in Detroit. To those making up a nice 1893 collection, we suggest a collection of these entrance gate tickets, beautifully engraved by the American Bank Note Co., showing engravings of Columbus, Lincoln, Washington, Franklin, Handel, and Lo, the American Indian. Each ticket has a distinctive color. Then there is the usual admission ticket and the children's half catalogue ticket.

When we got to Philadelphia, in spite of the fact that we bought Sesqui stamps, we could not buy any entrance tickets to the Exposition. One policeman almost socked me in the jaw for mentioning the word Sesqui out loud.

Then we got to Brooklyn, the place where they elect New York City's mayor, and found a bunch of the old Brooklyn Circuit R.P.O. when the street cars carried mail down Fulton Street to the Bridge. Those old street car R.P.O.'s, what has become of them? Those in Pittsburg, and the Cleveland Circuits and the old Boston "dinkies", and then that one in Chicago which went under the river because it couldn't go over it, and then the Baltimore one, whither and whence? Who cares?

The Air Mail cachets showing the new rate on February first surely are historically interesting, and quite attractive in our philatelic chronos. Iowa City, Des Moines, Omaha and Salt Lake City advertised the new rate for us collectors nicely, and I hope many received these covers.

Early plate numbers are darn scarce. Sometimes it is disheartening trying to dispose of them, but there are many collectors who sit back and wait for them to come along, merely because it

is too great a task to list all they want to buy. Perhaps the only way to complete the current 2c plate numbers is to find a distant friend who will trade, or take up your difficulties with the organized plate number collectors. And don't throw away any of those star plate numbers, especially that hand drawn star and also that little top star next to a guide line perforation. Think this over at the ball park this afternoon.

Somebody sent us 3,000 tasteless hinges which all figures out as a new philatelic raspberry? Say it with hinges—what's the riddle? Anyway, our specialized collection of the 2c perf 11 now has 1,600 different cancels, all identifiable as to use. Our 2c perf 10 hasn't near as many—and the 2c Liberty Bell, much less. Anyway, we used the hinges to good advantage with a great deal of pleasure.

King George was defeated in the Chicago elections last week, but then, looking at it from a different angle, we're glad because he now will have time for his stamps.

The centennial of the first sale of matches was held last month, which all reminds us of the stamp taxes for matches, the match and medicine stamps, and the match box labels which quite a few collected. Those old matches, you remember, with which you lit the coal oil lantern? The ones they called "timber" at West Point, or the ones the Victorian sheiks casually referred to in "Hand me a log, will yah?" And how long it took you to learn to skin your pants so's you could strike them the first shot? Hmmm—you never dreamed that you were destroying a good stamp those days.

And then there were those royalty stamps, which different firms used to account for the use of their patents. It was difficult, wasn't it, to tell what was good and what was bad, in those days when spool labels and Vote for McKinley pasters came your way. Don't throw away your old collection just because everybody doesn't collect the same thing.

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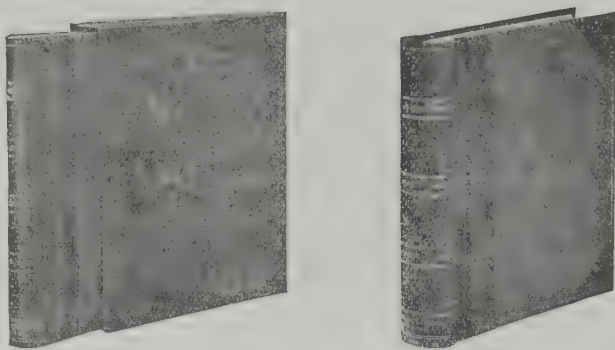
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It is reported that there is on file at Washington requests for special or commemorative stamps from different individuals or communities that have brought to bear various influences on the attainment of their objectives. The New York Times, in speaking of the forthcoming Bennington stamp in August, says that different parts of the country have made their wishes known in this regard. It is idle to repeat here the variety of opinions on the desirability of special stamps and it is admitted that it seems churlish to object to such issues in their modest denominations, but there is a principle involved that cannot be ignored. In viewing any present condition it is natural to give heed to the possibilities of the future. Our special Washington correspondent, who has given such information as to impending commemoratives that he could divulge with propriety, has hinted that "there are more to follow" and judging by his previous forecasts, his intimations are to be relied upon. We do not pretend to speak for the department at Washington by a long shot, but in days past it is known that the authorities did not always relish the extra work entailed on them by the special issues. As it is granted that the reason for the commemoratives is dissociated from any financial consideration, it follows that the only money aspect that enters into the transaction is the sum derived from the sale of the stamps to collectors; and the amount cannot be given great weight. It is our guess that the post office department is not partial to commemoratives on the score of practical advantage and that it is only the desire to be agreeable that prompts its co-operation, when once the order is given to steam ahead.

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paper is not needed." He read recent remarks in this newspaper on the subject of "a contemplated daily," as it puts it, but in justice to the correspondent who asked of the chances of a daily for success, it is to be said that the inquirer was merely "thinking about the ambitious project. The point is made that several of the newspapers of the country devote space regularly to philatelic news and, doubtlessly, the writer has the New York Times particularly in mind. The Times covers philately in New York in an admirable manner and is early in the field with an account of the philatelic transactions of the metropolis; and the collector who reads it keeps informed of the latest stamp developments. Another reader says that the idea of a daily stamp paper is a credit to the enthusiasm of the one who entertains it but not to his sound judgment.

The date of the convention of the American Philatelic Society at St. Louis has been named as the third week in August and it is none too soon to direct attention to the annual event. It is only just to say that the convention last year at New York, in October, did not have the undivided attention of some of those who customarily followed the sessions with attention because of their attendance at the Exhibition. This year interest will be concentrated on the transactions of the society and steps taken to strengthen its influence, it is predicted. The progress of the great national organization during the fiscal year has been substantial and the administration deserves credit for working with effect. There is no doubt but that President Wilhelm has been an active executive and it is comforting to know that he does not relax his energy as the duties of his office, ordinarily, become an old story to him. While he has served two years, dating to the time of the convention at St. Louis, there has been some talk of which we have become

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9, 1927. Skipping from "Notes on the
parasitic fungi in Wisconsin" and "The
life and customs of the Tarahumari
Indians in the Sierra Madre Moun-
tains," we land on "Commemorative
Postage stamps of the United States,"
by F. M. K. Foster. This lecture by
Prof. Foster was illustrated and was
thirty minutes' length, and we learn
that the lecturer, who is Associate Pro-
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In the special issue of the WEEKLY,
dated March 23, 1925, that was edited
by Mr. A. W. Bloss, the leading article
was "A Tribute to Col. John Eldredge
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"The Colonel," as he was affectionately known among his host of friends in stamp circles in Los Angeles and elsewhere, was an ardent collector and student. He devoted special attention to early U. S., of which he amassed a splendid collection.

Going back to his boyhood, he delighted his friends with tales of the 5 and 10 cent 1847's which he cut from letters in his father's office. In those days, these choice stamps were common, and he had them by the thousand. While he doubtless ruined many covers, he feels that he saved many of the stamps for Philately, since the files were later destroyed in the Chicago fire.

When he resumed collecting, he took up all countries, but paid special attention to U. S. cancellations, and contributed much valuable information to the study of these stamps. His big foreign collection, one of the finest in the West, is complete in many sections, such as the Edwardian and Georgian British Colonies, etc.

Big in heart as in body, the Colonel was loved by all who knew him. He was a loyal A. P. S. member. He was always glad to help in any stamp movement; to assist a boy in starting; to help a student, and to show his stamps to a fellow collector. He paid little attention to the financial side of the hobby, loving his stamps for themselves, studying them, and divulging the result of his labors.

His passing comes as a shock to his many friends, and a keen personal loss to the writer, who spent many happy

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Gibbons lists certain labels under this heading which were used in Norway round about the period 1872. That they were stamps in the strict sense of the word seems improbable. They would appear to be labels, officially used certainly, of about the same interest as the "officially sealed" stickers used in many countries on packages accidentally broken open in the post. These particular labels are frequently met with in old collections so it's perhaps as well to describe them. They are of a particularly unpretentious appearance and consist of a frame lettered as follows:—"Som Ubesorget (or Uindlost) aabnet af Post-Departementet." The first variety, lettered "ubesorget" was used on letters which had to be returned to the senders as they could not be delivered for some reason or other. The other kind, lettered "uindlost," were used on letters which had not been called for and were returned to the senders after a certain interval. As collectible varieties the interest of these labels to the general collector is nil.

Private Stamps

Spain and Portugal are the only countries contributing to this group of special labels. In the case of Portugal Scott only lists a stamp for the Red Cross Society. This is inscribed "Sociedade Portuguesa da Cruz Vermelha—Porte Franco." In addition to this, Gibbons lists the private stamps issued for Civilian Rifle Clubs. These are inscribed "Uniao dos Atiradores Civis" and a different color combination was used each year from 1899 to 1910. In 1910 a special stamp was issued for the use of the Geographical Society of Lisbon and in 1911 a new edition of this appeared with the Royal crown omitted. In 1904 a special private stamp was issued for the National Aid Society for Consumptives, this being inscribed "Assistencia Nacional Aos Tuberculosos." All these varieties, while interesting, can very well be left to the specialist.

Junior Dictionary

Barwani.—A native Indian state in central India, near Indore. It has an area of 1362 square miles and its capital is also Barwani. Stamps were first issued in 1921 and they bore the portrait of the ruler, Rana Sir Ranjit Singh Ji.

Batum.—A Russian seaport on the eastern end of the Black Sea, which has had a checkered career. As a consequence of the World War it was occupied at two different times by an Indo-British army. On the second evacuation it was given over to the Georgian Republic. Stamps were issued in 1919. Subsequently under British military control, these stamps were surcharged "British Occupation." They became obsolete with the withdrawal of the British military detachment in February, 1920.

B. C.—These letters on stamps of the Indian native state of Charkhari are an abbreviation of "Bundelkhand Central," a great region of central India made of some thirty of the native states and one of which is Charkhari.

Beecham's Pills.—On the reverse side of New Zealand stamps of 1892, may be found advertisements of various commodities, such as Beecham's Pills, Fry's Cocoa, Sunlight Soap, etc. These resulted from an arrangement made by the New Zealand P. O. Department with an advertising firm in Wellington for the right to use the reverse side of postage stamps and telegraph forms. For this privilege the sum of £800 per year was paid. Some twenty millions of stamps were thus printed, but the experiment was short-lived. The contract for one year was not renewed.

Besa.—Stamps of Albania with this surcharge were so overprinted that they might be regarded as genuine to distinguish them from previous spurious issues. Also a Benadir currency value equal to ½c U. S.

Blagoveschensk.—A town in Eastern Siberia where stamps were issued in 1921.

B. L. P. (Busta Lettera Postale).—These letters on stamps of Italy stand for "Postal Letter Envelope." The stamps are supplied at a discount from face value to charitable organizations that are aiding the war wounded, and are used exclusively on special envelopes furnished by these organizations and containing advertising matter.

Bloater.—A word of reproach for a stamp collector who covets and takes possession of every stamp that he can lay his hands on. Shades, papers and perforations are eagerly absorbed and padlocked for safe keeping.

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Imp. or Imperf. for Imperforate.
Mm. for Millimetre.
Perf. or Pf. for Perforated.
Roul. for Rouletted.
Wmk. for Watermark.
Acores.—The Portuguese form for "Azores."

Adhesive.—A term applied to ordinary postage stamps which are intended to be stuck on postal packets, in contradistinction to stamps printed upon envelopes, postcards, newspaper wrappers, etc.

Albino.—An entirely colorless impression of a stamp produced by the process of embossing.

Alexandrie (Alexandria).—Shown on stamps for the French Consular Office established at that port.

ANATO IKH POMY IA.—Greek characters for "Eastern Roumelia."

B.—This letter overprinted on various Straits Settlements stamps shows they were intended for use in Bangkok.

Bayern.—The German form for "Bavaria."

B. C. A.—These letters overprinted on certain stamps of the British South



Africa Company (Rhodesia) indicate that they were for use in British Central Africa.

Re-Cut Dies

Re-cut is sometimes used to denote re-engraving, but its use in this connection is not strictly correct. It would, perhaps, be better to refer to re-cutting as the actual work involved in altering a plate or die and re-engraving to denote the finished article.

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tables to accommodate the dealers and
collectors, assigning the places as the
members arrived. The clock had not yet
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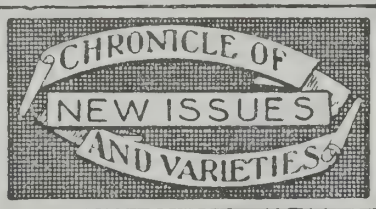
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United States

Washington Notes

On my return from a short vacation in Florida, I find that a number of new things in a philatelic way have taken place during my absence.

On March 24th there was placed on sale at the Philatelic Stamp Agency in Washington the new 5c blue Roosevelt and 7c black McKinley with the new compound perforation 11x10 1/2, the product of the rotary press. These two varieties were issued previous to this date in a precancelled condition but this was the first sale of these stamps unused. To date I have seen the 1 1/2c, 2c, 3c, 5c, 7c and 10c perforated 11x10 1/2, although the first denomination is known to date in precancelled condition only.

Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York has sent to the Postmaster General a personal letter endorsing the request of the American Legion and the Rome and Utica Council of the Boy Scouts of America, for a special issue of a 2c stamp to commemorate the first display of the Stars and Stripes in the face of the enemy. This event we are told occurred on August 3, 1775, at the defense of Fort Stanwix, whose site is now included in the city of Rome, N. Y. The 150th birthday is to be celebrated on Flag Day, June 14th.

Attached to the Governor's letter were copies of correspondence which had passed between the Executive Chamber and the White House on the subject, as well as documentary evidence to authenticate the assertion that the battle of Fort Stanwix was the first occasion on which the flag bearing thirteen stars was unfurled before the enemy.

The Governor also attached a copy of the concurrent resolution adopted by the New York Legislature calling upon the Postmaster General for a hundred million issue of commemorative stamps. Numerous historical societies in the vicinity have joined in the request. At this writing the Postmaster General has not definitely decided as to what is to

be done but there is every likelihood that a special stamp will appear for the occasion. It is believed that it will be issued early in August, around the same time as the 2c Battle of Bennington variety appears.

We recently mentioned that the Chamber of Commerce at White Plains, N. Y., had requested an additional supply of the White Plains variety and they were in hopes that there would be a reprint of sufficient quantity to take care of their request. The Department was able to send them a considerable number of stamps, which they had on hand and under the circumstances, there is no likelihood of a further quantity being printed. In the case of the small sheets for the International Philatelic Exhibition, I am advised that a total of 107,400 were distributed from the Bureau.

Future Delivery and Stock Transfer Stamps

I am in receipt of a communication dated April 7th and signed by R. M. Estes relative to the possession by stamp collectors of revenue stamps surcharged "Future Delivery" and "Stock Transfer."

In his letter he states—

Concerning Decision 3976, "This Treasury Decision does not relate to cancelled stock transfer and future delivery stamps in the possession of stamp collectors where such stamps have served the legal purpose for which they were originally intended and the documents to which they were attached are no longer in existence or are to be destroyed."

The Treasury Decision referred to applies only to the distribution and sale of unused stock transfer and future delivery stamps.

Air Mail Notes

First day covers from Ponca City, Okla., on the Chicago-Dallas contract air mail route have arrived cancelled "Apr. 4 10:30 A. M." The Ponca City office precancelled most of the stamps used on this mail and this cancellation appears in both red and black. Some few stamps bear the oval cancellation, "Ponca City, Okla." To each cover was applied the usual first day cartwheel found on contract mail and some of these are in green and some in violet.

Those from the Chicago office addressed to Ponca City, bore the black Chicago air mail cancellation on the front of the cover and were backstamped with the Ponca City contract mail postmark.

Under date of March 29th, the Postmaster General announced that he had selected Spartanburg, S. C., as the intermediate city between Greensboro, N. C., and Augusta, Ga., for the regular air mail stops on the new air mail route between New York and Chicago.

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The Postmaster General pointed out that Spartanburg was finally chosen because it was practically midway between the other two stops and because of its excellent railway connections with the surrounding territory. We are told that a close check-up revealed that a greater number of potential mail users will be brought within range of the air mail service, through connecting railway line with the stop located at Spartanburg than at any of the other cities.

The papers here of late have contained numerous notices relative to the airplane flight from New York to Paris. Definite arrangements have not as yet been made but no doubt mail will be carried, whether officially or privately, cannot say. In either case it will be of great interest to the air mail collector.

Mr. Percival K. Stone, has just sent me a clipping from the New York World upon the subject.

I wish to thank Rev. T. O. Perri also Messrs. Herman W. Boers and Thomas P. Martin for first day covers Philippines.

I have recently been shown the current issue 10 peso green perforated 11, on unwatermarked paper. The copy inspected is a used one, which was recently sent from the Islands, and I am not in a position at this time to state when the variety first made its appearance. The balance of the series has been known for some time.

We recently furnished a detailed list of the number of commemorative Legislative stamps ordered by the Philippine Government from the printers. Deliveries have been completed and the run are slightly in excess of the original numbers due to the fact, of course, that stamps in excess of the orders are always made, so that any waste can be properly taken care of. The quantities certified by the Acting Director of Posts as having been issued are as follows:

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| 24 " | 103,350 |
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| (SURCHARGED "OFFICIAL") | |
| Denomination. | Quantity. |
| 2 centavos, | 90,500 |
| 4 " | 90,450 |
| 18 " | 70,000 |
| 20 " | 70,250 |

I wish to thank Messrs. Walter Bruggemann and Newton C. Comfort for this information. Mr. Comfort writes that not only the supply of the 1 peso has been exhausted but the supply of the centavos as well. He further states that the quantities of the remaining denominations are small.

ALBANIA.—We have received information from Whitfield King & Co. that they have had come to hand the 1fr red and

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blue and the 2fr green and orange with the overprint "A Z" and wreath. Also that they have discovered one sheet of 50 of the 1fr Air Post stamps with inverted overprint.

BELGIAN CONGO.—New Series. According to M. Victor Gisquiere in *La Revue Postal*, the Belgian Government has decided to replace the present series with a set depicting various celebrated Belgian colonists. It is suggested that Leopold II, Thys, Coquilhat, Stanley, Livingstone, Janssens, and Commandant Lemaire will probably be amongst those illustrated.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

BULGARIA.—Whitfield King & Co. advises that they have frequently received a 10s in red and grey green similar in design to the A9 type but with a centre ground of green.

CHILE.—The Valparaiso Correspondent of the *Daily Mail* cabled on the 25th ultimo as follows: "For the air-mail service between Valparaiso and Santiago, which is about to be inaugurated, the Government has authorised the issue of special stamps. Meanwhile a 10 cents stamp which was prepared for the Maipu Centenary but not put into circulation will be used and surcharged."—*Philatelic Magazine*.

CUBA.—Whitfield King & Co. inform us that the 10c brown, perf., watermarked star has been placed on sale.

EGYPT.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown us a new set of postage due stamps placed on sale on the 18th of last March, watermarked multiple Crown and crescent, perf. 13 1/2. The values and shades are 2m grey, 4m green, 5m brown, 8m purple brown, 10m deep red and 30m violet. The latter value is of large format 22mm x 27mm.

LIBERIA.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 1c green and black, 1918 issue, with the surcharge "two Cents" in red. They also add that in their consignment of these stamps they found one sheet of 50 with double surcharge.

LITHUANIA.—Whitfield King & Co. report that the Basanovitch Mourning stamps, 15c claret, 25c blue, 50c green and 60c violet have been received. Each stamp is surrounded by a black border.

MALTA.—Mr. R. Forbes-Bentley is officially informed that the remainder of the values of the permanent set, the 1d red, 2d grey, 2 1/2d blue, 3d purple, will be put on sale from April 1st.—*Stamp Collecting*.

NYASALAND.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the appearance of the 4p script watermark.

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POLAND.—Whitfield King & Co. submit for chronicle a new 20 groszy stamp in a claret shade bearing the likeness of Pilsudski.

SAAR.—Another value of the new pictorial set has been received from Whitfield King & Co. This time it is the 50c brown lilac, with a view of Tholey Abbey and the Schaumberg.

SAN MARINO.—Champion's Bulletin chronicles the following provisionals, authorised by a Decree of March 4th: 1.25 on 1 lire, orange and black (40,000); 2.50 on 2 lire, lilac and black (25,000); 5l on 2 lire, lilac and black (15,000).—*Philatelic Magazine*.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.—During the first week of March the 2d, 3d, 1s, 2s 6d, and 5s pictorial stamps were brought into use. They are printed throughout from engraved plates, the 2d, 3d and 1s being in sheets of 120 (two panes of sixty, side by side), and the 2s 6d and 5s in sheets of sixty.

All the above are printed in English and Afrikaans alternately and are watermarked multiple Springbok's head. Save for the inscription "Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., Ltd., Engravers, New Malden, Surrey, England," in the bottom margin, the margins are devoid of markings of any kind.

Of the same shape as the 1s, 2s and 5s. Malta pictorials, the newcomers are bicoloured and quite handsome in appearance.

2d, Union Buildings, Pretoria; frame brownish-mauve; centre grey.

3d, Groote Schuur (official residence of the Prime Minister, bequeathed to the S. A. nation by the late Cecil J. Rhodes); frame scarlet; centre black with horizon in scarlet.

1s, Arms of Natal (pair of guns in front of the Drakensbergen); frame bright blue; centre light brown.

2s 6d, ox-wagon inspanned; frame brown; centre green.

5s, ox-wagon outspanned; frame green; centre black.

All worded SOUTH AFRICA-POSTAGE or SUIDAFRIKA-POSSEEL and value, which is invariably in figures only.

Supplies of the 10s value are expected in Pretoria any day, and it is understood that this denomination will have, within a brown border, a picture, in light blue, of Table Bay (Cape Town).

Mr. Robertson, Editor of the *South African Philatelist*, to whom we are indebted for these details, is semi-officially informed that the plates used to print these new stamps are now in Pretoria. This means that further printings will be made by the Government printer.

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The new 1d Postage Due stamp is not alternately bilingual as mentioned in our colleague's last bulletin. Each stamp is bilingual, the inscriptions being "SOUTH AFRICA" (at top), "SUIDAFRIKA" (at bottom), "POSTAGE DUE" (upwards at left side), "TE BETAAL" (downwards at right side). The design is practically the same as the previous one, but the newcomers are much superior in colour and appearance to stamps in the old design. This new stamp is printed in crimson (frame) and black (centre). — *Stamp Collecting.*

URUGUAY.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown us a set of six values of parcel post stamps bearing the word "Encomiendas" in a curved panel above the figures of value. These stamps are watermarked "Uruguay" in sans serif capitals extending over two stamps horizontally and is

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I have been keenly interested in this subject for over thirty years as, since 1890, I had sole charge of the catalogues of Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., as far as the prices of the 19th Century issues were concerned.

Pricing a new edition of a catalogue of the world's stamps is by no means "child's play." Speaking for myself alone, I can only say that this work used to take up about four months of my time every year a new edition of our catalogue appeared.

New prices were generally based chiefly on supply and demand. When it was found, from an examination of the stockbooks, that certain stamps were selling freely, these were advanced in price, and when on the other hand, it was noticed that stamps were not in demand, then these were reduced in price in order to stimulate sales.

To a very small degree the prices at auction were noted, because at the auctions many stamps came up in the course of the year that were not in our stockbooks. Auction prices as a rule, however, were not much used, as from long experience we know how fictitious such prices were, as so many factors had to be taken into consideration.

In common stamps prices were fixed almost entirely on a scale based on wholesale cost prices. For instance, stamps costing 3s6d per hundred or less, would be priced at one penny each. Stamps costing from 4sh to 8sh per hundred would be priced two pence each, and so on.

Then again in fixing our prices for the coming year we had to take into consideration questions of fashion and likely demand. To make this point clear I note a few examples. About 1890 the London Philatelic Society were working on their West Indies book and all these were in great demand. In 1900-1905, the books on the African Colonies were in preparation and this caused a great demand for all these Colonies, particularly Transvaal. In 1905-07 great attention was paid to India and again in 1909-11 New South Wales was much collected while the books on these countries were in preparation.

Up to 1910 the stamps of South America were much neglected, except by a very few men with unusual good vision, like my friend, Mr. T. W. Hall, who built up a great collection when the stamps were almost a drug on the market. After my visit to South America, which resulted in the rewriting of catalogue lists and prices of great countries, like Argentina, Uruguay, Buenos Aires,

Chile, Paraguay, etc., this group became in great demand, and this popularity has continued to the present day.

Twenty years ago the stamps of the United States were in little demand, then Mr. J. N. Luff, in 1902, published his great work and collectors began to wake up, and here again men with vision of the future, like the Hon. Ernest R. Ackerman, began to form great collections.

The great boom in the general issues of the United States only started when men like Messrs. Stevenson, Ashbrook, Jacobs and finally Dr. Carroll Chase, began to publish their researches on the possibilities of plating many of the early issues.

There is another point that the men who try and fix catalogue prices have to take into consideration and that is the demand for stamps and their saleability in the country of origin.

For instance, before the Great War, 1914-18, Germany, Italy, France, etc., were all buyers of their own stamps and a great market existed in these especially in England and the United States, where a big business was done in exporting to various European countries.

All these things have to be studied by the men who attempt to price the few great stamp catalogues of the world. During the Great War it seems to me that a rather new and more scientific method began to be adopted. Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., and Mr. David Field, were, I believe, among the first to publish in their special War Catalogues lists of the number of stamps issued, as far as could be obtained, and based their prices to a great extent on these figures.

In the following article I want to be distinctly understood that I am not criticising any catalogues or the prices in any catalogue, in any unfriendly spirit, but I do wish to put certain facts before my fellow Philatelists in America and to see if I can help the catalogue makers, in a small way, to form what I may call a more scientific basis for their prices.

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When we come to consider relative rarity as based upon the numbers printed and then endeavor to use these figures to establish a market value, we have to take another factor into very serious consideration, that is "Public Demand."

It would be absurd to compare numbers issued and relative prices of, say, United States 1867-1870 and Jammu and Kashmir of the same period. Many of the Jammu are great rarities and were issued in very small numbers yet the demand for them is so small that their selling value cannot be compared with the real market value of United States stamps of the same period, that were issued in numbers probably a hundred times as great.

I think that from these opening remarks I have shown that the man who sets out to price a catalogue of the world's stamps, has a job of really stupendous magnitude and we should all do what we can to help by constructive criticism, and be very lenient to slight faults, which must occur in works of this size covering every part of the world.

I propose to take a few countries of special interest to American and Canadian collectors, where we have reliable figures of the numbers of stamps printed or used, to compare these and their prices in the catalogue with one another, and in some cases with issues of other countries where such comparison seems fair or justifiable.

The first group of stamps I propose to deal with is that classed under the term British North Americans, comprising Canada, Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, British Columbia and Vancouver Island.

To save constant references I would say that the figures I quote are taken from the best published authorities with which I am acquainted, such as abstracts from the account books of Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co., published by Mr. E. D. Bacon in the *London Philatelist*, C. A. Howes' volume on Canada and Handbooks by Poole, Melville, Jarrett, etc.

CANADA.

The most famous stamp of Canada is certainly the 12d black. This is catalogued \$1,250.00 unused, \$1,000.00 used. 51,000 were printed, of these 1,510 were issued to postmasters, and the remainders were destroyed.

I want to compare this with stamps that are equally popular and in as great demand. The Cape of Good Hope, Woodblock Errors.

The 1d blue, quoted, \$1,250.00 used.

4d red, 1,250.00

Of the 1d blue error it has been estimated by Mr. M. P. Castle that 158 can have existed and of the 4d red, 342 existed. These figures show that the catalogue prices for the "errors" are quite out of proportion, especially as compared with the 12d Canada. If the price of \$1,000.00 for the used 12d is market value, and I think a good copy today will bring about that, then the

Cape "errors" should be priced at least 1d blue, \$3,000.00, 4d red, \$2,000.00

Is the Canada 12d priced too high, or are the Cape "Errors" quoted too low?

We will now consider the numbers issued of the remaining "pence" issues. According to the records the numbers issued were:

| | | |
|--------------|------------|---------------|
| 1/2d Imperf. | 3,389,960. | Perf. 789,440 |
| 3d " | 3,100,000. | " 428,700 |
| 6d " | 350,478. | " 52,422 |
| 7 1/2d " | 82,410. | |
| 10d " | 141,000. | |

The first thing that strikes one on looking at these figures is that more 1/2d stamps were issued than 3d's, but the 3d is common and the 1/2d scarce. The reason is that the 1/2d was used on newspapers and periodicals chiefly, and the wrappers of these would be mostly thrown away. The 3d was used on letters and many firms filed the letters in the covers and large quantities of the stamps were thus saved.

I want next to compare the prices of the other three values, taking always the commonest or lowest priced variety and dealing with used only.

6d, \$35.00; 7 1/2d, \$60.00; 10d, \$45.00.

The 6d is a fairly common stamp in America as it was the standard rate on letters and a considerable number have been found here. I think the 6d is overvalued at \$35.00 and the 7 1/2d and 10d much undervalued. It is not a difficult matter to get together 50 or 100 of the 6d but in the same period one would probably not be able to buy half a dozen 7 1/2d, or a dozen 10d.

On relative rarity today I should value fair copies:

6d, \$25.00; 7 1/2d, \$80.00; 10d, \$55.00.

The perforated 6d is a rare stamp, what has become of the 52,422 printed I do not know, but very few copies are seen now-a-days. It is priced \$85.00 or 2 1/2 times the price quoted for the imperf, while the figures show it is nearly seven times as scarce. In practice it is double or treble as scarce as that. If we value the imperf at \$25.00 the perforated should be \$125.00.

THE 1859 ISSUE.

| Numbers Printed. | Used | Prices. |
|------------------|------------|---------|
| 1c, | 27,475,450 | \$.75 |
| 2c, | 910,500 | 6.00 |
| 5c, | 39,792,172 | .40 |
| 10c, | 5,799,698 | 2.00 |
| 12 1/2c, | 3,176,632 | 1.50 |
| 17c, | 599,999 | 3.00 |

The 5c is a common stamp and must be overvalued at 40c. I think 20c for good copies is ample. The 1c used largely on periodicals is a good deal scarcer and worth about 40c. The 10c is one of the most extraordinary stamps for colors and shades and any specialist can easily use 100 copies and this causes a demand out of proportion to the number issued. Ordinary shades well worth price quoted. The 12 1/2c is priced less than the 10c, although it is rarer. It comes in only three major shades and collectors do not want too many copies, but it is scarce over here and much commoner in England.

There are now left two stamps I find much undervalued, the 2c and the 17c. The 2c on figures printed is over six times as scarce as the 10c but is only treble the price of that stamp. The 2c was little kept, it is quite scarce on

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THE 1868 ISSUE.
Approximate Number Issued. Used Prices.
1/2c, 6,500,000 \$1.00
1c, red-brown, 10,500,000 2.00
1c, orange, 3,000,000 2.50
2c, 10,500,000 1.25
3c, 29,300,000 .50
5c, 1,000,000 3.50
6c, 10,000,000 1.25
1/2c, 1,900,000 1.50
15c, 2,577,900 1.25
Looking to these figures and judging stocks and demand I think the prices of the commonest color or paper should be:
red-brown, 1.50 5c, 5.00
orange, 3.50 6c, 1.00
" 1.00 12 1/2c, 3.00
" .25 15c, 2.00

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"The remainder of the four permanent designs made their appearance from February 2 to March 17. These designs and designers of the Irish Free State stamps are:

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3. Celtic Cross, Miss Lily Williams, Ranelagh, Dublin.
4. Sword of Light, Mr. J. J. O'Reilly, Westmoreland St., Dublin.
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CHARLES E. CARMAN, M.H.C. and
Karl D. Ebers have sent us clippings
from the New York Tribune which
urges a special issue of stamps to com-
memorate the 150th anniversary of the
raising of the Stars and Stripes at Fort
Schuyler, N. Y.

WE have received from Bela Sekula,
Lucerne, Switzerland, a catalog of
the first auction sale to be held by this
firm. It will take place in Lucerne, May
2-7, when a large number of rarities,
lots by countries, entire collections and
hundreds of other items will be sold.
The net value of the stamps offered
amounts to nearly one million Swiss
francs. 4045 lots are advertised in this
catalog of 222 pages. Scattered through
the book are many illustrations of the
rarities contained in the sale, but a sup-
plement of 40 pages made up entirely of
illustrations is particularly deserving of
mention. We congratulate this firm
upon this most auspicious opening of its
auction business.

A. E. PADE of New York is off for
his native country, Denmark,
whence he will return about June 15.
Mr. Pade is well known as a specialist
in Denmark and will no doubt find time
to do a little hunting for number ones
and other rare things.

WE welcome to our columns a new ad-
vertising firm, the Braddock Stamp
& Coin Co., Braddock, Pa. August
Bamford is the manager of the company.
Their announcements will doubtless ap-
pear regularly in our columns.

WE are indebted to an old subscriber,
Hans Ueberall, for a card issued
in connection with the big stamp exhibi-
tion at Chemnitz, March 27 to April 3.
Postage upon the card is paid by the new
15pf airmail stamp just issued and there
is also a special exhibition postmark.
It is an interesting combination.

WE are indebted to Benj. Cadbury and
E. H. Spangler for the McCain
article, "Rare Old Stamps," published
in the Phila. Bulletin of April 13.

WE have received a clipping from the
Yonkers Statesman of April 9,
which consists of an interesting stamp
story with special mention of George
Herzog of that city, who is an ardent
stamp collector. The story is accom-
panied by a picture of Mr. Herzog.
(Clipping from Robertson Angel.)

C. N. BLACK, 448 W. 22nd St., New
York City, is unable to secure re-
plies to letters mailed to C. L. Smith,
Santa Monica, Calif. Letters are re-
turned marked "removed, left no ad-
dress." Interested parties will commu-
nicate with Mr. Black.

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As I do not hold these as an investment for my funds, I have priced them all at half
Scott's catalogue and less to clear them out.

| No. of book. | Contents. | Value | No. of book. | Contents. | Value |
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| 1. | New South Wales, early issues. | \$2475.00 | 21. | Leeward Isles, Montserrat, Ne-
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rare | 2939.00 | 25. | Trinidad, Turks & Virgin Isles | 498.65 |
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lon, Nevis, etc., on covers. | 167.00 | 37. | British Columbia and Canada | 708.00 |
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common | 57.00 | 38. | Canada and Newfoundland | 468.00 |
| 19. | Uruguay, French Cols., etc., on
covers, common | 33.00 | 39. | Nova Scotia and Prince Edw. Isles | 153.00 |
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CANCELS AND OTHER ITEMS

By SEVARD.

Philately has a little publicity in "Ask Me Another", for the question is aptly put "What is a stamp collection called?"

The regulation for cancelling pre-cancels states that the postal marking should contain five lines to distinguish it from the four line bar marks. We have catalogued fifteen users of the special postal marking for cancelling pre-cancels. The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Los Angeles seems to favor cancelling their own pre-cancels on bulky letters, which method, we hear, is of great saving to the post-office. Experiments are always worth trying.

Major Hoople came home after a week's absence and he alibied to Martha that he had been to a philatelic convention, to which Martha notes the new shade of carmine-rose at the tip end of her vagrant's nose. If one is not badly mistaken, we can say positively we saw Major Hoople on the top deck of the General Meigs behind the smokestack one very evening last October raucously narrating bunk stories on Chilean stamps to a certain Mr. Melville, but then, one can't always be sure. Philatelic conventions are what you make them, and we hope many, many Major Hooples will come to the next one.

"Let's Go" slogans are to the fore again, and slogan collectors might as well get them while they may. He who will not when we may, When he will, shall have nay.

City Hall Station, New York, has a handstamp variety showing the legend "C.H.Sta." with a star in the small circle in the auxiliary mark. This is the usual 25mm duplex.

New York is also using a machine registry cancel in magenta ink. These will be noted mostly on the backs of the 17c meters, or maybe you don't get dividends.

The new perforations are eliminating our platen initials, and we will miss our friends "A.B." and "C.V.DeB." They were always hanging around the corners.

One day I chased a beautiful butterfly for miles and miles, and finally caught it. When I got it home my mother told me it was wrong to kill them, and that I couldn't keep it. And I felt very badly about it all especially after having chased so much and tired myself to get something which I wanted for my collection. Those days are gone truly, but what shall I do with all my nice Stock Transfer stamps now? I remember the next butterfly I caught, I sneaked in the back way.

Who remembers the old postal money orders? Weren't they big? And the old C.O.D. tickets? And those old registry coupons? Have you still got that one the clerk gave you when you sent a thousand Babbitt soap wrappers for that genuine horseshoe ball—the one that was egg-shaped when you hit it?

MARCH SUBSCRIPTIONS

The honor of sending in the most subscriptions during March belongs to W. W. Betts, from whom we have received 40 new subscriptions. The Anchor Stamp Co. falls second with 26, and the Hawkeye Stamp Co. is third, with 21. We list the firms who have sent in over ten subscriptions this month as follows:—

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| W. W. BETTS | 40 |
| ANCHOR STAMP CO. | 26 |
| HAWKEYE STAMP CO. | 21 |
| PACIFIC STAMP CO. | 18 |
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| D. B. NAGLE CO. | 14 |
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| Pacific Stamp Co., Helena, Mont. | 92 |
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| Harvey Rismiller, Reading, Pa. | 9 |
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| T. H. Ames, Montclair, N. J. | 8 |
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| C. M. Evans, Reading, Pa. | 6 |
| W. O. Staeb, Rutherford, N. J. | 6 |
| U. T. K. Stamp Co., Utica, N. Y. | 6 |
| H. P. Seeborn, San Fran., Cal. | 6 |
| Reliant Stamp Co., N. Y. City | 6 |
| H. A. Kuckein, Fort Wayne, Ind. | 6 |
| Five each: — W. Hemedinger, Hiawatha Stamp Shop, C. A. Townsend, Foye Stamp Co., Coppard & Tubbs, E. P. Pollock, W. A. Lieson Co., Oroc Stamp Co., J. N. Clarkson, O. F. Pollitz. | |
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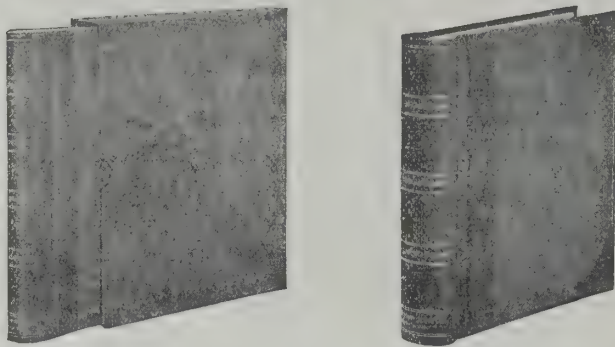
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Writing from Shanghai, China, under date of March 23, 1927, Mr. Theodore Siddall says: "You have been reading the papers most likely and heard how the post office here has gone on strike. The Dollar Company is taking letters to the United States while the post office is not working; and so I am sending you a cover in care of the company, if it is of an interest to you. There may be some surcharges as a result of the present upset but at the moment there is no need of stamps because there is nobody in the post office." The cover that Mr. Siddall sends bears ten cents in Chinese stamps obliterated by a special postmark that is not decipherable. Mr. Siddall says that his home is full of missionaries from up country, all of whom are Americans; and he adds: "Had some fighting in a street about one hundred yards from my dump, yesterday afternoon. . . It is desirable to keep the Chinese soldiers outside of town as some of them have been promised a chance to loot Shanghai should they capture it but the

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Anticipation is succeeded by realization and the new Greek set is here at last, the complete set having come from Mr. P. J. Drossos, Athens. "The mingled beauties of exulting Greece" are well shown on these stamps that have been awaited for so long a time and the series is a portfolio of the glory that was Greece and the spirit that is Greece.

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It is known that many of the post

offices in this country were never supplied with any of the ninety cent stamps of the 1869 issue and that as a consequence, stamps of a lower denomination were used, necessarily, in place of a ninety cent, when otherwise the bi-colored Lincoln would have been used. Some time ago, a letter was received from a correspondent who asked if there was a list of the post offices to which supplies of the ninety cent were sent. We do not believe that statistics of this kind have ever been published and we doubt whether they are available at this late day.

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The growth of attention given to stampless covers, bearing various postal markings, characteristic of the service of pre-stamp days suggests that consideration be shown such covers in a practical way. One of the questions that is asked most frequently concerns the status and value of these pieces; and years ago it was to be said that they had no philatelic value. This statement must be revised as it is evident that covers of the kind have attained a foothold on solid philatelic ground. If some pioneer would attempt a systematized catalogue of the items, with tentative pricings, a progressive step would be made. Beginning with 1800, for instance, the "Paid," "Collect," "Ship" and other covers could be classified, even roughly; and as time proceeded, the polishing process would be

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Mr. R. H. Peck, 1000 Citizens Southern Bank Building, Atlanta, Georgia, writes: "Can you aid me to locate the descendants of James Buchanan, formerly president of the U. S.? I have two letters sent by him from Scotland in 1844 and 1845 that may be of great interest to them." We suppose there have been no recent biographies of Buchanan that embrace the information desired.

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In "Vanity Fair," Deems Taylor contributes an article, "On the Track of Object of Virtue. A Few Remarks about Collectors and—To Hear Them Tell It—Their Finds," in which he remarks: "The man who collects works of art in the spirit of one who collects postage stamps hardly deserves to be called an art lover." There he blows. Why lug in stamps as the horrid example? What's he driving at? Commercialism? Or does he contend that the philatelist lacks that sensibility to appreciate art? The parallel is an unfortunate one as we do know that appreciation impels not a few of the best collectors to interest themselves in postage stamps; and art magazines have placed themselves on record as recognizing the artistic appeal of many postage stamps.

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Origin of Countries' Names

(Insert in Your Album.)

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HONDURAS (British).—This name is Spanish and means "depths," referring to difficulties in finding anchorage.
INDIA.—This is not a native name for the land. The origin of it is *sindhu* = a "river," a "protection," from the Sanscrit root *sidh* = "to ward off." The plural *sindia* losing the initial *s* on the journey reaches us as India. Travelling through Persia, where an initial *s* becomes *h*, the word becomes, and reaches us as, Hindu. The river referred to is, of course, the Indus.—*Stamp Collecting.*

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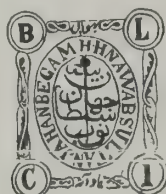
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Burgenland.—A portion of Western Hungary which under the terms of the World War peace treaty was awarded to Austria and given the new name "Burgenland." The transfer occasioned bad feeling on the part of Hungarians, bloodshed followed.

Cabildo de Panama.—This inscription on the 10c, 1921, Panama stamp means "Town Hall of Panama." "Cabildo" literally means the corporation of a city or town, but the name is also applied to the place where the meetings are held.

Caminho de Ferro.—This inscription is found on the 15c, 1918 of the Mozambique Company, the design of which is a stationary railroad train. The word means simply "railroad," in Portuguese.

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STAMPS SOUGHT BY KING GEORGE

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LONDON, April 2. — King George
has formed the habit of reserving Fri-
day evening to poring over his stamp
collection, according to those in the inner
circles of British philately.

He now has, it is believed, the greatest
stamp collection in the world. King
George is a rich man and he could pay,
if he liked, almost any sum in reason
for some rare stamp which he really
wanted, but his "outside limit," accord-
ing to close observers of the stamp
auctions, is around \$7,500.

Anything more than that, it is said,
draws a negative shake of the royal
head. The king is known to have said
that all he wanted was a gentleman's
collection, not a "plutocrat's."

His personal collection is confined
solely to stamps of the British empire.
His ambition as a philatelist is to get
the first complete collection in the world
of all the stamps issued in Great Britain,
each and all the dominions, the various
colonies, protectorates, and since the
great war—the mandates. These are
the only stamps he will buy.

When he started out as a midshipman
in the British navy he collected the
usual miscellaneous assortment but when,
through the death of his elder brother,
the Duke of Clarence, he realized that
he was destined to succeed to the British
throne, he sold his job-lot of stamps and
began almost immediately laying the

foundation for the greatest collection in
the world of stamps issued within the
British empire.

However, he has received from other
monarchs in other lands some very rare
stamps. Several of them, in fact, far
exceed in value anything in his own con-
scientiously gathered British collection.
These "alien" stamps are separately cata-
logued in distinctive portfolios, but the
king does not regard them as in any
sense part of the remarkable collection
which he intends to leave to the world.

Very few people have ever been
privileged to glimpse the king's collection
in its entirety.

Whenever there is an international
stamp exhibition in England or abroad
the king always sends several portfolios
which, he thinks, would be of special
interest to lovers of stamps, but at no
time has he ever placed his entire
collection upon public display at one
time.

It has been suggested that he plans to
do this in 1940, which would be the
centenary of the first postage stamp in
the world, that of the famous "black
penny stamp" in Great Britain, put
through by the great-grandfather of all
philatelists, Rowland Hill, known to
English history as the father of the
"penny post."

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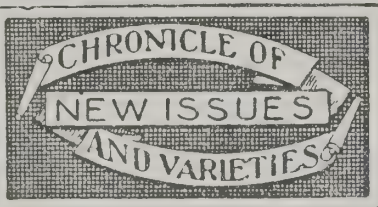
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United States

1 1/2c Provisional Envelopes

A number of months have elapsed since I published a list of the whereabouts of special dies for overprinting the 1c envelopes with the new 1 1/2c value. I learn through the courtesy of the Third Assistant Postmaster General, that the following number of dies have been moved in accordance with the schedule given. From this list it will be seen that some of the 1c envelopes are still in stock and are being utilized by being overprinted.

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- Jamaica, N. Y., 12/11/25.
- Spencer, Iowa, 1/29/26; Fitchburg, Mass., 5/19/26.
- Oakland, Calif., 3/29/27.
- Bethlehem, Pa., 5/22/26.
- Chattanooga, Tenn., 6/27/26; Louisville, Ky., 10/27/26; Knoxville, Tenn., 3/31/27.
- For International Flier Machine
- Riverside, Calif., 9/3/26.
- Salem, Mass., 5/10/26.
- Mary Knoll, N. Y., 1/21/26.
- Far Rockaway, N. Y., 10/28/26.
- Wichita Falls, N. Y., 11/26/26.
- Kingston, N. Y., 3/23/26; Paducah, Ky., 1/31/27.
- Spencer, Ind., 3/2/26.

New Revenue Variety

Mr. George P. Smith has shown me a block of four of the current 20c carmine Documentary, Scott's No. 4232, in which the two right hand stamps of the block are overprinted "STOCK TRANSFER," while the two left stamps are without surcharges. The surcharged varieties show the current overprint as found on number 4421.

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Faked Cancellations

Collectors are especially warned to beware of special or fancy cancellations found on many of our early stamps. I have just seen a copy of the 10c with black U. S. Express mail cancellation of the New York type. The work of producing the cancellation was so that it had passed through hands of those well posted upon the subject. Close examination, however, showed copy, which by the way bore date June 30th, to have been a pen cancellation variety cleaned, with the black cancellation painted in by hand. The work so clever and the mixture of ink so wonderful, that it was no doubt done by a professional, well versed on the subject.

BRAZIL.—Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal informs us that a special set of stamps is to be made in August in honor of the Centenary of the foundation of the Brazilian courts of justice.

BR. BECHUANALAND.—Mr. R. Rolfe has shown us the 6p stamp of Great Britain with the usual surcharge for use in this colony, on the new waternote paper. It is the ordinary paper and the chalky surface.

BRUNEL.—Whitfield King & Co. for chronicle a copy of a new printing of the 12c, Scott's design A2. The color compared with the original issue is much lighter shade of blue.

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GAMBIA.—Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal report that the latest supplies received by their publishers from the Colony seem to have a rather yellowish gum which affects the appearance of the paper to some extent. The new 4p script is an outstanding example.

IRISH FREE STATE.—Three of the best known of Dublin's many famous buildings—the General Post Office in Sackville Street, the Four Courts, and the Customs House, all of which are in course of reconstruction—are to be the distinctive marks of several varieties

of Irish Free State stamps which will shortly be issued.

The Irish Times of March 26th (cuttings from which have been kindly sent us by Mr. Sidney Harvey and A. T. Newham) says:—

"The designs will be contained in the 2s 6d, 5s and 10s stamps, which, it is hoped, will be on sale within a few months time. It is understood that copies of old engravings of these buildings will be used for the purpose.

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JAPAN.—Mr. R. Roberts sends for chronicle the 10s blue, in the new type, watermarked horizontal wavy lines, close together.

NEW ZEALAND.—Whitfield King & Co. advise that the 1sh, King George, Field Marshal design, has been overprinted "OFFICIAL" in the usual manner in black.

SAAR.—Whitfield King & Co. send copies of the 80c, in the new series. The color is orange. Also the same correspondents have shown us the 30c and 50c, of the same set with the surcharge "Dienstmarke." The former in red while that of the 50c is in blue.

SPAIN.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us copies of the 25c, type of Scott's A49, but from Die 2. We note that the background for the portrait in the new printing is not so deep a shade as heretofore and also that the horizontal lines in the background of the panels to the left and right have been strengthened. The new die stamp is also of a brighter shade than previously.

S. W. AFRICA.—Our valued colleague, Mr. J. Robertson, writes from Johannesburg (March 9th):—

I am semi-officially informed that the Government printer, Pretoria, is at present overprinting the new pictorials described in the accompanying letter "SOUTH WEST AFRICA" on English stamps and "SUIDWES AFRIKA" on Afrikaans adhesives.

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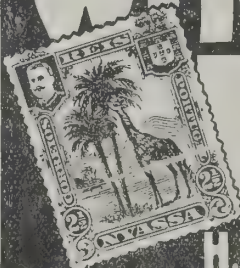
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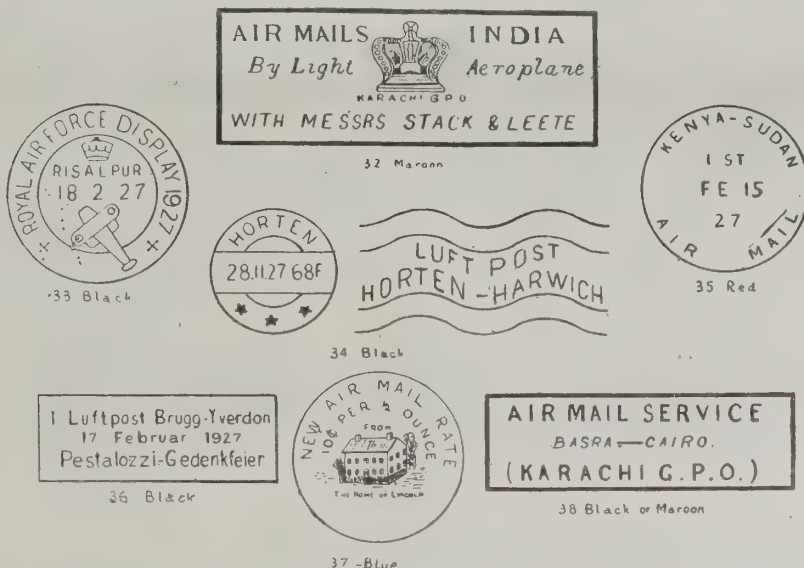
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Chile.—Local newspapers announced that the first air mail from Santiago was due to arrive in Valparaiso early in February, but we have not yet received further details.

Estonia.—A change in the national currency is soon to be made, involving the issue of new stamps which, no doubt, will include a series for air postage.

Honduras.—We learn that the emergency air stamps are sold out. A second emergency issue has now been made, with the same design on the same shade of blue paper, but printed in deep red instead of indigo, and the stamps this time being imperforated. There appears to be a regular variety, "L" for "D" in "Honduras," in the last line of the inscription. This seems to occur in every sixth or seventh stamp.

Hungary.—Mr. Orvos Janos informs us that air mail stamps in the new filler and pengo currency have been prepared, and are expected to be very well produced, in artistic designs. These will be of two types, one designed by the well-known Hungarian artist, Prof. Eugen Haranghy. The one, in a vertical rectangle, will represent Mercury on the back of a flying eagle; and the other, in a horizontal rectangle, will depict an eagle lifting its wings in readiness to fly, and was made from the sketch of John Palinkas. The blocks will be engraved by Prof. Schirnbock, who although eighty years of age, is still an active worker, and who was responsible for the beautiful Jubilee and other series.

The stamps will, it is hoped, be ready for the opening of the spring airmail services.

Japan.—Covers carried on the new services of last year between Osaka, Tokyo, Fukuoka, Oita Takamatsu and Imaharu are now being received. Dates may be checked by reading the numerals on the postmarks from right to left, the first (right) being the day of the month, second (centre) the month, and the third (left) the year of the reigning emperor. On the accession of the new emperor, at the end of last December, the last numeral "15" was substituted by "1."

Italy.—On the first flight of the Rome-Venice service, only 2,700 grammes of mail were carried, we are advised by Mr. Guido Martini. This new, regular service was commenced from Rome on February 1st, but bad weather forced the machine to return to the capital, the first successful flight being made on February 10th. In consequence, part of the mail was postmarked on the 1st, and the remainder on the 10th. At Rome, a special departure postmark was applied in red. It was inscribed "Roma Centro Posta Aerea" and date. The mail was backstamped in black, at Venice, on February 11th. The new value of the air stamps series, 1 lira 20, was issued last month.

Kenya and Sudan.—The first mail from Kenya, in a Fairey seaplane piloted by Capt. Gladstone, left Kisumu on February 15th. It consisted of 120lbs. of correspondence and newspapers, and at

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| 49 | 2 1/2d | Type A3 | .07 | .05 |
| 50 | 3d | Type A4 | .08 | .02 |
| 51 | 4d | Type A3 | .10 | .05 |
| 52 | 5d | Type A1 | .12 | .04 |
| 53 | 6d | Type A1 | .14 | .03 |
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Khartum it was transferred to R.A.F. machines and flown to Cairo, where it arrived on the 20th, a saving of about 15 days over the time taken in land transport. The total postal fee was 70c per 1/2oz. An official blue-green air label was used, and all letters received the official first flight cachet we illustrate (No. 35), this being applied in red. Most of the correspondence appears to have been postmarked at Nairobi or Kisumu, the latest date being 11 a. m. of the 15th, at Kisumu.

The next experimental mail from Kisumu unfortunately came to a premature end, the machine being so seriously damaged soon after it started that it became a wreck, though no lives were lost, and the mails were saved after being submerged.

The British Postmaster-General announced that the regular air mail service would commence in March, and that the first mail from England would be collected in London on March 10th. Since then, however, the machine was lost, and it is now announced that the service has been indefinitely postponed, or abandoned, though the presence of Sir Sefton Brancker in Kenya may result in a more satisfactory decision.

Norway.—The Dornier—Wal flying boat used by Amundsen in his attempted flight over the Pole, in 1925, accomplished the first experimental mail flight across the North Sea early last month. Owing to inclement weather and other difficulties the first attempt had been postponed since early February. The route lies between Horten, Christianssand, Cuxhaven, Amsterdam, and Harwich. It is to be subsidised by the Norwegian Government and organised by the Norwegian Aero Club.

Mail was carried on the first attempt, the postal fee of 1kr 30 being defrayed by ordinary stamps. The official air label was brought into use, and a special machine cancellation (illustration No. 34) was applied. Most of the mail appears to have been backstamped at Harwich on March 7th.

Lithuania.—200 copies of the current 60 centu air stamp were issued in error with centres inverted last year. As the ordinary air stamp of 1919, of which 200 also were issued, is catalogued at £10— and is hard to get at that price, it would seem that the error is to be had at a very reasonable price at present, especially as

there are more collectors of Lithuanian stamps than of Colombians. Many stamps have appeared with air post overprints inverted, but we believe this to be only the second variety to appear with an inverted centre, the first being the well-known U.S.A. 24c, catalogued at £150, of which 100 copies were issued.

Persia.—In connection with the opening of the air service to Baku, provisional air mail stamps are reported by *Stamp Collecting*. These are the issue of 1909 with an overprint representing an aeroplane and Persian and French inscriptions.

Switzerland.—During the "Pestalozzi" aviation meeting the first mail flight from Brugg to Yverdon was responsible for the carriage of a record quantity of mail, numbering 22,000 letters, cards, etc., and 5,000 registered pieces. The official obliterating cachet is illustrated (No. 36), but two other types of private cachets were also used, and a circular reception cachet inscribed "Centenaire de Pestalozzi, Yverdon" and date. Two vignettes were on sale for the occasion, one a rectangle (6,000 issued) and the other a large triangle (450 issued) according to Dr. Vogler. Special cards were also available, and in all the designs, on "cachets," vignettes and cards, children and birds predominate.

Uruguay.—Mr. A. H. Davis writes to say that after about 11 months of efficient service the Junkers airmail service between Montevideo and Buenos Aires has been abandoned as a financial failure.—*Aero Field*.

UNITED STAMP SOCIETIES

The annual convention of the United Stamp Societies will be held Monday, May 30, in Boston, Mass., under the auspices of the Boston Philatelic Society. The arrangement committee consists of Gideon G. Ryder, C. K. B. Nevin and Elmer L. Clark.

The convention will be held at Elk's Hotel. Opening of session, 10.30 A. M., luncheon, 12.30 P. M., afternoon session, 1.45 P. M. At the close of the afternoon session an informal auction will be held, and members are invited to send in lots as a donation to help defray expenses for convention, such lots should be marked "Donation to Convention Fund" and sent to Gideon G. Ryder, Box 2179, Boston.

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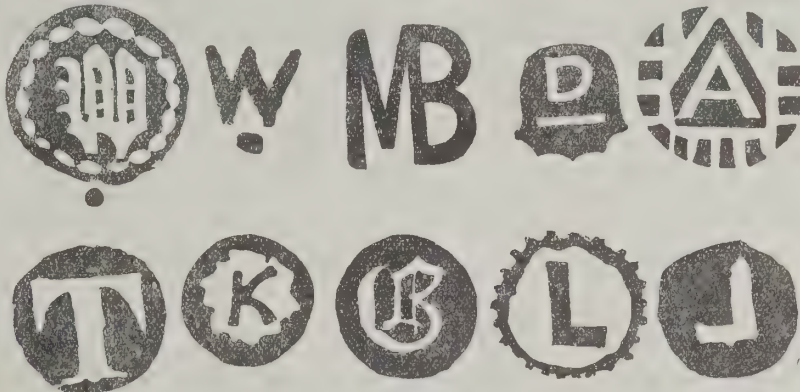
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| LETTERS | | | | |
|---------|----------|--------------------|-------|--------------------|
| No. | Stamp | Town | Color | Reported by |
| 1 | 1c Amer. | | Black | H. V. Swallow |
| 2 | 3c Amer. | | " | H. P. A. |
| 3 | 3c Amer. | Mystic Bridge, Ct. | " | H. P. A. |
| 4 | 3c 1869 | | " | Dr. R. F. Chambers |
| 5 | 3c Amer. | | " | H. P. A. |
| 6 | 3c #2252 | Terryville, Ct. | " | H. P. A. |
| 7 | 2c 1883 | | " | D. F. Kelleher |
| 8 | 1c 1870 | | " | Dr. Wm. Evans |
| 9 | 3c 1861 | Lebanon, Ohio | " | D. H. Stafford |
| 10 | 3c 1861 | | Blue | H. P. A. |

This lot consists of single, or joined, letters. These letters are rather plentiful. This is just a small group of these various letters taken at random, and you will perhaps find a hundred types if your collection is large. These are all cut cork, or wood, and the machine made letters are not taken into consideration at all in this article.

No. 1 is out of the ordinary, as we seldom see an ornate gothic letter cut from cork and carefully framed with a series of small leaves, or ornaments, for this required much patience in the cutting. I have often thought that we are missing a lot of what would have been fine additions to our cancellation collection, owing to the care required in cutting, for doubtless many an interesting cut cork affair was almost completed, when the cutter's knife slipped and ruined what would have been something unique, and then the idea was not tried again. One little slip of the knife, and the cancellation was discarded.

You have probably seen No. 3 in part on stamps and possibly could not make it out. It is Mystic Bridge, and there are two different cuttings of this same MB, so if yours does not "match" this one, you have the other type, or there may have been more than two types. Then there is a VB made in similar manner, and the letters of about this same size.

No. 4 is perhaps an inverted shield. You see the cutter might have been a novice, and cut the "D" into the shield under the white bar without considering that when used it would appear inverted. I think this is actually what happened. Our last number ten (10) shows a case where this same thing happened, for the "backward" L is surely the initial of the town of Lebanon. In blue it makes a very attractive cancellation.

No. 5 is a very carefully executed bit of knife work, for the letter is about as perfect as could be made with a knife. There are several similar types of this, with many other letters.

No. 6 was in use a long time, and a part of the lower left broke away from the cork before it was discarded. No. 7 is one of those which were hard to cut—thin letters showing in color. It was far easier to make the letters so that they appear colorless, for then we have a good sized area of cork left, which prints in the color used. The small thin lines were unable to stand the hammering for a very long period, especially when the material was cork.

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other conditions. Everything seems to be changing with a view toward more speed. I believe that all the Governments will henceforth begin to make their stamps smaller and smaller, for more work can be turned out per day by so doing. It is only to make a splurge that countries give us a big stamp, and it is always to commemorate some event or other. In practical commercial work everything is minimized. Some collectors are already worrying about these metered mail things, wondering how long it will be before stamps are entirely done away with!

Do you ever ponder over what philately will be saying fifty years hence? Now this is something to wonder about! The airmail is becoming a real factor in carrying on the business of a nation. They do not like to lug excess weight. Probably light weight envelopes will be furnished, embossed without color, for ink is heavy stuff. The paper will be tough and light. Some type of cancellation without the use of ink will be in vogue probably. Then those collectors will look back on the days when us pioneer collectors were all trying to save postage stamps, and they will not be worrying about sizes of perforations, and watermarks.

How To Arrange Specialized Collections—This is a question that is handed

to me about once a week at least. Of course the only answer is to suit the individual's taste, and this is largely governed by the material he has at hand.

However, here is something that you might cut out of the WEEKLY, and keep it near by for your own use whenever necessary. In the issue of MEKEEL's for Feb. 21, 1927, is an ad by the Scott Co., which is a handy compendium for any collector who specializes. You may have read that ad, it continued for several weeks, and wished that you had some, or all, of the items enumerated. Well, you can gain a lot by referring to this very fine check list of 71 headings. Read thru this list carefully first. Then go over it item by item, checking off the items that you have, which come under a heading. Those which you may have you keep a record of accurately for mounting. If you have any not mentioned, a doubtful surmise, give them a separate heading.

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I'll bet that several of you have cut a copy of this list for mounting your collections. You will note that the sequence of these items is arranged with much thought, and that there is a certain amount of continuity in the relation each class to the ones which join it. There is the list for you to benefit by and you will save a lot of time and trouble.

Suppose for example that you do collect 3c 1851s and 1857s; but wish to mount all your 3c 1861s, stamps of covers both. Go right ahead and follow the list. You can get all of the three items if you are fortunate enough. Bisects of this stamp do not come much. Then you hop down to Class 7. Assume under a few certain conditions envelopes went through the mails marked "Paid 3" during the '61 period; but with much frequency. Of course you can stick a "Soldier's Letter" in for they were permitted to go with stamp.

Item 16, the Town Pmk. in Queen's Manner is a curiosity. The only one with which I am familiar was used from Sandy Spring, Md. The peculiarity consists in the pmk. having no month abbreviation as we are accustomed to see instead of having Mar. 17, this reads "3 Mo 17," the months not being named but numbered.

When you get down to 45 in this list you can begin to do a real wholesale of mounting. Lots 51 and 52, Canada and Worcester, do not show much in cancellations in the '61s, so you can enter your Waterburys, etc., etc., he. Don't forget your shades. Then you have a class that is full of oddities, grills.

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Première Émission des Pays-Bas" (182-1863) is in French and is by Fernand Serrane, but the stock of this book has been bought by Mr. Auf der Heide. The work is a thorough inquiry into the plates, retouches and shades of this interesting line of stamps and the postmarks and essays are considered as well. The treatise presents the issue in all its phases and no doubt it is a thorough examination of the stamps and their suggestions. The specialist will especially be appealed to by the minuteness of the scrutiny of the stamps. Price: 16 francs.

"Stempels en Postzegels," is by Mr. Auf der Heide himself, and we suppose that its outstanding feature is the list of numbered Dutch offices, 1 to 259. A great variety of postmarks and obliterations of the Netherlands from 1781, have place on the pages of the pamphlet, which, as a work of reference, must be set to be appreciated fully.

The fourth pamphlet is a sort of guide to collecting and pictures stamps that can be identified by the foreign words they bear; and there is information about watermarks, perforations, reprints, accessories, etc. The value of this elementary work is admitted and shows that the Dutch beginner is well taken care of in his first steps.

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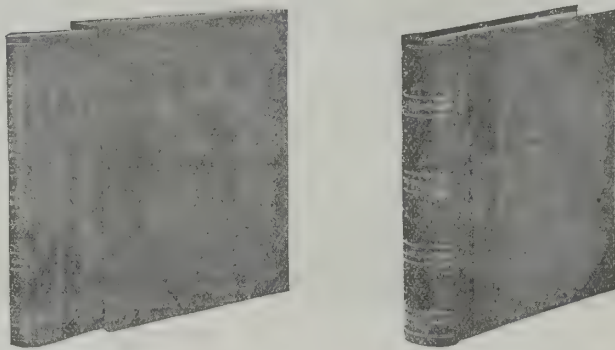
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EDITORIAL

The debate on the question of the philatelic propriety of commemorative issues dies down only to flare forth again, and we dare not ignore the opinions as expressed by correspondents who have been giving the subject real consideration, judging by the sage observations that they register with us. One of our oldest and most estimable readers says that while he deprecates the "facility with which these stamps are issued" because of his belief in the traditions of collecting as he absorbed them, he thinks that the opponents of the issues do not realize that times have changed. He says that "the old days" have departed and that new ideas prevail, which bespeak a welcome rather than a rebuff for new stamps, even though postal necessity does not bring them forth. Another reader, Mr. George E. Terbush, Chi-

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cago, says that one point in favor of the special issues is their "definite character" and that inasmuch as so much attention is given to small differences in U. S. stamps, with the resultant multiplication of varieties, the outright varieties as exemplified by the commemoratives should not be condemned.

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From Dr. E. Diena, Rome, we have received a copy of the newspaper, *Il Meridiano*, Rome, dated April 11, 1927, containing an illustrated philatelic department, *Rubrica Filatelica*. Much space is devoted to an account of the second philatelic exhibition in Rome with a picture display, in part. The exhibition is divided into five classes, with the stamps of Italy, Italian States and Colonies, the prevailing theme. There are many rarities shown and it is evident that the display made an impression, thereby crediting the Italian Philatelic Society with an accomplishment of no mean order.

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Through the courtesy of Mr. Harold C. Brooks, Marshall, Michigan, we have seen what evidently was a sample book of unused pictorial envelopes of the civil war period, carried by stationers for the purpose of securing orders that shows over one thousand varieties. While several of the imprints of the manufacturing firms are included in the book, there are others that are missing; and it is safe to

say that there are some hundreds of designs that are not in this reference book, as it may be called today, when an increasing interest is being evinced in these envelopes whose historical suggestions, when used with stamps, are appealing varieties to a good many collectors.

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On not a few occasions in the past have we been indebted to Mr. W. J. Stanton, Coronado, California, for cooperation of singularly interesting kind; and again, he comes to the front with a recital that is fascinating in its blending of philatelic and historical lore. Here is the document of absorbing interest: "Upon reading the 'Mystery of Stamp Plate' in the March 14th issue of the WEEKLY, referring to the discovery by Mr. August Dietz, Sr., of the electrolyte plate of the 'Two Cents' Confederate stamp, I recalled having read a decision of the United States Supreme Court, involving the question of contraband of war, referring to stamps, presses and plates of stamps of the Confederacy, seized as part of the cargo of a blockade runner. I do not know whether this decision has ever been printed outside of court reports, but it is interesting as stamp history. The 'Bermuda' was an English-owned ship, engaged in blockade-running during the Civil War, that was captured off Nassau, April 27, 1862, on a trip from Liverpool. She carried a miscellaneous cargo, a part of which

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consisted of munitions of war, and among other things, 26 boxes marked P.C. (Post Office Department?) filled with Confederate postage stamps, printing plates for postage stamps, presses, and 'com' plates with 400 dies for printing at the impression, 400 rebel postage stamps, also 200,000 letter envelopes and manyreams of fine white bank-note paper watermarked C.S.A. The 'Bermuda' was towed by her captor, the 'Merch' to Philadelphia, where she was libe and proceeded on as a prize in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and cargo sold. The decision of the court was appealed to the Supreme Court, the title of the case is 'The Bermuda'. It is found reported in full in the Wallace (70 U. S.) page 514. The report of the case covers 45 pages and very interesting as it contains copies of letters found on board, a list of the passengers, all of whom were prominent southerners and a description of the pictures found on board. When the vessel was captured, the captain, brother, by his orders, threw overboard two small boxes and a package, which he swore he understood to contain Confederate postage stamps. According to evidence, several of the passengers, artists and engravers engaged by Major Ficklin in Scotland. In a letter found on board, addressed to Mr. Morris, lithographer in Charleston, the writer, Straker, complains bitterly that the Confederate Commissioner (Major Ficklin) 'has been over here and has sent a lot of printers and engravers, presses and paraphernalia complete, which he obtained in Scotland' and after promising him order 'he then entrusted the order to another house.' This letter is dated February 12, 1862, and bears the head: Stationery Department, 80 Bishopgate Within, 26 Leadenhall Street, London. The report of the case states that the property was sold in Philadelphia under decree of the court. The date of the sale is not stated, but was probably held within three or four months after the order was made. Any one having access to the files of the old United States District Court in Philadelphia can write the concluding chapter by finding who purchased the plates and stamps at the sale. Files of the old Philadelphia papers of that date might throw much light on the matter. The litigation involved three cases consolidated and F



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one, and the titles are Haigh, Claim-
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Sand Frazer, Trenholm & Co., Claim-
as vs. U. S." The story as given cer-
tainly is a complete one and we shall
venture any suppositions that may be
difficult of proof. It is sufficient to say
that Mr. Stanton's contribution to phila-
elic history is one of the utmost interest
al of no little importance, in view of
the possibility that it may dovetail into
further details that may be forthcoming,
as to the whereabouts of the plates
mentioned.

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In the foregoing description, mention
is made of the reams of fine white bank-
note paper watermarked C.S.A. that was
the cargo of the Bermuda; and we
remember that once before, this paper
was under discussion. At the time, some-
thing was said to the effect that it was
secured on a blockade-runner and it is
known that specimens of the paper in
question were to be had years ago, when
little consideration was given to asides
of the kind. In fact, we have before us
a piece of the paper which bears the
watermark, C.S.A. in double line cap-
itals; rather, the sheet which measures
sl and three-quarters by seven inches,
shows the watermark twice in letters
nearly seven-eighths inches high. No
doubt, other collectors have retained
these souvenirs, as they were deemed, at
the time when they were available.

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We regret that some of our readers
in the flooded areas have been suffering
from hardship and privation, and the report
has been made to us that several stamp
collections have been lost or ruined. One
correspondent after describing his plight,
says that it is mild in comparison to that
of his friends in other towns. Philate-
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kowski, a stamp collector and dealer,
formerly known in Detroit under the
name of the McGraw Stamp Co.? Miss
Wilowski is desirous of locating her
father and will appreciate the informa-
tion desired.

ON April 28-30, the Penobscot Valley
Stamp Collectors Club of Bangor,
Me., held an exhibition in the Public
Library. Stamps were shown by Prof.
George D. Chase and Prof. Mark Bailey
of Orono, Walter B. Gould of Bangor
and others. The exhibition was a marked
success and was given much complimen-
tary notice in the local press.

WE have received from the Metropoli-
tan Stamp Co., 1482 Broadway, N.
Y. City, an 8-page pricelist entitled "The
Metropolitan Bargain Counter." It can
be secured for the asking.

IN the St. Louis *Globe-Democrat Maga-
zine* for April 24, was a very fine page
feature in which Henry A. Diamant and
his collection were given good publicity.
The article bears the title "Henry A.
Diamant has been Collecting Stamps for
Fifty-five Years." A *Globe-Democrat*
staff writer is to be complimented upon
the splendid feature. It will do philately
a tremendous amount of good. Clippings
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THE Hackensack Philatelic Society
wishes it to be known that George
Smith is not, nor has he been for some
time, a member of this organization.—
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THE second meeting of the Fort
Worth (Tex.) Stamp Club was held
April 15. A committee will report at
the next meeting on the matter of by-
laws and general organization. Election
of officers will also be held at a later
date. Tentative arrangements are being
considered for the proper care of junior
collectors in the club. Dr. F. Merrill, a
prominent dentist of Fort Worth, ex-
hibited one album from his cover collec-
tion. Dr. Merrill has been collecting
since 1867, and this album contained
many used copies of the famous Mul-
ready envelopes of Great Britain with
the early dates of their use. It also con-
tained a number of early dated covers

of the penny black and other English
stamps appearing immediately thereafter.
—CLAUDE W. PARKER.

THE Penobscot Valley Stamp Club of
Bangor, Maine, held an exhibition
in the Bangor Public Library, April 28,
29 and 30. A practically complete ex-
hibit of U. S., including N. Y., St. Louis
and Providence postmasters, together
with ten frames of foreign stamps were
shown. Old and air flown covers at-
tracted considerable interest. The Ban-
gor Club is prospering with a member-
ship of forty-eight, and it is hoped to
organize a junior branch.—W. B.
O'CONNOR.

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Youngstown, O. Covers with markings
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HARVEY.

A. W. WHITTEN calls our attention
to the recent stamp exhibition at
Kingston, Jamaica. Several U. S. col-
lectors won medals, but Mr. Whitten got
two awards of silver medals for his
exhibits of Great Britain. Congratulations.

WHAT do you think of a stamp club
at the top of the world. A few
nights ago with the Northern Lights
flashing their beautiful colors across the
sky and the thermometer reading around
10° below, a small party of stamp col-
lectors gathered in a log cabin and
formed the most northern stamp club in
the world, the "Arctic Philatelic Society."
F. C. Schiller was elected president and
R. H. Geoghegan, secretary.—F. C.
SCHILLER.

JOHN N. LUFF EXHIBITS

We are informed by Mr. H. M. Kon-
wiser that the exhibition of portions of
the remarkable reference collection of
Mr. Luff at the Collectors Club on
April 20, 1927, made a profound impres-
sion. We do not wonder at this, because
the studious inclinations of our *doyen* of
philately in this country would be given
free rein in a collection of the kind. A
display by Mr. Luff is a card for any
society and we suppose that as a director
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| "Gwalior"—1 1/2a rose |08 |
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are mounted and Mr. Luff had his notes
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reprints and what-nots of the one coun-
try or issue are properly in place. The
instructive value of the exhibit was not
lost on the members and he was given a
vote of thanks for affording the oppor-
tunity to drink deep at the Pierian spring.
Among the countries shown were Al-
bania, Chili, China, Japan and different
British and French colonies; and there
is nothing brash about the observation of
our correspondent that "those who did
attend this session certainly gained ad-
ditional knowledge of stamps and about
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Juniors—Please Note

During the absence of the Managing Editor in Europe, this page will be cared for by Editor Charles E. Severn, 713 Oxford Bldg., Chicago, Ill. He will render our Juniors any assistance that may be desired.

Junior Gossip

—Abraham Zebine, 6109 Wash. av. Phila., Pa., would like to trade U. S. stamps for Mexicans. Abe, who is 12 years old, sends us a bit of verse, and we are sorry that we are unable to use it.

—Peter Strand (13) sends us a bit of verse, which we are not able to use, but we appreciate his courtesy in sending it in. He asks us two or three questions which will be answered in due season.

—We are indebted to Harry Katz, president of the Beverly, N. J., Stamp Club, for two clippings. We are not able to use them, but we appreciate the courtesy.

—The Triangle Stamp Club has just been organized by some Juniors in Davenport, Iowa. Any local collector desiring further information should communicate with the president, John Killian Jr., 417 E. 12 St.

—On Tuesday, May 3, the annual open night of the East Orange (N. J.) High School occurred. The stamp club connected with the school gave a stamp exhibit in the library. We are indebted to George Pryor Enke Jr. for this information.

—F.B.M.—In the case mentioned by you, we feel that you are amply warranted in selecting stamps to the value of 17c from the approval selection sent you and returning the balance by registered mail.

—John Killian Jr., 417 E. 12 St., Davenport, Iowa, would like to correspond with any Juniors who would like to exchange stamps. He sends us a little essay on Bavaria, which we are not able to use, but we thank him for his courtesy.

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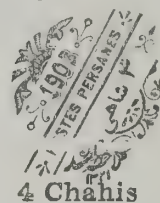
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Marshall Islands, named after Captain Marshall, who, with Captain Gilbert, explored them in 1788.

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Junior Dictionary

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Castellorizo.—A small island in the Mediterranean Sea off the coast of Minor with a population principally Greeks and occupied by the French as a naval base Dec. 28, 1915. Ordinarily French Levant stamps from the French postal agency at Rhodes were used.

til June, 1920, when in quick succession three issues appeared consisting of French and French Levant stamps overprinted (a) B. N. F. CASTELLORIZO (b) O. N. F. CASTELLORIZO (c) O. F. CASTELLORIZO. The set appeared Aug., 1920, and soon after the French evacuated the island, where under the terms of the Versailles Treaty was transferred from Turkey to Italy.

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| The 2 circles to left and right of Dominicana: | are even and round. | are broken and distorted. |

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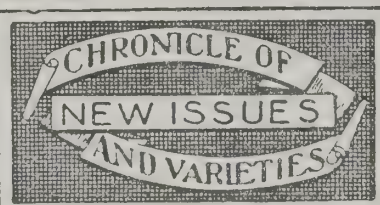
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United States**Washington Notes**

The Postmaster General has decided to comply with the request of the Governor of New York, also other interested persons and societies, and will issue a stamp to commemorate the Battle of Fort Stanwix, at which time it is said the Stars and Stripes was unfurled in the face of the enemy for the first time. The stamp will undoubtedly be of a 2c denomination and consequently will be printed in red. It is thought that this will be issued along with the variety to commemorate the Battle of Bennington in the early part of August. Announcements will be made later as to where the stamps will first be placed on sale.

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing have changed over practically all of their perforating machines for use in connection with the perforating of the rotary print sheets, and all sheets from now on will receive the new perforation. The 1c and 8c have already been issued with the new perforation, 11x10 1/2, in precancelled condition.

The 10c special delivery stamp is to be made upon the rotary press and a special perforating machine has been installed to perforate this new variety. I cannot state at this time as to whether the 15c and 20c special delivery will appear in this form, but as the demand is not extensive it is quite likely that they will continue to print them via the flat plate presses. If there is an unusual demand

for the 10c air mail, there is a possibility of this variety being printed on the rotary press, but as it would necessitate a new perforating machine and as such machines cost real money, the demand would necessarily have to be of sufficient size to warrant the change.

1851, 3c Double Print

In Scott's *Monthly Journal* for April, Mr. John N. Luff reports the finding of the 1851, 3c doubly printed. The variety which he describes is in used condition.

Air Mail Notes

On Thursday, April 21st, contract air mail route No. 11, between Pittsburgh and Cleveland via McKeesport and Youngstown, was inaugurated. As customary, each of these four cities used the large cartwheel contract air mail cancellation on first day covers. Pittsburgh applied the cancellation in magenta and in addition used a postmark outlined in the shape of the State of Pennsylvania and reading within three lines, "Pittsburgh Workshop of the World."

Cleveland applied their postmarks in a blue-black; Youngstown in magenta; and McKeesport in a purple. In addition to the contract air mail cancellation, Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Youngstown used the normal canceller. All covers are backstamped.

Pittsburgh and McKeesport covers are dated at 2 o'clock; Cleveland at 12 o'clock; and Youngstown at 12.30 P. M.

I wish to thank Mr. Orville C. Rittenhouse for his thoughtfulness in sending a cover from McKeesport.

Mail in Flood District

Mr. C. C. Bacon kindly sends several clippings from the South, relative to the carrying of mail in the flood districts. The *Memphis Press-Scimitar* of April 23rd tells us that two aeroplanes daily are operating between Memphis and Little Rock, carrying mail over territory where the floods have swept away the railroad tracks and made motor travel impossible. The first mail from Little Rock in four days arrived at Memphis on Thursday, April 21st, and the plane bringing the mail carried about 35,000 letters.

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AUSTRIA.—Mr. Frank Kocher calls attention to a new Government issue postal card in commemoration of Beethoven.

BAHAMAS.—Stamp Collecting announces that the 2p grey, King George has been printed on Script CA paper the first time, and will be on issue shortly. A new printing of the 1p red, and blue is also on order and that the green mentioned sometime ago has been dispatched to the Colony.

CANADA.—In some of the philatelic journals it has been mentioned that further printing of the 2c on 3c stamp is likely, but we are able to contradict this, as we have received an official letter from the Post Office Department at Ottawa, informing us that it is not the intention of the Department to attempt a surcharge any further 3c stamps, as

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LITHUANIA.—A set of four mourning stamps has been issued in memory of Basanovitch, a famous Lithuanian statesman, whose death occurred recently. The stamps are dated "1851-1927" and show his portrait, the denominations and colours being 15 centu, claret, 25 centu, blue, 50 centu, green, and 60 centu, violet, and each stamp is surrounded by a black border.—*Whitfield King & Co's Philatelic Bulletin*.

MALTA.—We have received from Whitfield King & Co. and Mr. R. Roberts the 1p red, 2p grey, 2 1/2p blue and 3p purple in the King's head type, all printed from plate 1.

MONACO.—Mr. W. T. Wilson has shown us two new items of this country. They are the 1fr 10c green and 3fr red and purplish grey on yellow. The former is in Scott's A11 design while the higher value is in A15.

NETHERLANDS.—Whitfield King & Co. call our attention to the appearance of the 4c blue, watermark circles, design as Scott's A24.

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In the Journal of the American Philatelic Society one might have read recently a statement about as follows: "Why should I collect foreign stamps when I can't even complete my U. S.?"

It should be the most obvious thing in philately that it is an impossibility to complete any country except a few like the Ionian Islands, Maldives, and such dwarfs and brownies. A country having any philatelic pretensions is not to be completed by anyone with any reasonable amount of ease, even if the collector has unlimited means to obtain his desires, for the simple reason that many things of comparatively low catalog price are not readily obtainable, and require long chasing to capture.

An instance of this is afforded by the "Three Black Cretes," numbers 32, 33 and 34 of the catalog. One of these stamps lists \$25 and two of them list \$20 each. Surely one should be able to make connections with stamps that list merely \$20 by the simple expedient of getting out on Nassau Street, let us say, and wig-wagging with a \$20 bill, always providing, of course, that someone didn't run over him with a taxi, make a colander of him with an automatic, or sell him a couple of buckets of water instead.

As a matter of plain, unacquainted, unpolished, and unupholstered fact, such a fatuous proceeding would produce no results. The mere fact of sending want lists to various firms of greater or less prominence produces just about the same lack of results, because these \$20 and \$25 items are not kept in stock but turned over as fast as it is possible to get them—and the dealers are no more fortunate in getting them than the collectors.

For a dozen years the writer has searched assiduously for the three stamps above mentioned, and for ten of those twelve years he believed that genuine copies did not exist, for the reason that all alleged specimens available for examination in America turned out to be counterfeit, and it was not until two years ago that I succeeded in obtaining genuine copies of Nos. 32 and 34. No. 33 is still A.W.O.L. and seems likely to remain so.

Now, Crete is a small country, both geographically and philatelically, yet I have spent a dozen years and have not succeeded in getting a complete collection. The gentleman who complained that he couldn't complete his U. S. might have considered for a moment and added "I couldn't complete my U. S. even if I were a multimillionaire." And then he could add "If I live long enough I may be able to buy 'em from Artie's executors, and they'll sell 'em cheap because the money will be all velvet."

Seriously, there is no reason why anyone, even a multimillionaire, should attempt to complete U. S. (which simply cannot be done), or anything else. The way to philatelic pleasure does not lead across a bridge that is composed of complete spans, one-piece girders, or whatever it is they make a one-piece bridge of. Extreme specialization on one country is going to result inevitably in making that kind of a collector a perfect bore unless he exercises the most remarkable self restraint, and he is going to be perfectly bored if he does.

This being the case, it is time that someone pointed the way to the making of a real general collection, one that will give joy not only to the possessor thereof, but to his friends as well, whether collectors or no. And the proper kind of a general collection will enhance in value, as well, so that there need be no complaint that the financial side of the proposition, which bulks entirely too large, anyway, has not been given proper consideration.

The proper way to make a perfect general collection is to invest the first two dollars in a catalog, and the next whatever-you-are-able-to-spend in a good blank album. You won't need the album for some time, as your first business will be to become reasonably familiar with the catalog, and when you have done that quite a little time will have passed into the domain of yesterday. There are a lot of people who think they are familiar with the catalog—a lot of them are dealers, too, but it takes time and work to actually know even a fair amount of what is between the covers of

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Having become reasonably proficient in arranging dummy stamps on some waste sheets, it is time to begin utilizing your knowledge of the various countries by purchasing complete sets of certain issues which you have selected, from the countries you favor.

Don't let anyone persuade you to buy a large packet with which to start: this is a delusion and a snare unless you want to collect hit-and-miss, and store up a lot of eventual grief for yourself. Don't let anyone sell you part of a set unless it is the part of it that leads up to the one or two high values. And when you have your complete set of Mesopotamian, let us say, park it on one page of your blank album, and spread it out sufficiently so that it covers the page. Don't feel sad if you have to put the stamps a couple of inches apart; they are individuals, and a proper amount of spacing is necessary to a real appreciation of their individual merits. Having got this set of stamps properly allocated, you will acquire a large amount of satisfaction by consulting your encyclopaedia or a book of travel dealing with the country, so that you come into the possession of a few facts which you can write up on a blank sheet and insert in your album with the stamps. This will take some time, of course, and a lot of people will stoutly maintain that this is *work*, while collecting should be pleasure. Very true, but pleasure is invariably the result of labor, either our own or that of some other person. We can't get pleasure for nothing any more than anything else, and

the man who spends a little time and work on writing up his collection is going to enjoy it much more, and his collection will become more valuable, while it will not cost so much to make it, because he will not buy so many stamps. Quality is what counts, not mattress filling.

Having acquired and written up one set of stamps, get another from some other country—any country. But get it complete, and write it up. Preferably one should select the more striking sets, as it is an irrefutable mathematical certainty that these are the ones which will increase in value most rapidly. Probably not in every case, but on the average, undoubtedly. And the reason for the whole set is that every set invariably contains something which turns out to be the "good one," or perhaps several of them. In recent years the "good ones" have more often than not been the highest values in the B. C. sets, and as these sets are the most expensive to buy, we need mention no others.

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In order to make a general collection consisting of complete sets only, one should bear in mind that one set or two sets from a country should be enough. These will represent the spirit and traditions of the land from which they come, and as such will hold the interest and attention of a non-collecting friend when a hit-and-run layout of one here and another one there, spread all over the pages of an album with a lot of barren desert space between would merely bore him. Therefore, purchase the most striking or picturesque series of stamps which you can afford and preferably unused. We hear a lot of argument about "postally used being the only real postage stamps" and similar bally-hoo, but when you park a postmark on a stamp whose face value is \$5, you fracture \$5 into so many fragments that Humpty Dumpty would look like a hard-boiled door-knob instead of an omelet. Furthermore, when stamps are unused they show all parts of the design perfectly, and we have to admit that the design is what makes the stamp. It may cost more, and again it may cost less to get unused stamps, but in any case they always have their face value, and they have their pristine beauty unmarred by disfiguring obliterations, and a large ink smudge never looks well on the nose of a handsome stenographer, anyhow. So buy 'em unused if you can possibly afford it: the stamps, we mean.

If the writer were to make a collection of this kind (and he has made several of them for other people) he'd commence with a couple of pages of U. S. commemoratives. For instance, the Louisiana Purchase, Pan - American, Jamestown, Alaska, Hudson, Panama (one perfora-

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The Albanian pictorial set of 1922 is rather a gallery of history, art, and architecture, and it does not require any quality as a prophet to know that this set is going up and higher. The 1925 air stamps would make a fine second set for an Albanian display.

Argentina might be shown with Nos. 9 and 11, 141, 176, 247, 280 to 282, 283 to 289 and 357. All are low in price and high in interest, and avoid entirely the vast desert area of recent watermarks.

The quaint crudities of Armenia and Azerbaijan would make a couple of interesting pages and require a lot of delivery for information. A complete set of the issues of Ascension would just about fill a page and the first issue may still be had at a fair price, but is rising rapidly.

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By N. C. COMFORT.

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COLONIAL NOTES

By "CALABAR."

Used Colonials.—An article in the WEEKLY some little time ago on modern used British Colonials was of much interest, the more so as contributions of a similar nature are surprisingly few. The relative values of used and mint stamps, in the case of the majority of Colonies, are well worked out by the writer and represent fairly accurately present market values. With several Colonies, however, the scarcity of used copies is, I think, rather underestimated, notably Ascension, Gambia, etc. Both issues of the former Colony are exceedingly scarce used, by far the greater number of letters passing through the local P. O. being sent in from abroad and postmarked "by request of addressee." And the number of letters so handled, since September, 1924—the date of issue of the current series,—is exceedingly small in comparison to the quantities of mint stamps held at present by dealers and collectors. As time goes by, more used copies will, of course, make their appearance on the market, but—and here is the significant point—the increase in the numbers of mint stamps will surely be at least as great, if not greater. This is true of the current issues of all of the out-of-the-way Colonies, e.g., Tonga, St. Helena, Falkland Ids., etc., etc. Dealers are continually re-stocking with fresh supplies, which tends to offset the growing quantities of used copies.

With reference to Gambia. The writer observes that there is little variation between used and mint, with one or

two exceptions (presumably the 4s small type script and the two scarce 5s Georges). This is a rather surprising observation, used copies (of the King's Head issues) being generally placed in the "hard to get" class, on a par with, say, the Solomon Ids., the Gilberts, etc.). By reason of this, Gambia has long held a distinctive position amongst the West African Colonies, the majority of whose issues are quite common used. The lower values, perhaps, are worth about the same mint or used, but taking the duties over 3d, one may safely say that modern Gambia stamps are much more desirable in used condition.

Any attempt at evaluating used Colonials must, of course, take into consideration a somewhat neglected though not unimportant factor, viz., the postmark. Most of the "covers" offered are postmarked with the G. P. O. cancellation (e.g., Roadtown, Virgin Ids.) and hence are less desirable than covers which have passed through a minor Office (e.g., Virgin Gorda). Thus, the Port Stanley pmk. (Falkland Ids.) is much commoner than either the Fox Bay or So. Georgia obliterations,—the latter being very rarely met with. Likewise, the Georgetown (Grand Cayman) pmk. is more frequently encountered than are the pmks. of the other two Offices, viz., Little Cayman and Cayman Brac. In connexion with the West Indian Colonies, it is interesting to note that at one time three different sets of stamps were available for postal use in the tiny Colony of Barbuda. Between June, 1922 and 1924 (approximately) the provisionals, as well as various current Antigua and Leeward Ids. stamps, were

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The existence of a Federation makes two sets of stamps available (most of the time) in each of the West Indian Colonies (Antigua, Dominica, Montserrat, St. Kitts, and the Virgin Ids.). A specialized collection of one of these Colonies would thus include copies of the Leeward series used that particular Colony. The Leeward Id. Colonies, judging by the various articles on the stamps of these islands, previous issues, of the WEEKLY, most interesting group for the postal specialist.

Dominica.—At the time of writing (late March) the scarce 3s, with the CA wmk., is changing hands for around \$2.50; and considering the popularity of the West Indian Colonies, both here and abroad, a further rise may be looked for shortly. As far as I know, numbers sued are still unknown (i.e., no figures have yet appeared in print), but judging by the usual indications, I should place the figure somewhere in the neighborhood of 8,000 or 9,000.

The 5s old CA (same series) is obsolete, and whilst being advertised as "scarce," "rare," etc., no very extraordinary rise seems likely.

The foreign postage rate, by the way, is down once more to 2 1/2d, so that change in the colors of this and the duty will probably be made within the near future.

CANADA TO PRINT CUBAN STAMPS

(Clipping from E. H. Peterson.)

The Canadian Banknote Company, Ottawa, have been awarded, by the Postalmaster-General of Cuba, the contract for printing 3,000,000 special stamps for the Cuban Government. The stamps are a special issue for the celebration to be held in the island on May 20, 21 and 22 this year, commemorating the 25th anniversary of Cuban independence. The stamps, which will be of 25-cents denomination, will be printed in several colors having the Cuban coat-of-arms in the centre in natural colors.

The "Henry Schinzel" Collection OF 19th Century Stamps

This fine collection is being entirely re-arranged in my new approval books and re-priced at rates that will effect quick sales.

The following books are now ready, and can be sent to serious collectors who wish to purchase choice stamps at reasonable rates. In order to give some indication of the class of stamps in each book, I add the value.

In many of the British Colonies there are good and medium 20th Century stamps. As I do not hold these as an investment for my funds, I have priced them all at half Scott's catalogue and less to clear them out.

| No. of book. | Contents. | Value | No. of book. | Contents. | Value |
|--------------|--|-----------|--------------|--|---------|
| 1. | New South Wales, early issues. | \$2475.00 | 21. | Leeward Isles, Montserrat, Nevis, St. Christopher (Nevis first type, very fine lot, priced really low) | 1223.00 |
| 2. | West Indies and British Guiana, rare | 4429.00 | 22. | St. Lucia, St. Vincent (good lot 1st type) | 1318.00 |
| 3. | British Colonials, rare | 2750.00 | 23. | St. Vincent (many blocks) Tobago | 352.00 |
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| 6. | Italian States. Scarce | 1530.00 | 26. | Samoa, Sarawak, Tonga, etc. | 323.00 |
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| 9. | Ceylon, Nos. 42 to 51 | 1280.00 | 29. | New South Wales, middle issues | 379.00 |
| 10. | Ceylon, Nos. 62 to 148 | 599.00 | 30. | New Zealand and Queensland | 716.00 |
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| 14. | Few common Colonials in Sheets | 57.00 | 34. | Tasmania and Victoria | 577.00 |
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| 16. | Orange River Colony and Ceylon, Nevis, etc., on covers.. | 167.00 | 36. | Western Australia | 354.00 |
| 17. | Canada, etc., on covers, mostly common | 57.00 | 37. | British Columbia and Canada.. | 708.00 |
| 18. | Uruguay, French Cols., etc., on covers, common | 33.00 | 38. | Canada and Newfoundland | 468.00 |
| 19. | Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica .. | 737.00 | 39. | Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Isles | 153.00 |

Ask for any other countries you want, as I have about 50 more books of this collection in course of being remade.

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he non-collector learns that a special sale is usually on sale but a short time later that the stamps are bound to go up in value. So he takes the first plunge and is caught for the rest of his life. Even a Government failure has been known to have far reaching results in making converts to the cult. The withdrawal of a series criticized as being inferior in design, as unsatisfactory in color, or badly printed, or with any other fault, results inevitably in a rapid appreciation in the value of the surviving specimens and a rush for them on the part of new as well as old enthusiasts. Or in the last resort the great virtue of scarcity, so far as the stamp collector is concerned. Rarity, thou wondrous thing, what art thou, which, being nothing, art everything?—N. Y. Sun.

The guest of honor was Charles J. Phillips of New York who entertained with reminiscences of his collecting and dealing activities. Pres. William A. Johnson was toastmaster and read a number of real and "phony" messages of regrets.

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A pantomime "The Vicissitudes of a Stamp Collector" was put on by five members. The committee in charge of the banquet was given a hearty vote of thanks.—ALBERT E. GORHAM, *Sec.*

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SALE DATE, MAY 27, 28, 1927

| Lot No. | U. S. | Catalogue Value | Lot No. | Catalogue Value | |
|---------|--|-----------------|----------------|--|--------|
| 7 | 1847, 10c (29) on small piece of cover, tied with bright red grid, very fine | 32.50 | 190 | *1912-15, 2c (406) the scarce lake shade in mint block of four, centered least trifle left, very rare and worth real money | — |
| 8 | 10c (29) barely close at left but frame line intact, bright orange can., fine and scarce | 42.50 | 192 | 1918, \$5 (524) very fine used block six, two lower stamps with straight edge, cancelled, "Air Mail Field, N.Y." | 18.75 |
| 9 | 10c (29) close at left, slightly repaired, can., with large numeral "10" in blue, not the ordinary type but an extremely rare can. | 70.00 | 193 | \$5 (524) complete used sheet of 100 stamps, very good condition and naturally scarce | 312.50 |
| 12 | 1851, 1, 3c (32b, 33) type IIIa, barely close at top, beautiful deep color of the first type used as carrier with 3 cent at Mobile, Ala., on cover, very fine and rare | 35.30 | 195 | 1926, 2c (629) White Plains, Exhibition sheet of 25, can., in magenta with Exhibition P. O. can., the scarce sheet printing flaw very prominent | — |
| 25 | 3c (33) block of four, can., "Jackson, Miss." in blue, tiny closed break in center, a really beautiful block | 40.00 | 205 | *Departments, Justice, 15c (1530) surcharged "Specimen," superb and scarce | — |
| 28 | 3c (33) two lines recut in lower right triangle, on cover, used from "Nonpareil, O." can., with manuscript "N," a rare variety, very fine and listing off cover | 15.00 | 207 | Justice, 90c (1533) perfs. barely touch at top, light violet can., and really very fine | 40.00 |
| 33 | 3c (33) all four rosettes shifted, tied with Kalamazoo, Mich., on small valentine cover, fine and very scarce | — | 209A | Navy, 24c (1542) surcharged "Specimen," one perf. missing top, a rare one | — |
| 36 | 5c (34) vertical pair on piece of cover, cut in at right, a fine appearing piece and worth a big "flyer" bid | 250.00 | 212 | *Post Office, 1c (1546) surcharged "Specimen," inverted, extremely rare and fine | — |
| 37 | 5c (34) little close at left, can., with "Red Paid in circle," very scarce | 75.00 | 226 | *1911, Postal Savings, 50c (1636) no gum, 3 m.m. spacing, very fine block of four | 25.00 |
| 39 | 10c (35c) type IV recut top, showing recut bottom of adjoining stamp at top, close at bottom, otherwise big margins and fine | 50.00 | 227 | *Postal Savings, 50c (1636) no gum, 2 m.m. spacing, very fine, star plate (5614) block four | 32.50 |
| 40 | 12c (36) bright red can., fine even margins and better than superb | 15.00 | 228 | *Postal Savings, \$1 (1637) 3 m.m. spacing, horizontal guide line, fine o.g. block of four | 20.00 |
| 41 | 12c (36) horizontal pair, town can., very fine | 40.00 | 235 | Wells Fargo & Co., 1864, 3c (2350) type V, frank, can., "Wells Fargo & Co., C. P. R. R." fine and rare | — |
| 43 | 1857, 1c (41) type II, red carrier can., extremely fine | 10.00 | 247 | *Revenues, 1898, 2c (4008a) imperf. vertically, very fine o. g. block of four, rare | — |
| 61 | 5c (46) type I, used, deep shade, perfectly centered and ultra superb | 25.00 | 248 | *2 1/2c (4009a) imperf. horizontally, very fine o.g. block of four, rare | 48.00 |
| 62 | 5c (47) type I, used, beautifully centered and superb | 12.50 | 250 | *1/2 c (4026a) imperf. horizontally, block of four, no gum, very fine | — |
| 63 | 5c (48) type II, orange brown, red grid can., finely centered and a gem | 60.00 | 260 | Locals, Bloods (6261) two copies used on one cover, dated Bloods can., does not tie, very scarce used in multiples | — |
| 69 | (53) Complete arrow at bottom right, a much underpriced variety and superb, used | 30.00 | 261 | 1845-50, 2c (6454) City Despatch Post, with red "Paid" and N.Y. can., superb and rare | 75.00 |
| 78 | 1861, 5c (67) mustard, light red grid can., ultra superb | 35.00 | 262 | *1861, Wells Fargo & Co. \$1 (6796) superb mint block four, rare | 40.00 |
| 81 | *90c (72) centered least bit to top, full o. g. and fine | 40.00 | 280 | *Confederates 1863, 10c (209) frame line variety, line showing on two sides, full o.g. and exceedingly rare unused | 175.00 |
| 83 | 1862-66, 2c (73a) diagonal bisect (upper right half) used as drop letter in Santa Clara, Calif., superb entire and very rare, tied over cut | 100.00 | 281 | *1863, 10c (209) Another frame line variety, line appearing almost unbroken on three sides, stamp has slight thin spot on reverse from careless removal of hinge, without gum, yet absolute perfection on face, exceedingly rare | 175.00 |
| 84 | 2c (73a) diagonal bisect (lower left half) on cover, tied over cut with Santa Clara, Calif., superb and rare | 100.00 | FOREIGN STAMPS | | |
| 85 | 2c (73b) left vertical half, on cover, used as drop letter and tied over cut with Santa Clara, Calif., superb and v. rare | 100.00 | 282 | *Afghanistan, 1888, 1ab (154) very rare block four | — |
| 90 | *1867, 5c (95) centered least bit left, o. g. and scarce | 35.00 | 293 | *Argentine Republic, 1858-61, 5c (1, 1a) complete left pane of 108 stamps, showing all varieties, 12 copies (1a) very fine | 37.20 |
| 94 | 1869, 3c (114b) two thirds used as 2 cent, on piece of document, genuine, superb and very rare | 400.00 | 294 | *1858-61, 5c (1, 1a) complete right pane of 108 stamps, showing all varieties, 12 copies (1a) very fine | 37.20 |
| 97 | 6c (115) bright green target can., fine and scarce | 20.00 | 295 | *1858-61, 10c (2) complete right pane of 108 stamps showing all varieties, very fine | 75.60 |
| 98 | 6c (115) fine used horizontal strip of three, scarce | 10.50 | 296 | *1858-61, 10c (4a) complete sheet of 96, showing all varieties, very fine | 96.00 |
| 99 | 6c (115) fine copy with arrow at top left, carrier can. on cover, a scarce item | 15.00 | 309 | Buenos Aires, 1860, 1p (10) very fine copy on cover | 6.00 |
| 100 | 6c (115) "Fishing Boat" letter from Portland, Me., to Pictou, N. S., scarce and fine | 15.00 | 313 | *Corrientes, 1864-80, 3c (3) 1879 impression, original sheet of 24, very fine | 48.00 |
| 105 | 10c (116) horizontal strip of three, with black, red "Paid" and blue foreign cancellations, a beauty | — | 319 | *Corrientes, 1864-80, 2c (4) 1879 impression, original sheet of 24, very fine and rare | 120.00 |
| 114 | 1870-71, 7c (149) slip print, shift variety, used, very fine, scarce | — | 326 | Austria, 1858-9, 2, 3kr (7, 9) a handsome cover, very fine | 8.25 |
| 128A | 1879, 6c (186) block of ten (5x2) cancellation trifle heavy, but exceedingly rare in even a small block, and one of a very few known of this size, a fine piece | — | 335 | Baden, 1864, 18kr (24) centered little R. and B., rare on cover | 20.00 |
| 132A | 90c (191) used block of four, centered slightly right, very fine deep color, and much underpriced | 40.00 | 339 | Bahamas, 1918, 1sh (305) very scarce used and equally fine | 12.00 |
| 140 | 1888, 90c (218) used block of twenty-five (5x5) from center of sheet, showing arrow at lower right, three copies heavily cancelled, balance very fine, nicely centered and one of the biggest known blocks, extremely rare and the gem of a beautiful sale | — | 349 | Belgium, 1861, 10c (10) used block four, cuts into design at left, otherwise fine and rare | — |
| 182 | *1898, 1c to \$2 (285-293) Trans-Mississippi, complete set of bi-colored india die proofs on card, scarce | — | 355 | Bolivia, 1866-7, 10c (4) light pen can., very fine | 17.50 |
| | | | 356 | *1866-7, 50c (6) a superb copy of this rare stamp | 40.00 |
| | | | 359 | *1911, 20 on 2c (97) very fine and rare | — |
| | | | 364 | Brazil, 1843, 60r (2) can., in magenta, stamp has insignificant crease, very fine and scarce on cover | 10.00 |
| | | | 384 | Cape of Good Hope, 1863-4, 1sh (15a) the rare light emerald shade, small margins, exceptionally good used copy | 35.00 |
| | | | 387 | *Castellorizo, 1920, 2pia on 50c (11) same in block of four, very fine and rare | 200.00 |
| | | | 398 | China, 1913-18, Bisect of 1c (177) used on piece with strip four 3c (179) from Hwang Chow, properly tied over cut, genuine and very scarce | — |

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| 402 | *Cochin-China, 1886, 5 on 25c (1) fine block four | 1012 | 1866-67, 5pa (30b) thick paper, horizontal pair used, pair is creased, but fine boardwalk margins, rare |
| 406 | Corea, 1895, 10p used on cover, very scarce | 1024 | 20pa (32) in horizontal used pair with Gibb. type III, (91) a fine and rare piece |
| 414 | Denmark, 1851, 2rs (1) horizontal pair on entire cover, very fine, big margins and extremely rare | 1025 | 20pa (Gibb. 91a) type IV, the extremely rare type listed but underpriced, small margins, used copy |
| 434 | *French Egypt, 1921, 30 on 15m on 1fr (46a) superb mint copy, rare | 1029 | 1868-70, 2b (33) used blocks four showing both types close at bottom, otherwise superb |
| 443 | Germany, 1872, 2kr (8) with red "New York Packet" can. | 1042 | 2, 18b (33, 36c, bisects) vertical half of 2b, diagonal half of 18b used and tied together on piece, very fine and extremely rare |
| 480 | Hawaii, 1859-65, 2c (16) can., with "Local Custom House" sailing Vessel in Relief, stamp has closed tear at left, but exceedingly rare, on small fragment of cover | 1064 | 1869, 15b (40c) laid paper, horizontal pair from Worthington collection, a superb piece and extremely rare |
| 484 | 1893, 2c (57b) fine used copy, double surcharge | 1072 | 50b (42) double head variety, close at top, used, a very rare stamp |
| 485 | 1893, 2c (66b) in pane of fifty normal varieties (64), very fine piece | 1073 | 50b (42) double head variety, used, probably Scott's (42b) close at left, very rare |
| 521 | Mauritius, 1891, 2c on 17c (81b) double surcharge, very fine used | 1076 | 1871-2, 5b (43) mint block of four from damaged plate, entire sheet margin at right, crease between stamps only, very fine and rare |
| 524 | Memel, 1921, 4m on 2fr (305a) rare type II on flown cover with 10pf (51) very rare used | 1094 | 10b (44a) superb o. g. copy of the laid paper variety, extremely rare and perfection |
| 555 | New Brunswick, 1860, 5c (7b) scarce olive shade, on "Fishing Boat" letter, a scarce cover | 1109 | 15b (47) Cin "6" variety, used, fine and rare, normal dies |
| 556 | *New Caledonia, 1892, 1c (20) mint block of four, scarce | 1100 | 15b (47) horizontal used pair with same "6 for C" variety in one stamp, fine and rare, normal |
| 557 | 1892, 4c (22) fine unused block four, o. g. | 1120 | 1872, 5b (50a) very rare vermilion shade, copy has slight thin spot, but finely centered, lists Gibb. |
| 648 | *North Borneo, 1918, \$5 (447) superb mint copy, rare | 1121 | 5b (50a) a superb horizontal used pair of this rarity, decided shade, Gibbons |
| 649 | *1918, \$10 (448) also superb o. g., equally rare | 1128 | 1872, Essays of Type "A II, 1 1/2-50b, "built up essays" rare |
| 658 | Nova Scotia, 1851-3, Diagonal half of 6d used as 3d (5a) tied over cut on piece of cover, fine and rare | 1133 | 1876-9, 5b (62d) Cliche of 5b in plate of 10b, used, very fine, rare |
| 707 | Palestine 1918, 1pia (1) used, very fine sheet margin copy | 1135 | 1879, 5b (69c) Cliche of 5b in plate of 10b, very fine, rare |
| 733 | Persia, 1917, 12ch on 1kr (586) very rare used, superb | 1136 | 5b (69c) Same 5b error used, centered little to B., rare |
| 743 | *Peru, 1882, 5c (920b) "Arms double" var. in mint block four, centered trifle to bottom | 1150 | 1857, 10k (1) a superb used copy, can., "577" |
| 774 | *Portugal 1853, 5r (1) very fine o. g. copy, rare | 1151 | 1858, 20k (3) a very fine used copy, rare |
| 777 | 1853, 50r (3) superb used copy | 1152 | 30k (4) perfs. just touch frame at right, used, fine and rare |
| 778 | 1853, 100r (4) very fine used, big margins and rare | 1159 | 1868-71, 3k (21) very fine o. g. copy, rare unused |
| 779 | *1855, 5r (5) Die 8, very fine o. g. copy, a rarity | 1168 | 1883, 7k (35b) imperforate, very fine copy used on cover, very rare used, unused price |
| 802 | 1879-80, 50r (48) fine copy on cover, used in Madeira, v. scarce and black can., unusually good copy, rare | 1169 | 1884, 3 1/2r (39) very fine used and rare |
| 826 | Portuguese India 1871, 100r (4) red and black can., unusually good copy, rare | 1170 | 7r (40) a superb o. g. copy, rare |
| 827 | *200r (5) centered to right, very rare | 1171 | 7r (40) very fine used copy, rare |
| 828 | 1872, 10r (5a) very fine used copy, rare | 1173 | 1890-92, 2k (47b) superb horizontal pair used on piece with 1k (46) very rare used, lists unused |
| 848 | *1876, 300a (42) very fine, centered copy, rare | 1179 | *Wenden 1863, 2k (902) copy has thin spot, very rare |
| 849 | *600r (43) close at right, very rare | 1186 | Levant, 1863, 6k (1) practically no margins beyond outer frame line, but a genuine used copy, very rare |
| 850 | *900r (44) corner perf. missing, really very fine and rare | 1187 | 6k (19) thin at top left, big margins, full o. g., rare |
| 863 | *1906, King of Spain Reprints (55-65, 67-9, 162-8) very fine and very rare | 1192 | 1879, 7 on 10k (19c) a superb used copy |
| 880 | 1881, 6 on 200r (110) centered to right and bottom, regular can., date in pen, rare | 1222 | *Wrangle Issue 1921, 20th on 7r (260) very fine and also very rare |
| 881 | 6 on 200r (110) thin spot, otherwise a beautiful used copy | 1223 | *20th on 5r (261a) a superb copy and extremely rare |
| 882 | *6 on 200r (111) o. g. copy and very fine, a very great rarity, catalogues used | 1269 | Sardinia 1855-61, 20c (13b) good copy, with inverted head, used, a rare stamp used |
| 883 | *6 on 200r (112) perfectly centered, exceptionally fine and another great rarity | 1278 | Sweden 1885, 3sk (1) used, tiny closed tear at upper right, beautifully centered and superb appearing rarity |
| 893 | 1t on 10r (131) a beautiful used copy and rare | 1289 | *Two Sicilies 1859, 1/2gr (10) full o. g. copy, very fine |
| 902 | *8t on 25r (153) very fine also, rare | 1292 | *1859, 50gr (18) very fine o. g. copy |
| 956 | Queensland 1860, 1d (1) a beautiful, neatly cancelled marginal copy of this rarity | | |
| 957 | 1800, 1d (4) corner perf. missing, otherwise a real fine used copy, also very rare | | |
| 975 | *Roumania, 1858, 40pa (6) fine used copy on piece of cover, rare | | |
| 977 | *1859, 5pa (8) superb marginal copy, part gum | | |
| 979 | 40pa (9) two beautiful used copies on piece of cover, a gem | | |
| 982 | 1862, 6pa (12) very fine used copy and shade | | |
| 990 | *1863, 30pa (21, 21a, 21b) Complete sheet of 40 including six sideways pairs, one tete beche pair, very fine | | |

Next month we offer a large line of United States covers, the property of very prominent New York City collectors.

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Mr. Coffin sends his \$5 for enrollment so as to receive a personal copy for the coming five years, remarking he has "been reading it at my club." Substantive evidence of his interest in our paper.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

MELANGE:—

R. HUSSEY has sent us a copy of the Easter number of the S. P. A. "hatterbox," issued by the Sales Department of that organization. It is a substantial looking publication, carries a goodly lot of advertising, and a sample copy can no doubt be obtained by writing to 3457 Dury Av., Cincinnati, O.

POSTCARD greetings are at hand from Mr. and Mrs. Rud. Dinnebier who under date of April 14, wrote us from Niems, Czecho-Slovakia. Mr. Dinnebier sends Easter well wishes from his "old home town" and writes that new mail stamps will soon be issued.

OUR attention has been called to the fact that John J. Wentzel, R. 2, Emholde, Pa., is a worthy shut-in and a lover of stamps is suggested. It is necessary for him to lie flat on his back and he has the use of only his hands and feet. We hope that a goodly number of our subscribers will favor Mr. Wentzel with some stamps for his collection.

A STAMP club has been formed by employees of the Chase National Bank, New York City. This is indeed a novel institution and we hope to hear of any more of this kind. We are indebted to George Stotz Jr., for this information and in the letter he enclosed two new annual subscriptions to the WEEKLY.

READING, PA., has a new stamp club in St. Andrew's Reformed Church. William Bauer is the president and Robert Buck, secretary and treasurer. The club is under the personal supervision of Rev. Charles E. Roth, under whose guidance they are planning a number of programs.

WE have received from M. P. Ganey a clipping from the *Montgomery News* of Hillsboro, Ill., which gives an interesting story of the philatelic activities of Rev. Charles Oppenheim, pastor of St. Raymond's Catholic Church at Alton, Ill. It is a nice bit of publicity.

In our last issue we made reference to a fine article which appeared in a St. Louis paper dealing with Henry A. Diamond and his collection. Various subscribers have sent in the same clipping, the latest being Fred Slack.

OUR readers have no doubt noticed the advertising of Th. Berg from Brooklyn, N. Y. Mr. Berg has now moved to High View, N. Y., and his advertisements will be found regularly in the WEEKLY in the future. He has taken over the entire stock of British Colonials of the J. M. Bartels Co., and the quality of his offerings will be apparent in his subsequent announcements. Mr. Berg is a member of the A. P. S., the Collectors Club, etc., and comes to be highly recommended.

FRANCIS J. GROSS informs us that the 2½d orange Antigua has been withdrawn from sale and the stock destroyed April 8, 1927. The postmaster at St. John, Antigua, is the source of the information.

THE Southern New England Stamp Clubs meet at Hartford, June 4, at 1 P. M. at the Center Church Parish House, opposite Heublein Hotel. Plenty of parking space nearby. There will be a course for trading and sale of stamps, but present plans do not include any auction sale. The original idea of this meeting was to "get acquainted" and our program is made up with that idea foremost. A contest for the 50 handsomest stamps in the World will be held, and awards given. Bidding will be for beauty, mounting arrangement, and condition. The highest charge will be \$2 per plate and tickets may be had by sending to the club treasurer Theo. M. Lincoln, 579 Prospect Ave., Hartford, Conn. Applications should be in by May 25.

NOT off the bat. As broadcast by WEAF by Billy Jones, Ernie Hare: "The U. S. Chronicle Column: 'The Government has decided to issue all Air Mail Stamps on Fly Paper. Guess they will go further now.'—FRED KLINGENSIN.

ANNOUNCEMENT!

I am in the fortunate position to announce that I have taken over the large and extremely fine stock of the special British Colonial Department of J. M. Bartels Co., N. Y. City.

During the past I have personally been in charge of this branch of their business. Collectors may therefore feel assured of the same expeditious service as hitherto, and in dealing with me—they will have the pick of one of the finest and most valuable stocks of British Colonials in existence. Choice 19th and 20th Century selections will be sent to old customers on request, and I am also anxious to deal with new parties who furnish the usual references. Enquiries of all sorts relating to British Colonials are welcomed, and I will gladly quote on—or submit stamps given in want lists.

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By H. D. BUCKLAND

Sweden.—An airmail service between Porjus, the Swedish electrical power station, and Suorvajaure, 60 miles northwest of Porjus, in Lapland, was established in the late summer of 1920.

Denmark.—The first aeroplane to carry mail and passengers to London from Copenhagen left the latter city at 10 a.m. on Sept. 15, 1920. The mail included bags that had been conveyed the same morning from Malmo, while it is reported that Prince Axel placed the first bag on board the machine.

Rhodesia.—Experimental mail-carrying flights were made between Bulawayo and Salisbury, and Bulawayo and Livingstone, with an amount of success in the middle of the year 1920.

Argentina.—A Bill was passed in 1920 granting an aviation company the right to operate mail and passenger services between the Province of Buenos Aires and Patagonia, as far as the Magallanes. Can any reader tell us whether services

were inaugurated?

Great Britain.—Apart from the temporary airmail services during the 1919 railway strike, the regular service between London and Birmingham which was to have opened in the summer of 1920 and was eventually very short-lived, did not commence till Dec. 22nd of that year. The machine left Cricklewood Aerodrome just after noon and arrived at Castle Bromwich at 2.30 p.m. To commemorate the event, the pilot presented a pilot's watch to Alderman Cadbury, the Lord Mayor of Birmingham.

Mexico.—Between July and September, 1917, regular mail flights operated between the capital and Pachuca, a distance of 110 miles, the service being undertaken by machines each capable of carrying 500 lbs. Temporary services were also run between Mexico City and Vera Cruz and Querataro.

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This Treasury Decision provides that no person other than a collector of internal revenue or duly authorized deputy collector of internal revenue, or designated United States depository shall sell or expose for sale, give away, traffic in, trade, barter, lend, borrow, or exchange any stock transfer or future delivery stamps issued pursuant to these regulations; provided, that any person or corporation, which has been duly appointed and constituted and is acting agent of any State for the sale of stock transfer stamps of such State may, upon approval by the Commissioner and upon giving bond satisfactory to the Collector, sell United States stamps issued pursuant to these regulations.

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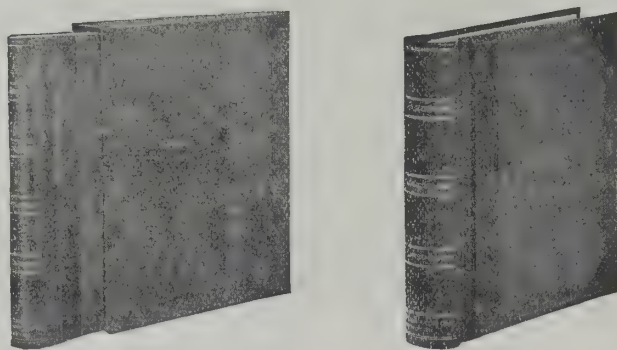
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EDITORIAL

If we are to have favorable action, even on a small proportion of the number of petitions for special, commemorative or celebratory issue, we trust that the authorities at Washington will exercise that intelligence and discrimination that it is expected they will show in selecting worthy subjects for stamp distinction. This hope is expressed merely to make conversation as a consequence of having heard from a reader that a large organization is thinking about asking the postmaster general to get out a stamp for its benefit at the time of its convention. Inasmuch as the society in question is the American Philatelic Society, we want to place ourselves on record of not being an accessory before the fact; and speaking in this legal wise, the Toledo Blade cracks this one: "Ac-

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Recently, we read in the "Australian Stamp Journal" that Miss E. West, managing director of J. H. Smyth, Limited, Sydney, Australia, was leaving on an extended visit to the United States. It is learned from Miss West that she will combine business with pleasure here and make New York City her objective, where her stay will be somewhat protracted. It will be remembered that Mr. Smyth, who founded the firm, died some years ago and since that time, Miss West has capably conducted the business. A

welcome is extended to Miss West and it will be the general wish that she will find her tour of inspection an interesting one.

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The last Forbin-L'Hoste catalogue of the fiscal stamps of the world was published in France in 1908, if recollection may be trusted. Our office copy disappeared years ago. A reader is desirous of obtaining the catalogue; and at any rate, he wants Mr. Forbin's last address.

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Under date of April 27, 1927, the post office department at Washington sent out the information that at the All-America Aircraft Display, scheduled at Bolling Field, Washington, D. C., May 2nd to 6th, a branch post office on the grounds was to be one of the features of the occasion. In the summary of attractions illustrating the activities of the Post Office Department, the promise was made that a special cancellation stamp for the benefit of philatelists was to be applied to the stamps on letters mailed at the field.

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Recently, a most interesting supplement to the April, 1927, number of the Collectors Club Philatelist was issued in the form of a review and index of the "First Purely Philatelic Journal Published in the English Language," eighteen numbers, December, 1862, to June, 1864, Liv-

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erpool, England. Mr. William R. Ricketts, the compiler, follows the example of the Lord Crawford index in the use of "Purely" because the *Monthly Intelligence*, which was the first stamp journal by three months, and published by W. Macmillan, Birmingham, was not devoted exclusively to philately. While the story of Mr. Kitts' *Monthly Advertiser* the first number of which was dated December 15, 1862, has been told before, yet, as Mr. Ricketts shows by citing the tale has not become hackneyed; indeed, it is not likely to become so because with the advent of new collectors the disposition to attend to the small beginnings of stamp collecting will be encouraged. The second volume of numbers was edited by the renowned Edward L. Pemberton, whose understanding of the subject and appreciation of its possibilities soon made him, even at its early date, a commanding figure in the stamp world. In looking over the index, as compiled by Mr. Ricketts, one is impressed by the many articles descriptive of stamp forgeries and made aware that the counterfeit was a more graver menace to the welfare of collecting than it is to-day. Even though the shadow of the counterfeit was for darkening the joy of the collector, his faith in stamps survived his torments until to-day, he has easy sailing. In the young '60's, even, the Wells, Fargo & Company Pony Express stamps were forged and fictitious stamps were proposed artfully on the collector; and the famous Mormon stamps of Utah were introduced and warned against in the first volume. While the *Monthly Advertiser* never exceeded sixteen pages in size, it was conducted with enterprise. Subscription contests were staged, stamp prizes; and the presentation of unused stamp "with each and every number" was used as an advertising stimulant. This Number One was superior to hundreds of first numbers that have followed in the wake of the years, "never ending, still beginning."

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it was said that it is time that some-
one should attend to this duty whose
duty of fulfillment becomes more pro-
pounded as the years slip by. Evidently,
it did not cause any general prick-
up of philatelic ears as the only re-
sult noticed was a letter from a cor-
respondent who prefers to remain anony-
mous. He suggested that his idea of
completing the end would be to pro-
ceed chronologically with the history and
that he might be induced to care for the
decade, 1870 and 1880, because he re-
members much of the philatelic history
of that period when he was a boy col-
lector. That would leave the '60's to be
covered by some pioneer collector who
has a good memory and is in a position
to consult the philatelic literature of that
period. Some volunteer could be found
to cover the decade, 1880 to 1890, no doubt;
in the later years could be reviewed with
comparative facility. This proposal is
a natural one and probably would allow
of more balanced treatise than the plan
to cover the philatelic history of the stamp
centers was broached in the hope
that advantage could be taken of the
positive interest that stamp societies of
the present would have in the stamp
history of the respective cities. It may be
said that the years, 1870 to 1880, that
have been named by the correspondent
are such as to test the mettle of the his-
torian, because they witnessed the grow-
ing pains of collecting and it was during
this time that a note of pessimism could
be heard at times as to the future growth
of the pursuit, even by its faithful
pioneers.

through the kindness of a reader we
have received a bundle of odd numbers
of stamp papers, price-lists dated in the
'60's and early '70's that allow one
to sense the philatelic atmosphere of those
days; Doctor Petrie was sentenced to
pay a fine for vending fraudulent stamps;
N. F. Seebeck was issuing his price-
lists; Trifet and Scott were bandying
curt words between themselves; S.
A. Taylor was manufacturing local
papers for the personal journalism of that age
and often as bitter as aloes, but it is to
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In the New York Evening Telegram of April 30, 1927, the following reference appeared concerning the failure of the Postmaster General to award New York a stamp. "Was Refused a Stamp. Editor of the New York Telegram:— The flag of our nation is entitled to its 150th anniversary at Rome, N. Y. The President, our State, our Governor, the American Legion and the Boy Scouts have asked Postmaster General New for this national recognition in the shape of a stamp issue. He has declined. Do you know of any public servant who can decline a recognition for our flag, when it is correctly and courteously asked for? W. Pierpont White, President Oneida Historical Society. Utica, N. Y., April 27th."

The foregoing notice caught the eye of Mr. L. B. Gatchell, who, by-the-way, is advertising manager of the Galena-Signal Oil Company and resides in New York, and he sent the following interesting communication to the editor of the Telegram, under date of May 2nd. We are pleased to have the privilege of presenting Mr. Gatchell's brief sustaining the refusal of the postmaster general on the lack of definite assurance that any one of four localities is entitled to the honor at the expense of the other claimants, as Mr. Gatchell sees it. Here is the letter:

Dear Sir:
In your issue of Saturday, April 30, you printed a short note from W. Pierpont White of Utica, New York, President of the Oneida Historical Society, under the caption "Was Refused a Stamp." In this letter Mr. White criticized the Postmaster General of the United States, Hon. Harry S. New, for his failure to approve a special postage stamp issue to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the birth of our flag, such recognition to take place at Rome, New York.
While brevity has its decided virtues, I do not believe it should recommend itself to people in high places as a means to criticizing public officials, which criticism would not hold water if the entire facts of the case were stated. In the interest of establishing the facts in the case and in justice to Post Office officials who are too often unjustly criticized by people who find it hard to grind their own particular axes, I believe they should be stated in your columns.

There are four separate and distinct localities which claim the honor of being the first ground upon which the flag of our nation was unfurled. Several, if not all of them, have put in similar petitions for a commemorative postage stamp to be issued at their city and to be in-

scribed with the name of their particular locality. Historians cannot agree upon the facts in the case and as a result, the claims and counter-claims go floating around as numerous as the ocean breezes. It is obvious that the Post Office Department cannot issue a commemorative stamp for all of these localities, nor can they of course issue a postage stamp every time an Historical Society, or a Chamber of Commerce asks for one, whose interest, by the way, is often more actuated by the advertising value to the locality, arising out of the specially inscribed stamp, than by the particular bit of history to be observed. The Postmaster General has had, in this case, and in every case, great political pressure brought to bear, and has made a thorough and impartial investigation and study of such facts as were placed before him. After consideration it was announced that Bennington, Vermont, had established the best claim to the special stamp, and such a stamp will be issued in August of this year.

Answering Mr. White's original question, it would seem that when there seems to be insufficient or unsatisfactory justification for a stamp even "correctly and courteously asked for" it should be correctly and courteously declined. In any event the columns of any newspaper should not be used to present an incomplete and distorted picture of any situation—civic pride notwithstanding.
(Signed) L. B. GATCHELL.

1857, 30c, BLOCK OF 56

By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

I have recently had the pleasure of inspecting a portion of the wonderful collection of United States postage stamps gotten together by Hon. E. R. Ackerman, member of Congress from New Jersey. Mr. Ackerman has been collecting for many years and owns one of the finest collections of United States now in existence.

One piece of outstanding merit, which has been known for some time, but which has never been mentioned in the press before, to my knowledge, is a large block of the 1857, 30c orange. This block consists of fifty-six stamps, that is, five horizontal rows of ten with an additional row of six at the bottom. It is used on part cover with a pair of the 10c of the same issue. It is lightly cancelled in black with the San Francisco town cancellation, and the stamps are in unusually fine condition.

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Stamp News for the Juniors

Is there anything you want to know about stamps or stamp collecting? If so, write the editor. What would you like to see in this department? We have no way of knowing unless you tell us. Mr. Senior Collector, can't you give the boy collector about 50 words of encouragement along practical lines? Address your letter to the Beverly office.

Juniors—Please Note

During the absence of the Managing Editor in Europe, this page will be cared for by Editor Charles E. Severn, 713 Oxford Bldg., Chicago, Ill. He will render our Juniors any assistance that may be desired.

Junior Glossary

Bollo (Stamp).—Appears on many of the stamps of Italy and States to the catalogue illustrations of which reference should be made where no other word forms the guide to the country of origin.



Braunschweig.—The German form for "Brunswick."

British Consular Mail (or British Vice-Consulate) Antananarivo.—A handstamp on the large stamps of Madagascar.

Bs. As.—A contraction for Buenos Aires shown on the so-called "Gauchos" stamps of 1857 which were prepared for use but never issued.

Cabo Verde.—Cape Verde.

C. CH.—An overprint on certain French Colonial stamps, indicating they were for use in Cochinchina.

C. E. F.—An overprint on certain Indian stamps issued for the use of the troops on the "China Expeditionary Force" in 1900 and since used at certain British Post-offices maintained in China.

Chine.—China.

Communications.—The only inscription, in addition to value, appearing on certain stamps of Spain.

Hope Rudely Shattered

We have received from Hans F. Schmidtman, a copy of "The Xtra," a thumb-nail sheet issued from Winnipeg, Can., Sept. 1, 1909. It is a Vol. 1, No. 1, and we do not recall whether further numbers were issued. Small as the paper is, with its four pages, it is exceedingly lively, and contains an account of the Atlantic City convention of the A. P. S., a half-tone of Henry H. Mudge and new A. P. S. president, who was called "the right man in the right place." We quote a little article which will be read with interest. We cannot vouch for its truthfulness, but are willing to admit that it may have happened. The scene New York City.

It was a hot, listless day. Business for the poor stamp dealers was dead. Mr. Burger sat in his office, looking into the throbbing street. He was discouraged, despondent, disheartened. Rent due and the cash register empty. Just then an automobile came chugging up the street and stopped before the door. A liveried footman sprang down and opened the door for a be-gowned lady. The outfit showed every evidence of wealth. The lady entered the building and in a few moments opened Mr. Burger's door. Mr. Burger jumped up.

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Mr. Burger was found prostrate across the desk.

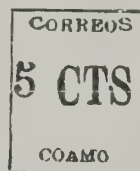
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(A mistake of some kind),
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On the stamps of Good Hope.
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Which portrays the Pope.
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Which means unseparated,
- J is for Jubilee,
By stamps commemorated.
- K is for Key-Plate,
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- L is for Lynchburg,
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- M is for Mint,
Which means "perfect unused,"
- N is for Nicaragua,
By philatelists abused.
- O is for Obsolete
(No longer in use),
- P is for Perforation,
Sometimes hard to deduce.
- Q is for Queensland,
An Australian land,
- R is for Reminders
(Stocks of stamps left on hand).
- S is for "Service,"
(For the use of the Crown),
- T is for Tête-Bêche
(Just means "upside down!"),
- U is for Unpaid,
Also said "postage due,"
- V is for Vancouver,
Of course, known to you.
- W is for Watermark,
Often hard to find,
- X is for Xpert,
With a wonderful mind.
- Y is for Youngster,
With a collection not great,
- Z is for Zanzibar,
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— Stamp Lover.

Coamo

A small town in the island of Porto Rico at which provisional 5c stamps, set up from ordinary printer's type, were issued in 1898 shortly after the island came under the dominion of the United States.



Re-Engraved Plates

When plates are made from a die and any re-engraving takes place it is the die that is re-engraved so that on the new plates the stamps are all alike though, of course, different from those on the original plate. When, however, the plates were originally engraved by hand such as the early Mauritius, the "Sydney Views" of New South Wales, etc., then the plate itself has to be re-engraved. The work of renovation may be confined to only certain stamps on the plate or to the whole of them. As a rule these hand engraved plates were made of some soft metal like copper which wore very quickly; consequently after a certain number of impressions had been printed it was necessary to re-engrave the plates before they were in a fit state to be used again. The plate for the 2d Sydney View was entirely re-engraved on three separate occasions and each time radical alterations were made to the design so that not only can the different states of the plate be distin-

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guished but the stamps may be "p" in either state. In addition the was re-touched at least twice. Perhaps the most interesting stamp known its re-engravings and re-touches Bolivian 5c label of 1866. The plate entirely re-engraved on several occasions and in between these re-engraving certain stamps were re-touched (some the alterations or additions made trivial in the extreme) so that it is one of the most difficult studies a specialist can attempt.

Junior Dictionary

Centenario Del Cultivo Del C. June 17, 1921, a special stamp issued by Costa Rica and remained sale till July 7. It bore the inscription as above meaning, "Centenary of Cultivation."

Centenario Del Descubrimiento Mar Del Sur.—This inscription Panama 1913, 2½c commemorative means "Centennial of the Discovery of the South Sea." Balboa is shown in design of this stamp on a hill looking upon the Pacific Ocean.



Centenario de Mitre.—This inscription on stamps of Argentine commemorates the hundredth anniversary of birth of Gen. Bartolome Mitre. The respective dates are shown upon stamps in question as "1821—26 Jun 1921."

Central Lithuania.—Stamps first issued in 1920 for the Polish occupation forces under Gen. Zeligowski. In 1921 a government was set up by D'Annunzio.

C. G. H. S.—The initials of Commission du Gouvernement Haute Silesie. Governmental Commission of Upper Silesia. An overprint found on the stamps, Nos. 221 to 238, of Upper Silesia.

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The scores of the contestants were as follows:

Ar Cooper, San Antonio, Texas 52
Mel Horvitz, New Bedford, Mass. 51
Ed Parke, N. Conway, N. H. 50
Inon Ives, Owego, N. Y. 41
Le Harding, Davenport, Iowa 37
Lavener, Morgantown, W. Va. 36
All Ryerson, Toledo, Ohio 35
W. Hankinson, Toledo, Ohio 33
Ed Roberts, E. Norwalk, Conn. 32
Florence Lyons, Norfolk, Va. 32
Wilker, Brooklyn, N. Y. 32
Connell, Morgantown, W. Va. 31
Fredericks, Monroe, Mich. 31
Seiter Jr., Chicago, Ill. 31
M. Faser Jr., Oxford, Miss. 30
Mallinckrodt, Salt Lake City 29
Avakian, Fresno, Calif. 29
Frederick, Monroe, Mich. 27
A. Roberts, Woodfords, Me. 26
Raffauf, Astoria, N. Y. 25
Ramona Martindale, San Fran., 19
Favor, Portland, Maine 12
Sakane, Bothell, Washington 11
The first three contestants were so close that I have decided to send them the same prize; A stamp, cataloguing the other eight prizes will be awarded as announced at the time of the contest.

A complete list of names follows, with the catalogue number of the stamp which the portrait appears. In many cases the portrait appears on the stamps of other countries, but generally the first appearance in the catalogue is the one below.

Arce, Salvador, 403; 2—Arias, Honduras, 95; 3—Atlatl, Salvador, 497; Braona, Honduras, 218; 5—Bolivar, Peru, 53; 6—Bolognesi, Peru, 185; 7—Haiti, 315; 8—Braz, Brazil, 530; Coot, Newfoundland, 62; 10—Carr, Guatemala, 162; 11—Calderon, Peru, 138; 12—Camacho, Bolivia, 71; 13—Costa Rica, 61; 14—Carbo, Peru, 142; 15—Cartier, Canada, 7; 16—France, 1; 17—Cruz, Bolivia, 1; 18—Cruza, Roumania, 22; 19—Darto, Guatemala, 412; 20—Davis, Confederate States, 200; 21—Diaz, Paraguay, 266; 22—Hawaii, 79; 23—Ermak, So. Russia, 10; 24—Faidherbe, Dahomey, 17; 25—Iraq, 14; 26—Fouad, Egypt, 27; 28—Franklin, United States, 28; 29—Cuba, 243; 29—Gil, Paraguay, 30; 30—Grau, Peru, 146; 31—Harmon, Ecuador, 178; 32—Joao, Portugal, 3; 33—Kai, China, 169; 34—Kalakaua, Hawaii, 40; 35—Kant, Germany, 354; 36—Liberia, 216; 37—La Mar, Peru, 146; 38—Lobo, Brazil, 174; 39—Portugal, 50; 40—Manoel, Portugal, 56; 41—Maria, Portugal, 1; 42—Teresa, Austria, 111; 43—Marti, 265; 44—Minerva, Greece, 198; 45—Serbia, 29; 46—Mitre, Argentine Republic, 284; 47—Nariño, Colombia Republic, 134; 48—Onofri, San Marino, 98; 49—Paz, Argentine Republic, 50; 50—Pena, Argentine Republic, 1; 51—Petrof, Hungary, 199; 52—Pils, Poland, 132; 53—Pius, Italy, 138; 54—Argentina Republic, 247; 55—Siam, 187; 56—Rayon, Mexico, 7; 57—Riban, Bolivar, 91; 58—Rivada-

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For those who are looking for references to stamps outside of advertising columns and Scott's Catalogue, it may be interesting to call attention to a book, "My Class in Composition," by Julien Bezaud, professor in the Lycée Hoche, Versailles, translated and adapted from the French original by Phyllis Robbins and published in 1923 by the Harvard University Press.

As the author himself explains, the book is but a class diary of a teacher of composition. His aim is, however, far more inclusive than to teach essentials of composition alone. M. Bezaud's method is conspicuous for the wide range of subjects in which he endeavors to interest his students, trying, in every way, to impress their minds with new ideas and to stimulate their mental processes by leading them into the by-ways of literature, art, and other fields of interest—yea, even unto the ubiquitous stamp!

"My Stamp Collection" is one of the topics for themes assigned by this resourceful teacher. When finished, the compositions are brought to the master and there follows what M. Bezaud terms "collective correction." The procedure is recounted on pages 61 to 78 of the

via, Argentine Republic, 357; 59—Romania, Peru, 160; 60—Said, Zanzibar, 62; 61—San Martin, Argentine Republic, 21b; 62—Sarmiento, Argentine Republic, 62; 63—Sen, China, 149; 64—Sosa, Canal Zone, 107; 65—Soto, Costa Rica, 25; 66—Sucre, Bolivia, 52; 67—Thoth, Egypt, 105; 68—Toro, Chile, 100; 69—Urdaneta, Venezuela, 252; 70—Uriarte, Paraguay, 35; 71—Vivero, Ecuador, 224; 72—Urquiza, Argentine Republic, 283; 73—Washington, United States, 29; 74—Wasa, Sweden, 143; 75—Zamor, Haiti, 230.

Numerous mistakes were made, the commonest being the inclusion of Maria, Chile, 110. This is wrong because it is only part of the surname. The gentleman's name is Santa Maria. Another was the inclusion of Volta from Italy. These promised commemoratives have not yet made their appearance, so the name was cancelled from the lists on which it came. The spelling of foreign proper names is subject to much variation when translated into English, so considerable tolerance was allowed in this respect.

If the readers of the Junior Page are sufficiently interested, I shall be glad to prepare another contest along different lines, but with an aim which is the same as that of this contest: to make collectors study their stamps.

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| 51 | 1p scarlet | .12 | .09 | 104 | 6p olive grn. & vio. (scarce) | .40 | .33 |
| 53 | 2 1/2p ultramarine | .50 | .35 | 105 | 1sh olive brn. & blue (scarce) | .80 | .80 |
| 54 | 3p violet on yellow | 1.00 | .60 | 106 | 2sh ultra. & ol. brn. (scarce) | 1.75 | 2.50 |
| 58 | 6p dull & red violet | 1.25 | .85 | 107 | 2sh blk. & red vio. (scarce) | 2.00 | 2.00 |
| 61 | 5sh scarlet & green on yel. | 20.00 | 15.50 | 108 | 5sh ultra. & orange (scarce) | 4.00 | 3.30 |
| 62 | 1sh green | 1.50 | 1.30 | 110a | 1l rose carmine & black | 20.00 | 15.00 |
| 64 | 2sh 6p olive green | 25.00 | 20.00 | 111 | 1p violet | .12 | .08 |
| 66 | 1/2p brown | .15 | .10 | 112 | 1 1/2p orange brown | .15 | .10 |
| 67 | 1/2p green | .10 | .07 | 113 | 2 1/2p on 3p deep ultra. | .25 | .15 |
| 68 | 1p rose red | .20 | .12 | 113a | 2 1/2p on 3p ultra. | .50 | .30 |
| 69 | 2p gray | .40 | .25 | 114 | 2 1/2p ultra. | .75 | .45 |
| 70 | 2 1/2p ultra. | .60 | .35 | 115 | 3p yellow | .85 | .50 |
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Recently I offered a scarce pair of S. W. Africa stamps, for which a prominent London dealer asks \$27.00, for \$1.50.

A copy of the List detailing this offer will be sent you on request and the offer holds good for all new subscribers during May and June.

The demand from subscribers for items offered in my lists is so great that I seldom am able to duplicate the offers in my public advertisements.

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book in question. In this section there is some interesting stamp talk; from it we learn something of the enthusiasms of junior philatelists in France. Throughout the theme conference there is evidenced an eager interest not only in stamps as the topic of the compositions under review, but in stamps as stamps.

A look into the book is worth while both for the teacher, the pupil, and the stamp lover. Aside from the interest of the text itself, six-page plates illustrate stamps of interest.

ODD ITEMS:—

We are indebted to Dr. E. F. Sickenger, a member of our Honor Club for greetings from Kingstown, St. Vincent. We are glad to hear from our subscribers when they are away on visits to other countries.

We are informed that Dick Green of Castle Gate, Utah, recently experienced a severe accident and it will be some months before he will be out of the hospital and be able to attend to correspondence.

Real Bargains In O. G. British Colonials

Aitutaki 1917-20, 1/2, 1 1/2, 22.3p. cat. .78 .28
 Antigua 1886, 2 1/2pcat. .50 .20
 Antigua, War Tax, 3 valuescat. .31 .12
 Ascension 1922, 1/2p-1shcat. 5.15 2.35
 Bahamas 1920, 1/2p-3pcat. .32 .15
 Bahamas, War Tax, 1p, 2306cat. 1.00 .40
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U. S. DEPARTMENTS COVERS—CANCELLATIONS

I have just purchased what I believe to be the finest collection of Departmental covers ever gotten together, in addition to a superb lot of singles, pairs, strips and blocks in used condition off cover. Cancellations galore in blue, purple, red, black, orange, green, brown and magenta in most of the issues. We find the Kicking Mule, as well as the Skull and Cross Bones. There are Fort cancellations, Stars, Crosses, as well as other interesting designs. Town cancellations in colors are noted here and there.

The owner possibly spent thirty to forty years in getting this collection together. It contains such things as all of the Executive on cover, the 24c Justice in pair and single in similar condition, the \$2 State on cover in combination with seventeen 30c and a 10c—in other words, unique pieces. Some of the outstanding items are as follows:

EXECUTIVE

Cover 1c, 2c from Washington to New York, cancelled in purple, 2c and 3c used to England, black Washington and red London postmarks.
 3c—Two copies on cover to London, black Washington and red English postmark, 6c pair, similarly used.
 3c—Eight covers with single stamps with Washington cancellation in black, purple and blue, also one from Long Branch.
 10c—Strip of five on part cover, magenta Star cancellation, numerous used copies off cover.

STATE

Cover addressed to American Public Library, Stuttgart, Germany, with \$2, seventeen 30c and single 10c, all in fine condition with black town cancellation, dated Oct. 25, 1882.
 2c on cover: 3c—three covers.
 6c and 7c on different covers.
 10c—Two singles and pair on three covers, one from Legation at St. Petersburg.
 12c and 15c on individual covers.
 12c and 30c on same cover.
 Fine single 30c on cover.
 Part cover with 1c, 3c, 24c, 30c pair.
 Numerous singles off cover, unusual cancellations.

AGRICULTURE

6c and 10c on covers.
 6c Kicking Mule cancellation.
 3c Skull & Cross Bone cancellation.
 3c Fort Grant postmark.
 2c bright red Town cancellation.

JUSTICE

3c—Two covers with singles.
 6c on cover with violet Washington cancellation.
 10c on cover.
 24c pair and single on large piece.
 Numerous copies off cover—odd cancellations.

POST OFFICE

Numerous covers from 1c to 30c including—
 30c in strip of five.
 3c from Fort Smith, as well as 3c on mourning envelope from the Post Office Department, used after the death of President Garfield.
 Unusual lot off cover.

TREASURY

About thirty covers including such items as
 7c used with the 2c from the Phila. Mint.
 Strip of five of the 12c, 15c and the like.
 90c—Seventeen copies on part cover.
 Numerous used blocks off cover such as—
 90c—Block of twelve, block of six, block of four.
 30c—Block of forty, block of twenty-five.
 6c—Block of twenty-four.
 15c—Block of twelve.
 10c—Block of sixteen.
 3c—Block of twenty.

NAVY

Numerous covers.
 Beautiful singles off cover with unusual cancellations.

WAR

Unusual lot of covers including pair of 24c used to Japan, showing black Washington and red Yokohama postmarks.
 Similar cover to Japan with 6c and 30c.
 12c on cover from Fort Leavenworth.
 3c from Fort Omaha in magenta, Kicking Mules, etc.

INTERIOR

Numerous covers, some with purple cancellations.
 A copy of 6c cancelled, "USED UP".
 A large number of single copies with unusual cancellations.
 15c—Five copies on part cover.
 This very unusual lot will be held intact for a reasonable time, as it should go to one collector. Should a collection of this kind be broken up, it is a question whether one could ever be gotten together again, as the gentleman who formed this lot collected at a time when others paid little attention to these very unusual and rare items.

Correspondence solicited with interested parties.

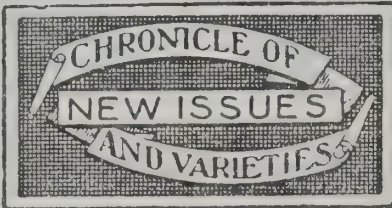
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The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa., who will also be pleased to pass on oddities and varieties of all U. S. stamps from 1900 to date. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 75 Electric Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States

1857 Cancellations

Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer has just shown me a copy of the 1c 1857, type V, which has been in his possession possibly thirty years. The stamp is cancelled in black in two lines, "Old Stamps Not Recognized." On first glance it looks as if the cancellation was typeset and printed, but Dr. Carroll Chase in examining it advises that he believes it to be hand stamped. The first two words of the cancellation are in capitals with larger first letters, whereas the second two words are in italics. Dr. Chase states that he has seen three or four different types of cancellations reading, "Old Stamps Not Recognized," but that this one is new to him.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, when the earlier stamps were demonetized, this method of indicating that the stamps were not good for postage was used by several offices.

Early Cancellation

I have just had submitted for my inspection the earliest printed and dated United States cancellation that I remember offhand seeing. If any of our readers have covers bearing cancellations previous to this date, I would like to be advised. The postmark is in black and reads horizontally 2 1/4" in length, "RICHMOND, SEPT. 15, 1797." Above and below the inscription we find two parallel lines spaced about 1/32" apart. The upper parallel lines are spaced just one-quarter of an inch above the lower set of lines. I have seen earlier manuscript postmarks, but the one in question was applied by hand stamp.

The cover is addressed to John Barry, Esq., Philadelphia, in the handwriting of Benjamin Harrison, a governor of Virginia and one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. In addition, the cover is stamped, "PAID," and a manuscript notation indicates that the amount of postage was 20c.

A late postmark that has just come to my attention for the first time is one found within a rectangle, printed in magenta on a communication passing through the Philadelphia post office. On the back of the cover, we find in five lines, "PHILADELPHIA, PA., FOUND IN SUPPOSEDLY EMPTY EQUIPMENT, ACTION TAKEN TO PREVENT REOCCURRENCE." There is also rubber stamped near the postmark describing the date, "APRIL 25, 1927." The letter no doubt was allowed to remain in the mail bag through error and was later discovered.

Air Mail Notes

The Postal Bulletin for April 29th, contained a notice by the Postmaster General stating that a substation of the Washington, D. C., Post Office would be established at Bolling Field during the all-American aircraft display from May 2nd to May 6, 1927, both dates inclusive. The notice which carries date of April 27th, states that all first-class mail posted at the substation during that period will bear the imprint of a special cancellation stamp with the following wording: "All-American Aircraft Display, Bolling Field, May 2-6, 1927, P. O. Sub Station, Washington, D. C."

Covers received from Washington show the special cancellation, which is in magenta, rectangular in shape, being about 2" long and an inch high. The lettering is in five lines and across the center we find the double winged air mail insignia. The stamps are tied to the cover by the regular Washington hand stamp. The special postmark on the covers that have come to my attention is found in the lower left corner of the envelope.

The Second Assistant Postmaster General announced under date of April 27th, that effective June 1st next, the air mail fees applicable to letters from foreign countries for transmission by the United States Air Mail Service, regardless of distance or character of the air mail route, or routes over which said letters are carried, will be 10c for each half-ounce, or fraction thereof, in addition to the regular postage.

This modifies the previous notice dated Feb. 4, 1927, and printed on page seven of the Postal Guide for March, 1927.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.—Mr. R. Roberts advises of the 1/2p orange, on new watermark paper multiple A and crown close together. This stamp is printed in sheets of 120 and has the inscription "A. J. Mullett, Australian Note and Stamp printer" in the margin at foot between the two panes.

BRITISH NEW GUINEA.—We have received from Mr. R. Roberts a copy of the 6p bistre, in the current design. Mr. Roberts adds that early samples of this stamp were put into London auctions by some enterprising dealer as an error of color and made quite a big price without any justification whatever.

BERMUDA.—Stamp Collecting reports that the 2sh purple and blue on blue will shortly be on issue with Script CA watermark, together with a new printing of the 1 pound purple and black on red, with old multiple watermark. New printings are also on order of the 1/2p green and 2p grey, both of course, Script.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA.—The Economist Stamp Co. have shown us a copy of the 30h olive-green, in a design bearing the inscription "Pernstyn."

ESTONIA.—We are informed that the idea of calling the new currency "Esta" and "Sayak" has been abandoned, and that the Estonian Ministry of Finance has proposed to call it "Taler" and "Grosche," but that no final decision has yet been taken. When this change does eventuate it naturally follows that new

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FRANCE.—The Economist Stamp Co. report the appearance of the following new provisionals: 1fr 05c, red, S type, surcharged "50c"; 10c violet the 1908-10 issue of postage due stamp overprinted "50c"; 60c red of the type for use as "1fr" and also the stamp has been surcharged for use "2fr." All surcharges are in black the first one mentioned has the face value obliterated by three parallel lines while the others have only two.

FRENCH COLONIES.—The Economist Stamp Co. send for chronicle the following surcharges of 90c on 75c and 1fr on 1fr: French Guiana, French South Martinique, Mauritania, Middle Caledonia, Oubangui-Chari, Pierre and Miquelon, Tchad, Volta and Wallis and Futuna Isles.

JAPAN.—The Yuraku for January states that it is unlikely that the fifty anniversary of Japan's entry into the Universal Postal Union will be commemorated by a special issue of stamps, as was at first intended, owing to the national mourning. The date was 20, 1877, and if on that date this year suggested stamps do not appear, our temporary states that we shall have to wait until Autumn, next year, when Emperor will celebrate his coronation and it is likely that special stamps will be issued.

From the same source we learn that it is rumored that a new general issue is likely to appear.—*Philatelic Magazine*

INDIA.—Mr. R. Roberts send for chronicle these new issues: 1 1/2a 2as6ps orange, 2Rs brown and rose 5Rs violet and blue. All are De la printings and are overprinted by Government printing works at Calcutta. Mr. Roberts also includes the 6as bistre, 2Rs brown and rose and 5Rs let and blue De la Rue printings overprinted at Calcutta, but surcharged for use as official stamps. The 1a brown Nasik printing, multiple star watermark has been also surcharged for use as official stamp.

LIBERIA.—Whitfield King & Co. report the appearance of the 1c green brown, surcharged "OS" with the additional surcharge "Two Cents" in red.

LITHUANIA.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the set of four values

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Basanovitsh Mourning stamps mentioned in our issue No. 1894.

MEXICO.—Whitfield King & Co. advise that they have had come to hand the 1912, rouletted watermarked.

NEW ZEALAND.—The stamp referred to in issue No. 1895 as surcharged for postal use was the 1 penny value and not the 1 sh as mentioned.

PALESTINE.—We are now able to fully describe the new issue that is now in preparation:

mills., blue-green, Rachel's Tomb.
mills., light green, Rachel's Tomb.
mills., pink, Dome of the Rock.
mills., orange, Citadel of Jerusalem.
mills., dark green, Dome of the Rock.
mills., red, Citadel of Jerusalem.
mills., light chocolate, Dome of the Rock.
mills., grey, Rachel's Tomb.
mills., dark blue, Dome of the Rock.
mills., olive, Citadel of Jerusalem.
mills., purple, Lake of Tiberias.
mills., bistre, Lake of Tiberias.
mills., cobalt-blue, Lake of Tiberias.
mills., mauve, Lake of Tiberias.

are printed on script paper.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

PARAGUAY.—Quantities of the two proposals chronicled in our issue of March 1927 are stated, by M. Champion, to be: 60c, 130,000; \$1.50 on \$4. 200,000. —*Philatelic Magazine.*

PORTUGAL.—We have received from Whitfield King & Co. copies of the 40c, 54c, 75c, 4E 50c and 10E values of the 1890 Commemorative Issue bearing surcharge "Cruz Vermelha Porto 1927." The overprints are all in red lines and in black except that the 4E 50c which is in red.

SOUTH WEST AFRICA.—Mr. R. Roberts reports that the new 1p pictorial stamp of the Union of South Africa has been reprinted "Suidwes Afrika" and the South West Africa reversed, surcharge reading upwards. The Afrikaans overprint falls upon the English and the English overprint on the Afrikaans stamp.

NEW ISSUE NOTES

(These notes are taken from Whitfield King's "Bulletin" for April. The firm will publish this publication for an entire year for £1. Address, Ipswich, England.)

ARMANIA.—Amongst our importation of the new Post stamps overprinted "Rep. Motare" we have found one sheet of the 1 franc with inverted overprint and which will be found offered on May 7.

AUSTRALIA.—A new watermark has been introduced for the current stamps consisting of very small multiple Crown A's put together. We have received only one denomination, 1d, 1½d, and 3d, which are being distributed through our Issue Service in due course; other denominations will no doubt be issued when the existing stocks of the old watermarks are used up.

BERBADOES.—The new 1d Tercentenary stamp was issued on February 17th. It is a very handsome production, printed by Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., and shows portraits of King George V and King George VI. Incorporated in the design are the dates "1627" and "1927."

CANADA.—In some of the philatelic journals it has been mentioned that a

further printing of the 2c on 3c stamps is likely, but we are able to contradict this, as we have received an official letter from the Post Office Department at Ottawa informing us that it is not the intention of the Department to attempt to surcharge any further 3c stamps, as the work was considered unsatisfactory.

HEJAS-NEJD.—Three more denominations of the new issue have appeared, ½ piastre yellow, ¼ piastre green, 1 piastre mauve. We have fortunately been able to obtain sufficient of these to distribute to all our new issue subscribers, but in sending our supply of these stamps our agent informs us that the die from which this new issue was printed has been destroyed at Mecca, and in consequence of the difficulty in securing the stamps in any quantity they are likely to become very scarce.

INDIA.—The 2 annas stamp inscribed "Postage" only and printed on the paper watermarked multiple star has had only a very short life, and these stamps are to be found only in booklets containing 16 stamps in each booklet. Our agent has been to some considerable trouble in obtaining a supply of these stamps for us, but unfortunately the stamps have imperfect edges. The supply received is sufficient to make a full distribution through the New Issue Service, but we shall be glad if subscribers will please note that it will be quite useless to return the imperf. edges to be exchanged for stamps perforated all round.

LITHUANIA.—A set of four mourning stamps has been issued in memory of Basanovitsh, a famous Lithuanian statesman, whose death occurred recently. The stamps are dated "1851-1927" and show his portrait, the denominations and colours being 15 centu, claret, 25 centu, blue, 50 centu, green, and 60 centu, violet, and each stamp is surrounded by a black border.

ROMANIA.—A new set of stamps was issued on March 15th to commemorate the Foundation of the Roumanian Geographical Society, the denominations being as follows:—1 + 9 lei, 2 + 8 lei, 3 + 7 lei, 4 + 6 lei, 5 + 5 lei, the additional surcharge on each stamp goes towards the Geographical Society's funds. We understand that 70,000 sets have been issued.

SOUTH AFRICA.—We have seen copies of the current South African stamps printed in Pretoria, the difference from the London printing being so slight that it will be practically impossible to distinguish one printing from the other. The paper has been sent out to the Colony from London and is exactly the same as that used for the London printed stamps and bears the watermark multiple Springbok's head. We shall not distribute them through the New Issue Service. These stamps have been overprinted for use in South West Africa, but in this case we shall distribute the stamps, as the printing is of quite a new variety. In the previous issue overprinted on the London printed stamps the Dutch overprint was applied to the stamps with the Dutch inscriptions and the English overprint to those with the English inscriptions, whereas in this new printing the order is reversed so that the Dutch overprint is on the stamps with the English inscriptions and the English overprint on the stamps with the Dutch inscriptions, thus providing each stamp with the dual language.

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| 2 | 10pf | .02 | .02 | 118 | 300M | .03 | .03 | 555 | 60pf+60pf | .12 | .12 |
| 3 | 15pf | .02 | .02 | 119 | 500M | .02 | .02 | 553 | 1.20m+1.20m | .12 | .12 |
| 4 | 20pf | .02 | .02 | 120 | 1000M | .03 | .03 | 551-553 | 30p+30p-1.20 | .20 | .20 |
| 6 | 30pf | .03 | .03 | 121 | 3000M | .02 | .02 | 554 | 50m+20m | .02 | .02 |
| 7 | 40pf | .04 | .04 | 123 | 10000M | .03 | .03 | 555 | 100m+30m | .03 | .03 |
| 8 | 50pf | .04 | .04 | 124 | 20000M | .10 | .10 | 554-555 | 50+20m-100m | .05 | .05 |
| 11 | 1 Mark | .15 | .15 | 125 | 50000M | .07 | .07 | | | | |
| 12 | 1 Mk. 25pf | .10 | .10 | 126 | 100M Mks. | .25 | .25 | | | | |
| 13 | 1.50 Mark | .18 | .18 | 127 | 1000 Mks. | .03 | .03 | | | | |
| 14 | 2 Mark | .12 | .12 | 129 | 5000 Mks. | .02 | .02 | | | | |
| 15 | 2.50 Mark | .08 | .08 | 131 | 20000 Mks. | .02 | .02 | | | | |
| 16 | 3 Mark | .07 | .07 | 132 | 50000 Mks. | .02 | .02 | | | | |
| 17 | 4 Mark | .50 | .50 | 133 | 100M Mks. | .02 | .02 | | | | |
| 18 | 5 Mark | .12 | .12 | 134 | 250M Mks. | .02 | .02 | | | | |
| 1-18 | 5pf to 5M. | 1.65 | 1.65 | 135 | 500M Mks. | .03 | .03 | | | | |
| 19 | 5pf on 30pf. | .01 | .01 | 117-135 | 250M-500M | .50 | .50 | | | | |
| 20 | 10pf on 20pf. | .03 | .03 | 137 | 40/200M | .08 | .08 | | | | |
| 21 | 25pf on 30pf. | .03 | .03 | 138 | 100/200M | .07 | .07 | | | | |
| 22 | 60pf on 30pf. | .25 | .25 | 139 | 250/200M | .25 | .25 | | | | |
| 23 | 80pf on 30pf. | .05 | .05 | 140 | 400/100M | .02 | .02 | | | | |
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| 25 | 1M on 30pf. | .20 | .20 | 142 | 1M/10M Mks. | .10 | .10 | | | | |
| 26 | 14M on 3pf. | .40 | .40 | 143 | 10M/1M Mks. | .04 | .04 | | | | |
| 27 | 2M on 35pf. | .30 | .30 | 137-143 | 40/200-10M | .55 | .55 | | | | |
| 28 | 3M on 7½pf. | .20 | .20 | 144 | 1/10M Mks. | .02 | .02 | | | | |
| 29 | 5M on 2pf. | .25 | .25 | 145 | 2/10M Mks. | .02 | .02 | | | | |
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| 36 | 10pf | .35 | .35 | 152 | 50 mil on 10M | .03 | .03 | | | | |
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| 74 | 1.20 Mark | .10 | .10 | 182 | 1Gld | .35 | .35 | | | | |
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| 76 | 3 Mark | .75 | .75 | 179-183 | 1Gld-10Gld | 6.35 | 6.35 | | | | |
| 63-76 | 5pf to 3M. | 1.25 | 1.25 | 184 | 15pf | .06 | .06 | | | | |
| 77 | 1M | .25 | .25 | 185 | 35pf | .12 | .12 | | | | |
| 78 | 10M | .20 | .20 | | | | | | | | |
| 79 | 20M | .20 | .20 | | | | | | | | |
| 77-79 | 5M to 20M | .50 | .50 | | | | | | | | |
| 80 | 75pf | .01 | .01 | | | | | | | | |
| 81 | 80pf | .03 | .03 | | | | | | | | |
| 82 | 1.25M | .02 | .02 | | | | | | | | |
| 83 | 1.50M | .02 | .02 | | | | | | | | |
| 84 | 2M | .04 | .04 | | | | | | | | |
| 85 | 2.40M | .10 | .10 | | | | | | | | |
| 86 | 3M | .03 | .03 | | | | | | | | |
| 87 | 4M | .05 | .05 | | | | | | | | |
| 88 | 5M | .02 | .02 | | | | | | | | |
| 89 | 6M | .04 | .04 | | | | | | | | |
| 90 | 8M | .05 | .05 | | | | | | | | |
| 91 | 10M | .02 | .02 | | | | | | | | |
| 92 | 20M | .01 | .01 | | | | | | | | |
| 80-92 | 75pf to 80M | .25 | .25 | | | | | | | | |
| 93 | 9M | .85 | .85 | | | | | | | | |
| 94 | 50M | .40 | .40 | | | | | | | | |
| 95 | 100M | .75 | .75 | | | | | | | | |
| 93-95 | 9M to 100M | 1.75 | 1.75 | | | | | | | | |
| 96 | 3M on 4M | .05 | .05 | | | | | | | | |
| 97 | 6M on 3M | .02 | .02 | | | | | | | | |
| 98 | 20M on 8M | .04 | .04 | | | | | | | | |
| 96-98 | 8/4 to 20/8 | .10 | .10 | | | | | | | | |
| 99 | 4M | .02 | .02 | | | | | | | | |
| 100 | 5M | .02 | .02 | | | | | | | | |
| 101 | 10M | .02 | .02 | | | | | | | | |
| 102 | 20M | .02 | .02 | | | | | | | | |
| 103 | 40 Mark | .02 | .02 | | | | | | | | |
| 104 | 80 Mark | .02 | .02 | | | | | | | | |
| 105 | 50 Mark | .02 | .02 | | | | | | | | |
| 106 | 100 Mark | .02 | .02 | | | | | | | | |
| 107 | 150 Mark | .30 | .30 | | | | | | | | |
| 108 | 250 Mark | .04 | .04 | | | | | | | | |
| 109 | 500 Mark | .06 | .06 | | | | | | | | |
| 110 | 1000 Mark | .20 | .20 | | | | | | | | |
| 111 | 5000 Mark | .02 | .02 | | | | | | | | |
| 112 | 50 Mark | .02 | .02 | | | | | | | | |
| 113 | 100 Mark | .02 | .02 | | | | | | | | |
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THE STAMPS OF GEORGIA

By F. P. BRENNAM-WARD.

Georgia did not come into philatelic prominence until after the late war, as, up to then, it formed part of the Russian Empire, and therefore ordinary Russian stamps were in use. In fact, it would be no exaggeration to say that nine out of ten philatelists were not even aware of the existence of this state, so it would be as well, perhaps, to give a few notes on the country generally, before dealing with its stamps.

Georgia is a mountainous country, about the size of Ireland, jammed in between the Caucasus Mountains, the Black Sea, and Armenia.

The territory includes many splendid forests and rich mineral regions, while the capital, Tiflis, is an important commercial centre, exporting silk, carpets, cotton, petroleum, tobacco, and silver ornaments; while stock raising and agriculture are carried on extensively.

Georgia had a long and interesting history before being annexed to Russia in 1801. On the setting up of Soviet rule in Russia, she, together with Armenia and Azerbaidjan, formed the Transcaucasian Republic, but in 1918, Georgia declared independence, and a year later issued its first stamps. These are very interesting, both from the ordinary and the philatelic point of view, as they bear a picture of St. George, their patron saint, as well as ours. The set consists of six values: 10, 40, 50, 60, 70 kopecs and 1 rouble, and was printed on wove paper of various thicknesses, with no watermark. It was issued both imperf. and perforated roughly 11½, and it is to be noted that the one rouble value is of a slightly different and larger type than the kopek values.

In 1920, a further set of a different type was issued. It consists of three values: 2, 3 and 5 roubles, and was also issued both imperforate and perforated 11½, on watermarked wove paper.

The design shows an allegorical Georgia sitting on a shield with a spear in her hand, and is strikingly like the well-known picture of Britannia. Varieties of the foregoing stamps are known tebeche.

Early in 1921 the Soviet troops entered Tiflis and overthrew the existing government. The first stamps of the new regime appeared late in the same year, and consisted of five values: 500, 1,000, 2,000, 3,000 and 5,000 roubles, in three different types.

In 1922 there was a famine in certain provinces of Russia, so a special charity set was issued to aid them. This consisted of various low values of the preceding set, which had not been issued (owing to increases in the postal rates which made them useless), overprinted with Georgian characters meaning "FOR THE HUNGRY," and surcharged with new values.

Following this there was a ceaseless flood of surcharges, owing to the steady depreciation of the rouble. These continued until October, 1923, when a general issue was again made for the whole of Transcaucasia, and since the beginning of 1924, ordinary Russian stamps have been in use in these States, as they now form part of the U.S.S.R.—Junior Stamp Magazine.

MALTA STAMPS OF 1922

By CAPTAIN H. W. JESSOP.

The two types of the Melita issue designed by Maltese artists, and, though not in themselves displeasing, do not meet with a very enthusiastic reception either from the general public or collectors. The former, to judge from the local Press, based their criticism on the printing, which falls short of the work of Messrs. De La Rue, and as to the colours, the central designs of 1d, 4d and 5sh being especially indistinct. Collectors, while complaining, like the Maltese public, about the poor colour of some of the values, found additional cause for complaint in the absence of all the values of the Sovereign's head.

The design of the low values also represents the figures of Malta (Melita), that of the shilling values Britannia and Melita in sisterly embrace, emblematic of the new spirit of friendship between the two nations after the grant of local self-government to Malta by the Imperial Parliament.

The set were not all issued on the same day. I cannot give the exact date of issue of all values, but I have written me as I write a letter from a friend who visited the G.P.O. on August 28, 1922, and found these stamps on sale. The overprinted "SELF-GOVERNMENT," 2d, 2s6d, 5sh, 10sh; (2) "Melita" set of ½d, 1d, 6d, 1sh, 2sh. I believe the "Melita" 10sh was issued later than the 2d, and by the 1st of September the set was completed by the issue of 2d, 3d, 4d, 5sh and 1l values.

Of the original thirteen values of the set, the most interesting are the 2d and 1l. Taking the 2d first, this value had a long life, but a small number of Plate 2 were sold surcharged just before the "Post" overprinting. Both turquoise and brown are of a deeper shade in Plate 2, and whether or not the colour difference is sufficient to warrant catalogue there can be no doubt that the 2d, 2, unsurcharged is a real rarity. Corner-blocks with controls will be found.

My special interest in the 4d is the fact that it narrowly escaped a short life and consequent rarity, due to our against its poor colour being insisted that it was within a few days issue actually for a short time without sale. It was, however, sold again without any change of colour and the story goes that the author had by this time discovered that the leader of the hostile critics had motives besides artistic ones, and in fact, bought a large stock of stamps in anticipation of their possible withdrawal!

The 1l stamp was first printed with watermark sideways, and later with upright. There were four printings of this value, all quite easily distinguished by specialists. I have not got copies of all these printings by me, so shall attempt to describe their differences.

In the ¼d, ½d, 3d and 6d the varieties to a certain extent.

In October, 1923, the 1½d brown appeared, to be followed in April, 1924, by the 1d in violet, still printed on Plate 1.

When at the end of 1925 the former rate was reduced to 2½d, the 2½d stamps were not ready; and provisional issues were issued in the shape of a 3d blue—the 2½d on 3d, cobalt, and a 2 (S.G. 139,) on December 3rd, and the 2½d on 3d, ultramarine, Plate 2 (S.G. 140), on December 24th. Plate 2 has the surcharge lower on the stamp, and is the scarcer of the two while their main interest to specialists lies in the position of the letters of the surcharge in relation to each other. For example, in some stamps the "e" of "halfpenny" comes directly under the "p" of "pence," whereas in most it falls considerably farther to the right. In February, 1926, the new supply of 2½d, blue, and 3d, black on yellow, came to hand.

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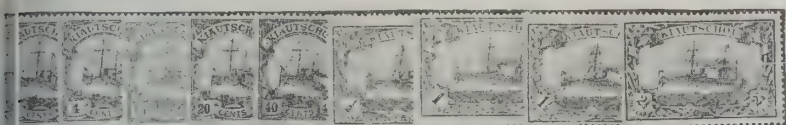
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Postal and Fiscal purposes, and the authorities were loth to waste the large quantities of some values of the old set by destroying all the remainders, it became necessary to overprint the remainders in some way in order to distinguish them and make it clear they were no longer available for Revenue purposes.

At first it was proposed to overprint the word "Gozo," and use them up for Postal purposes in that island—but the project was abandoned, and the much simpler method adopted of surcharging them with the word "POSTAGE" and using them throughout the colony as long as stocks of each particular value lasted.

The new system of accounting came into force on April 1, 1926, and with it the issue of the stamps overprinted "POSTAGE." When the G.P.O. opened its morning at 7 a.m., there was a long line of people waiting to buy these stamps—there was a particular scramble to buy the 4d and 2sh, and within three days these two values were sold out. The rush on the 4d might have been foreseen as only one order was given to the printers for this stamp, and, although it was widely used, it was natural that collectors and speculators should guess that stocks would be low. The scarcity of the 2sh was not so easy to foresee, and probably there would not have been

any special rush to buy up this stamp if the authorities had not notified the public that no person might buy more than two sheets of this value, though no restriction as to numbers was placed on any other value.

Within a few days all the ¼d, 1sh and 2s6d "POSTAGE" overprinted stamps were sold out: the 6d and 5sh were obsolete by May 5th, and ½d by August, and the 1½d by October 8th.

Among those that have come into my possession, only in two cases does there seem to be more than one shade to any individual value: firstly, the 2d, of which stocks of both Plate 1 and Plate 2 were overprinted; secondly, the 10sh, of which there seem to be two distinct colourings though both come from Plate 1. I cannot say which is the scarcer, but the colours might be described as grey-black and brown, and slate-grey and yellow-brown.

A great deal of acrimonious comment was aroused in the local Press because some persons had got large stocks of the scarcer values in this set while others had got none. Allegations were made that particulars as to numbers had been allowed to leak, and that privileged persons had "cornered" certain values. Be this as it may, these stamps have been in great request, and some of them are un-

doubtedly rare. While unable to give exact figures as to the numbers overprinted, I feel firmly convinced that, had there been no rush for the 4d and 2sh, those values would have lasted almost as long as the 1sh and 2s6d, and taking the higher face value of the two latter into consideration, I shall not be at all surprised to find that the 1sh eventually turns out a better stamp than the 4d, and the 2s6d at least as good as the 2sh. The 6d and 5sh are also well worth watching.

The new 1926 set is being issued value by value, as the stocks of the old set run out. The pence values are in a new King's Head type, with His Majesty's portrait in the upper right-hand corner and the badge of the colony in lower left-hand corner. In addition to the same values as there were in the previous set, the ½d reappears in the low value type, and 1s6d and 3sh stamps appear in the larger engraved pictorial designs, in which the stamps from 1sh upwards are issued—there is no £1 stamp in this or the "POSTAGE" set.

Of the values so far issued, the ¼d, 4d, ½d, 1sh, 1s6d, 2sh, 2s6d, and 3sh appeared in April, the 6d and 5sh on May 5th, the ½d in August, and the 1½d on October 8th. There still remain to be issued 1d, 2d, 2½d and 3d in the small type. The new 10sh, represents St. Paul after a statue by a Maltese sculptor named Gafà. All collectors will welcome the retention of this subject for the Malta 10sh.—Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.

RADIO AS A COLLECTING AID

Some time ago, a reader sent in an interesting clipping from a Pittsburgh newspaper showing how close a harmony was established between station KDKA and philately; and even though collecting is presented in the story in a somewhat humble phase, yet the tale is well told. The account is one surcharged with human interest and the reporter who constructed it knows his P's and Q's. Perhaps he gave it a fanciful touch here and there, but none will say that it is not true to life; and with a slap on the back for the newspaperman, we are glad to make way for flight of imagination combined with fact.

"The stamp collector had taken up radio to help pass the hours when he had no rare philatelic libraries to revel in; when the mail brought no strange postmarks; when the periodicals carried no announcement of new stamp issues.

At first he had handled it gingerly, as a child will a strange toy for the first time. He was jealous of his stamp-collecting hobby; he didn't want to permit any other advocacy to encroach upon his solitary pleasure.

Mixed nights of postage stamp hunting and DX hunting sped by; the winter was well advanced. He liked the radio immensely, but could not rid himself of the obsession that it was stealing away his love for odd, curious stamps. But often in the long evenings he would sit quietly before the loud speaker listening to an orchestral fantasy played by far-away musicians, and he would sit for hours lost in dreams of strange lands which rose up about his beloved stamps. At times like that, radio and stamps blended perfectly.

In such a reverie one evening he did not notice when the music ended, failed to perceive the short pause which followed its dying tones.

A clear voice spoke from the cone, awakening him to instant mental activity: "We have just received a letter from the steamship Cathlamet, a United States shipping board vessel, telling us that our program was received clearly off Gold Coast last week. The letter was mailed from Acora, Gold Coast. This is Station KDKA, Pittsburgh."

Gold Coast—Gold Coast! Why, he had no stamp from Gold Coast; in fact, he had never heard of it. The atlas was consulted; yes, there it was—a coast colony of the British empire, along the Gulf of Guinea, in northwestern Africa.

Now, how could he get that stamp? Would the management of KDKA let him have it, he wondered.

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Fleck opened the drawer, lifted out a handful of odd envelopes of all shapes and sizes. Some of them were neatly addressed in English, most of these were from English-speaking countries; others were written in angular Teutonic, with straight lines and few curves; some were badly printed in vivid inks, from the many nations of the globe.

The Gold Coast stamp was on top, a three-pence postage and revenue stamp, in grey-blue with relief printing along the sides, and blue letters on white background at top and bottom.

The stamp collector sighed, but it was a sigh of happiness. Sincerely he thanked the director. With him he proudly bore the grey-blue Gold Coast beauty homeward."

RECOVERY

For six weeks, Mr. C. D. Reimers, Fort Worth, Texas, has been taking hospital treatment in Denver, in order that a general overhauling of his physical condition could be made under proper influences. Recently, he passed through Chicago on his way to Texas, and it is evident that his rehabilitation has been a satisfactory one. While away from his home base, the business of Mr. Reimers has been in the charge of an assistant. After a stay at home until the middle of June, Mr. Reimers intends to go to Europe, where he expects to remain about three months. During his absence his office will be closed, but when he gets back, he will resume business at the old stand. Mr. Reimers is an old-time philatelist who some years ago entered the dealers' ranks in earnest and it is comforting to know that his physical impairment has been overcome. No doubt his European trip will provide the tonic that will give him a surplus of health.

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WHITE PLAINS PRECANCELS

By A. F. GAMBER.

The White Plains precancels had hardly begun to appear when the editor assumed charge of this periodical, so we were too early to pay our respects to some of those that subsequently appeared. That being water over the dam, let's treat it as much. But, let us also be fully prepared for the next Commemorative before it appears. Not that we know definitely of any projected issue at present, but since we are celebrating the 150th anniversary of some Revolutionary event almost every day now, and will be doing so until 1933, we may anticipate almost anything from our Post Office Department, which in recent years has become almost as prolific in its output as some of the Latin American countries. Likewise, some other racial group is likely to rise and demand (and get) a special stamp or stamps almost any day. The Huguenots, Swedes and Norwegians having had theirs, why not some others? The correct answer to that question is, *why not?* All right, then, as we said above, we're all set now for any Commemorative that may appear in the future, and in the columns of this magazine we're going to give a very close scrutiny to the precancelled Commemoratives emanating from certain offices. We all know that there are offices which, since the balmy days of the Victory, Aeros, Pilgrims and Harding, have developed the habit of breaking out with a rash of precancels every time a Commemorative appears, in fact that is their main output. We old timers know enough to let such junk alone, but for the guidance and protection of the beginner and for the honor and clean name of the hobby we propose in future to demand a straightforward bill of health from the emissions of those offices with such a marked tendency toward the miscellaneous precancelling of all Commemoratives. The editor has had so many commendatory letters from his *Gossip* note on those Tulsa White Plains, which so narrowly escaped being first days, that he feels that any other course would not be fair to the hobby. In addition he has the backing of every officer of the Society, who feel exactly as he does—that this precancelling habit at certain offices has gone far enough with the Society in a passive attitude. We all know what action the Society took at New York in this matter, and our policy as to future Commemoratives is simply in line with that action. Any other policy would be nothing short of treason to the Society's action.

No doubt some toes will be trodden upon, but in our opinion it's high time they were. It is hard to express our amazement and disgust at the brazenness of certain people who have the unadulterated nerve to take a collector's money for their junk. Once isn't enough, but every time a new Commemorative appears they rush into the advertising columns with solemn prophecies as to how desirable this item will prove to be, how short lived the issue, how low their prices are, and—oh well, you all know their line, it's been worn threadbare. They've handed it out on the appearance of every single Commemorative so far. And unless we do step down hard on their corns, they're going to keep it up and get by with it.

The editor makes the following statement and challenges any and all readers to disprove it: All future precancelled Commemoratives from the following offices should be viewed with suspicion. *in view of the past performances of those offices:* Arkansas, Ft. Smith, and Van Buren. California, Chico, Clovis, Delano, Fresno, Pasadena, San Bernardino, Santa Cruz, Florida, Stuart, Illinois, Batavia, DeKalb, Granite City, Maywood, Mendota, Techny. Iowa, Anamosa, Charles City, Clarinda, Dubuque, Fairfield, Forest City, Grinnell, Maquoketa, Marion, Marshalltown, Mason City, Monticello, Mt. Vernon, Ottumwa, Storm Lake, Van Horn. North Dakota, Carrington, Mohall, Wahpeton. Wisconsin, Reeseville, Kohler and Waukesha. Oklahoma, Cushing and

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By JOHN G. SCHLAFFER.

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You tell him for me that the old more one is still operating on schedule. Been operating since May, 1897.

Enclosing a cover showing cancellation made by R. P. O. today. The different cars were numbered four and cancelled stamps with a lozenge tread with a 1, 2, 3, 4. They now the stamp as shown on enclosed envelope.

Roland Park and Highlandtown, son, Arlington, and St. Helena are designations I believe. Anyway more's R. P. O.'s are still going strong. Painted a rich cream color, with trucks a baby blue and striped in gold.

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By C. A. Howes, F.R.P.S.



As most collectors are aware, without any great amount of research, the first adhesive postage stamp was brought into use in Great Britain on May 6, 1840, in the form of the "Penny Black." A companion "Twopenny Blue" was announced and presumably issued at the same time, but it does not seem to be an actually established fact that this was so. The Mulready envelopes and covers accompanied the adhesive stamps as well and it seems that Sir Rowland Hill, who sponsored the new scheme of "Penny Postage," thought the latter would be the most popular innovation and so had a great stock of them prepared. To his astonishment the public favored the adhesive labels to such an extent that production could hardly keep pace with the demand and the Mulready productions went begging in consequence. The issue of the new stamps and stationery to the public began on May 1st, but as stated above, the use of the new system and rates did not begin until May 6th.

The "Penny Postage Act" that caused the preparation of the stamps was passed August 17, 1839, and provided that the Lords of the Treasury should "direct that letters written on stamped paper or enclosed in stamped covers or having a stamp affixed thereto . . . shall pass by the post free of postage." It is this somewhat ambiguous statement that caused writers in the early days to speak of stamps as "freeing a letter to its destination" or some similar phrase which seems peculiar to the present day collector. Of course the letter did not pass "free" of postage, but the stamp indicated that the postage had been prepaid and was therefore not to be collected from the recipient, as was the general custom under the superseded methods. The idea was that the prepayment stamp caused the letter to be "free" from further demands for payment such as had previously been the case. This idea is carried out in the name given the "post-

age stamp" by the German and Scandinavian countries, e.g., in German *freimarke*, that is a "free mark" or stamp. Sometimes it is *postfreimarke* or "post free stamp," which is only a little less ambiguous. Bremen labeled two of her stamps *franco marke* or "frank stamp," which conforms to the expression used considerably by early writers to the effect that the stamps "franked" the letter or "freed" it from further collection of postage, as before stated. Nowadays the word "frank" is confined to a device or stamp which actually does carry the letter "free," without payment of postage of any kind as on official mail.

In preparation for the new scheme the Lords of the Treasury invited suggestions for suitable devices in open competition. Very many were received, but none was deemed suitable. A water-color drawing in the general form of the adhesive stamp as actually issued was finally submitted by Rowland Hill himself and the preparation of a design for

LINES TO THE PENNY BLACK

All hail to thee, thou herald of a dawn
Of more than peace—of civilizing pow'r
That broke the bonds which for so long re-
strained
Communication's spread; bearer of light,
Though dressed in sombre hue; progenitor,
With thy companion garbed in blue, of them
That troop in thousands since thy day.

A piece of paper—graven steel—some ink,
And lo! the "Penny Label" had its birth!
A little thing, yet with what latent pow'r
To carry good or ill, o'er sea and land,
To forge the bonds of friendship or of trade,
To scatter broadcast news and knowledge
deep.

What mission that, concealed in form so small!
Three score and ten, the years allotted man,
Have seen the progress that thy advent
wrought;

While out from Britain's bounds, where first
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"I am not sure if you are aware why the human countenance was taken for the stamp—it was for this reason—viz. That the eye is accustomed to distinguish minute differences between one human face and another. Now the multiplication of faces in the genuine stamp is by a mechanical process, from a single original die and all are therefore identical. The background of the label is of so close a texture that a transfer cannot be made by the lithographic or any similar process. A forgery must therefore be original and the most skilful artist could scarcely avoid some difference of expression which to the practised eyes of the Post Office people would cause immediate detection."

The head of Her Majesty selected for engraving upon the original die for the first two adhesive postage stamps ever issued was taken from a medal. This medal was struck on the occasion of the young Queen's first entry into the city of London after her accession, for the celebration of Lord Mayor's Day on November 9, 1837. The medal with its beautiful profile was engraved by William Wyon, the leading seal engraver of his time and chief engraver to the mint. A drawing of this head was made by Henry Corbould, an artist of repute, for Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Petch. The engraving upon steel from this drawing was entrusted to Charles Heath, a former engraver to the King, with whom was associated his son Frederick; and it seems to be a moot question as to which one actually did the work, though it has usually been attributed to Charles. The fine network which forms the background was engraved by means of a mechanical device called the "Rose engine," whence the name "engine-turned work." The addition of the labels with their lettering completed the design, which was then transferred by the usual methods, which need not be detailed here, to the printing plate.

The printing plate was a flat sheet of steel upon which the design was transferred 240 times, thus making a full sheet the equivalent of one pound in value, or double this amount for the

twopence stamp. This made for easy accounting by printed sheets. For further facility in reckoning, the sheet was arranged in twenty horizontal rows of twelve impressions each, thus each horizontal row represented a value of one shilling (or two shillings for the twopence). When the plate had received the stamp impressions, however, it was not yet quite complete, as the little squares in the lower corners were all blank. These were left for "check letters," which were inserted by hand by means of steel punches in the following manner: the left hand corner bore the letters of the alphabet in proper sequence down the vertical columns; the right hand corner had the same along the horizontal row. The left corner thus bore letters from A to T and the right corner from A to L, thus giving each of the 240 stamps a different combination. This scheme was a further preventive against counterfeiting, for it was deemed that a forger would probably make but one die and the reproduction would therefore bear but one combination of the "check letters"; if a great many copies of this combination were observed, therefore, it would make detection much quicker.

As a final protection against forgery, the printing was required to be upon watermarked paper. This was at first a small crown in outline, repeated 240 times and spaced so that one should appear in each printed stamp. In addition, the margins of the sheets had the word POSTAGE watermarked six times and joined up by five parallel lines. The paper was hand made by Mr. Stacey Wise, of Rush Mills, Northampton. Great care was taken to account for all sheets of this watermarked paper furnished to the printers by the Treasury, and a forfeit was exacted of the full face value of the stamps for which the sheets were intended, in case of loss.

It may be interesting to those who have not seen it to reproduce the marginal inscription on the plate, which appeared at top, bottom and each side of the printed sheet:

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This "cement" or gum was of the same composition that is still used largely for applying to stamps, viz., dextrine, which is made from potato starch by "toasting" the latter. To this gum has been attributed a share in the "blueing" of the paper upon which so many of the early stamps were printed; but its neutral character seems to place it outside the cause which is now usually attributed to chemical reaction between ingredients of the printing ink and impurities in the paper, the action being furthered by the damping of the paper in the printing process and by the application of the gum as well.

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An interesting plate error occurred on a numbered 77 of the one penny, in which stamp number 13 had no letter in the lower corner.

Of the above details concerning the manufacture of the stamps apply to the one penny as well as the one penny. In regard to the cancellation ink, however, difficulty was to be expected with its application upon the twopence, but as a precaution the blue ink was changed to a more fugitive character, to hinder possible attempts to remove the cancellation. To distinguish the stamps printed with this new ink, which otherwise could hardly be identified, a white line was added to the design beneath the word POSTAGE at the top and above the words TWO PENCE at the bottom.

The appeared about March, 1841, having been notified to postmasters just after the circular announcing the change in the color of the one penny.

From the beginning the only method of separating the stamps from each other was by cutting them apart with knife or shears, or tearing them apart against a metal "straight edge" such as used to be found on every desk. Suggestions had been sought for a better method of separation, but not until 1847, when Henry Archer tried a machine for making short cuts in the paper between the stamps, was anything accomplished. This machine was practically what we call "lettering," but the machine was not a success as the knives soon became dull. Some of the stamps experimented on were sent into the hands of the public and were used, and these are much valued by specialists under the name of "Archer cutouts." The next year Archer produced a machine which punched a series of circular holes out of the paper between the stamps, thus making the first "operating" device. After some trials and changes the machine was "found to answer in every respect." During the


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Who can tell us anything about the second illustration? Mr. T. F. Keith reports having found several examples on 1c 1890 in a recent overhauling of an unpicked lot. 1890 was pretty late for that kind of a cancellation and possibly some one may remember having seen it, for it might have been in use until 1894 or 1895, as the 1c 1890 was used until those years.

The next four were contributed by Mr. H. V. Swallow and are on 3c green stamps. Who has a name for the third one?

Mr. W. A. McCoy sent the seventh. What is it? And the same question applies to the next one, which Mr. H. M. Konwiser submitted.

And who can tell anything about the last one? Where, when, why, was it used? It is on a 1c re-engraved and was sent by Mr. Swallow.

Referring to the first illustration in the issue of March 28, two correspondents offer a solution to the problem.

Mr. John C. Hunt and Mr. Edgar C. Green each describe a cover with this design in blue in the upper right corner postmarked on the left, Huntsville, Ala., in the same color. Mr. Hunt's letter is dated April 13, 1846, and Mr. Green's November 18, 1847.

Mr. Maurice Jeter sends the information that he has a cover showing a figure five of the same design postmarked "Big Lick, Va." And Big Lick is now the city of Roanoke. Mr. Green says it would be interesting to find it on a 10c 1847! I should say so!

From this evidence the conclusion is that the design is simply an elaborately decorated numeral indicating the amount of postage. It is interesting to know that it was used in two places, widely separated.

Mr. E. S. Knapp has sent a cover on which is a 3c National, mailed at Elyria, O., addressed to Winchester, Ind. The Winchester postmaster has made it attractive by placing upon it his postmark with its canceller attached, in blue ink. The canceller is reproduced above No.

1. Very kind of that postmaster.

Mr. W. R. Parker has shown two new kicking mule items. These are in the form of registration receipt cards sent by the Postmistress at Forbestown, Butte Co., Cal., as her receipt for mail despatched to other Post Offices. One is dated at Forbestown, Feb. 12, 1892, in the lower left corner and the mule is slightly to the right of the postmark. And in the upper right corner is the postmark of the receiving office, Clipper Mills, Cal., Feb. 13, 1892, in blue.

The second one has the Forbestown postmarks and the mule in the same position as the other. In this case the receiving postmark is Hurlston, Butte Co., Cal., in red. Both postmarks have the same date Feb. 8, 1892.

Mr. Parker sends a little map showing the location of these three little towns. Oroville was the nearest railroad town. Hurlston was 13 miles away, Forbestown 8 miles further, and Clipper Mills, 9 miles beyond that. Stages carried the mails from Oroville. Registered mail going to Clipper Mills from Forbestown was very infrequent, and there are very few of these cards in the find. Besides these cards Mr. Parker sends some other interesting things.

A 3c Continental on a large piece of cover postmarked S. U. V. R. P. O.

A 2c brown grided with the sheet margin attached, showing about half of the imprint of the National Bank Note Co., postmarked squarely on the stamp in blue, Durand, Wis., April 2, 1873. M. O. B.

A 3c green re-engraved tied by a target, postmarked Thomaston, Ga., J. G. Williams, P. M. There is also the mark Due 3 in a circle and a 3c Postage Due stamp.

A 2c 1883. The postmark is Washington, D. C., Jan. 14, 1884. The letter was sent to a Washington address and has a Congressman's frank in the upper right corner. The stamp is cancelled by a large oval grid with a 2 in the center. It is also stamped "Returned to Writer" in a circle and again postmarked Wash-

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ington, D. C., Feb. 5, 4 P. M., 1884 5. On the back are two Carrier postmarks, both dated Jan. 15, and a mark which reads, Box Department, Jan. 15, 1 A. M. 1. All the backstamps are in magenta.

A 3c National is tied by a postmark, which is placed squarely upon it, and has another at its left. This is Merced, Cal., Aug. 2, 1871, in purple. Fine.

A 3c re-engraved cancelled by a large six in a circle shows a shift in all the letters and other parts of the stamp.

A postal card from Melrose, Iowa, has the postmark and a solid five-point star in a circle in purple, and looks very brilliant.

A long strip of a cover shows a strip of three, a pair and a single 3c green, a 1c blue, and a 2c vermilion, each cancelled by a purple star in a circle.

A cover with a magenta Mendicino, Cal., octagonal postmarked, shows a pair of 10c, a pair of 3c and a 1c American stamps.

A large cover with a strip of three and two singles of the 3c green Continental shows the large blue triangle of the Dead Letter Office used 1876, Aug. 4.

A cover with three 3c and a 10c Cent. all cancelled in purple at Florence, Mass., and a cover with a pair of 10c, a pair of 1c and a single 3c pencancelled with the postmark of Moscow, N. Y., and a star in a circle at the left of the stamps, give us some idea of rates on registered letters in those days.

A 2c 1883 comes from Lovelock, Butte Co., Cal., a 2c 1893 Col. stamped envelope is from Alleghany, Sierra Co., Cal., a 3c American from Cookeville, Putnam Co., Tenn., and two 3c re-engraved cancelled by red targets are from Rock Falls, Dunn Co., Wis., and the postmark is also red.

Turn back to Sept. 6 and mark No. 4, "Shoo fly," as having come from Evansville, Ind. Mr. J. W. Fox sends it on 3c 1864 stamped envelope, and reports having it on 3c 1869 adhesive. Fine work.

Mr. George R. Cooley has sent a 3c 1864 stamped envelope with a very unusual shade of red used to postmark it, from Franklin, N. Y. Franklin, N. Y., also used red during the '70's, but this is the usual shade. Mr. Cooley also reports that South Worcester, N. Y., used red for cancelling purposes in 1871.

KNOWING THE PHILATELISTS' DESIRES

By HARRY M. KONWISER.

Mr. E. K. Kilburn, vice president and general sales manager for the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company, in advising salesmen, said:

"To know your customer's business does not imply that you should tell him his business."

If Mr. Kilburn is a stamp collector he will look at the efforts of so many of the tradesmen in the fold with a bit of a smile, for he will notice that the men who pretend to salesmanship ability, do that very thing—in too many instances.

In almost every business the salesmen are continuously urged to know that business, for the analysts in the commercial life have sensed the fact that the potential buyer does enjoy talking to a man who knows the business he is engaged in. As a matter of fact most stamp salesmen do know their business; that is, they do know the stamp collecting hobby and it is for that reason that so many of the high-spot salesmen in the fold are met with open arms by the mere collector, who has neither the time or the patience to make a study of his hobby—nor any desire to make of stamp collecting anything more than a pleasant pastime.

The highest form of salesmanship is that which consists of the capacity to think in the term of the customer. It is not sufficient that the stamp salesman should sell a minor variety, shall we say, from the viewpoint of attractiveness for the album page but he should be able to point out the fact that some of the leading collections in the world are without this particular stamp, and why—even beyond its almost unique standing—it bears a part to the particular collection the collector is forming.

While the viewpoint of future financial enhancement is not to be cast lightly aside, what about the particular reason it is being offered to the particular buyer? There must be a reason for every sale, beyond the probabilities of a rise in the catalog.

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than by merely offering "catalog value" at prices assumed to be favorable.

Stamp sellers should be students of selling, as well as students of stamps and from my personal observation—one exception—the outstanding salesmen in the field are really men possessing more than ordinary knowledge of stamps. The cleverer of the salesmen manage to present their wares in a manner that makes for the establishment of good relations between the seller and buyer. There can be no such thing as "the one-timer" in stamp selling.

is not altogether a proposition where one has the will to sell the rest is a simple matter. The failures in stamp selling line have had that thought.

Stamp collectors need advice, as do other class of men do. The average stamp collector simply does not know too much above the ordinary things to make a pleasant time as a stamp collector. And so the collectors, not interested in studying for themselves, learn to rely on the sellers who not only know the stamp business, but have an understanding of the particular aims of each collector. And who will say that the form of collecting is not specialized?

Dealers who have the interests of their customers in mind are the sort of dealers who have the interests of the hobby in mind; they are stamp counsellors, always seeking the immediate sale, realizing that it pays to establish confidence.

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lists a very fine line of albums, acces-
sories, catalogs, packets, etc.

L. MEISTER informs us that he is
leaving Holyoke, Colo., for a trip
to Europe and will not return before
next December. Correspondents will
please take notice.

SEVERAL of our subscribers have
sent us specimens of the Bolling Field
All-America Aircraft Display airmail
cancellations. The dates of the exhibi-
tion were from May 2 to 6. The latest
covers are from E. Strasser and Charles
E. Jandru, Jr.

AT the annual meeting of the Frank-
lin Stamp Club of Philadelphia, Pa.,
on Wednesday, May 4, William Hess,
Jr. was unanimously re-elected president.
Much activity and real enthusiasm has
been shown by this club during the past
months.

THE Fort Worth (Texas) Stamp Club
completed its organization of April
29 and elected the following board of
officers:—President, Ernest Allison
Smith; Vice President, C. E. W. Wel-
come; Secretary, Claude W. Parker;
Treasurer, Dr. F. Merrill. A section
for Juniors will be a feature of the
Club.

THE Brooklyn Stamp Club, S. P. A.
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15, to 207 Fulton St., Brooklyn, N. Y.,
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with the business meeting held on the
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A FINE price list has just been issued
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Md. It lists and prices a superb line of
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white and blue, it makes a fine ap-
pearance.

THE stamp collectors of Mill Valley,
California, were given a rare treat
on May 2, when Dr. Ferdinand Fischer
entertained at his picturesque mountain-
side home (Mill Valley being a suburban
city, 12 miles north of San Francisco
and at the foot of Mt. Tamalpais and at
the entrance to Muir Woods National
Park. Dr. Fischer displayed his won-
derful collection of U. S. cut square en-
velopes, which he has spent much time and
labor as well as money in accumulating
over a period of years. His collection

is highly specialized and comprises about
2,200 varieties and is practically a com-
plete collection of all U. S. envelopes,
the value being about \$2,500.00. Of the
1903 re-engraved issue, numbering some
143 dies, he has almost complete.—WILL
FALLEY.

Written for MEKEEL'S.
COLONIAL NOTES
By "CALABAR."

Malta.—The 10s "Postage," I pre-
sume, is now obsolete, the 10s Pictorial
having been issued early in February.
During the currency of the former stamp
the London market value was consider-
ably lower than the New York figure—
a fact worth noting in passing. Whilst
copies were quoted, in at least one in-
stance, at 11s6d, they rarely sold here
for less than \$4. Prices will now, of
course, show an upward trend, but I
think the difference—though less notice-
able—will continue.

Following are the dates of issue of the
various values of the current King's head
and Pictorial series, which is now
complete.

1/4d, 4d, 4 1/2d, 1s, 1s6d, 2s, 2s6d, 3s
(6th April, 1926).
6d, 5s (5th May).
1/2d (3d August).
1 1/2d (7th October).
10s (9th February, 1927).
1d, 2d, 2 1/2d, 3d, (1st April).

St. Helena.—Judging by the usual
indications, the current type 1s6d, 2s6d
and 5s MCA are well worth seizing on
at once. Already, the 5s is fetching twice
face, and—what is perhaps more signifi-
cant—all three values are amongst the
stamps being advertised by dealers.
In this connexion, it should be noted that
practically all of the now-scarce Colo-
nials, issued during the past few years—
such as the 10s Caymans, the 3s and 5s
Dominica, the 2s Turks, etc., etc.—were
advertised for by dealers and speculators
almost at once after becoming obsolete.

Leeward Ids.—At present prices the
1/2d Leewards seem the best of the va-
rious script "yellows" which are just
now in the limelight. The total numbers
sent out were only 6,000, and even taking
into account the extra quantity disposed
of by the Crown Agents, its current
market quotation (around 50c) is all
out of proportion to its scarcity. A
block of 4 should be worth laying aside,
as this figure is bound to take a big jump
shortly.

St. Kitts.—Those lacking the current
series of this popular West India Colony
should make sure of a set whilst they are
still obtainable at the usual current issue
rates—a new series (1/2d to £1, and
smaller in size than the double medallion
stamps) being due to appear shortly.
This welcome news comes as a most un-
expected surprise, but there seems little
likelihood of any of the remaining duties
on the MCA paper showing sudden rises,
similar to the 3s and 5s Dominica, etc.,
as dealers and speculators will have
ample time to lay in stocks before the
new set appears.

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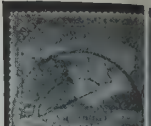
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of the numerous collections he had purchased.

I had the free run of the whole of the Ferrary collection and almost every time I visited Paris I used to spend a day there usually with one of the Mahés, but my good friend Philip La Renotière was often there when I went. If he was not he always left instructions that I was to see all I wanted.

After Moens retired from business Ferrary decided to arrange all his countries by the Stanley Gibbons catalogues and he always encouraged me to make full notes of all varieties I found in his collection that were not catalogued, as he wished me to catalogue all varieties that he possessed.

One thing he insisted upon and that was that I never quote his name. I was at liberty to announce that I had seen a new variety, but not to state where.

On several occasions my dear old friend—Mr. M. P. Castle, asked me to search the Ferrary collection for varieties new to the lists about to be published in the monographs of the Royal Philatelic Society. I made many such lists and was also allowed to photograph rare stamps, such as unused Sydney Views, to help make perfect plates of unused stamps where copies could not be obtained in Great Britain.

One day I was sitting at Pierre Mahé's desk and I noticed at the back of it a board with a series of long sharp pointed nails upon it. On each nail was a large bundle of French bank notes, one nail for each denomination up to 1000 Francs. I asked Mahé what these were for and he said that Monsieur Progin (the treasurer) once a week filled up the nails with 50,000 Francs and that amount could be

spent in a week, if required. (At current exchange this represented \$ a week.)

When Ferrary's mother—the Duchesse de Galliera—died, she was estimated to be worth some two hundred millions of francs. She left large fortunes to the French Royalists, such as Comte de Paris, and she left her magnificent Palais, 57 Rue de Varenne, to the Austrian Government for the Austrian Embassy, with a proviso that during her son Philip's life he should have the use of one wing and live under the Austrian flag.

Ferrary died in Switzerland during the Great War. When his will was proved it was found that he had left a stamp collection to the Postal Museum in Berlin. The French Government confiscated the collection and ordered it to be sold at auction.

Some fourteen sales have been held under the very able management of Monsieur Gilbert and nearly \$2,000,000 have been realized.

Ferrary was a great recluse and himself very isolated except to a few people that he was really friendly with among which I am happy to know was one for over twenty years. Whenever he came to England he always spent a Sunday with me at Twickenham, later on at Sevenoaks. He always enjoyed long walks.

He was a kind and liberal philanthropist and on scores of occasions asked to send sums of £100 or £200 to cases of distress that had come to his notice. His name was never given as he asked me to send his donations as "A Paris Student" or "A friend of England" and so on.—Philatelic Collector

REMINISCENCES OF FERRARY

By CHARLES J. PHILLIPS.

Philip La Renotière von Ferrary was, and I think always will be, the greatest stamp collector the world has ever seen.

He was the son of the famous Duchesse de Galliera, who owned a large portion of Genoa, Italy. She married as her second husband an Austrian nobleman—Ritter La Renotière von Ferrary.

From his early days the Duchesse encouraged her son to collect stamps. Mr. Stanley Gibbons told me that he well remembered that in the early seventies, while he was at Plymouth, Ferrary visited him, and was then accompanied by his mother and his tutor.

The Ferrary collection was based on a great number of famous collections that he and his mother purchased in the early days. A few particulars of some of the most famous of these may prove of interest.

When the Franco-German war broke out in 1870, the French Baron Rothschild went to Brussels and while there, to pass the time, went to J. B. Moens and sought his help to make the finest possible collection of stamps that could be got together. The great Moens stock was picked and Rothschild's and Moens' agents throughout the world were written to in order to get sheets and blocks of the older issues.

After the war was over Rothschild returned to Paris and went on collecting for some years, but eventually sold his collection to Ferrary, and this was one of the sources of the many fine blocks and sheets of old issues found in this collection, very many of which are now in the collection of Mr. Arthur Hind.

Sir Daniel Cooper was the Governor of New South Wales over fifty years ago. While there he formed a great collection of Australian stamps and when he went home to England he was, for a time, President of the Philatelic Society, London. Later on he sold his collection to Ferrary for £3000, and from this source came many of those marvellous blocks of unused Australian stamps that we have seen in the Paris sales.

For many years Judge Frederick Philbrick, Q. C., had one of the finest and most complete general collections of stamps in Great Britain. He had almost all the then known rarities. About 1885 he sold his whole collection to Ferrary for £7000.

Mr. W. B. Thornhill of London, specialized in Australian stamps and plated the New South Wales "Sydneys" and "Laureated" also other countries. About 1896 he sold this to Ferrary.

For nearly 50 years Ferrary had the pick of all the purchases of the great dealers of the world, and no one I have ever met knew better the real value of all varieties than he did.

Ferrary kept two secretaries to help him arrange his collections. For the stamps he selected the famous old Paris dealer—Pierre Mahé, and on his death, he was succeeded by his son Edward Mahé.

For his entires (envelopes, postcards, etc.) Schmidt de Wilde was his Secretary. Two rooms in his residence, the famous old French Palais at 57 Rue de Varenne, Boulevard St. Germaine, were set aside for his collections, one for stamps and one for entires.

In the stamp room three sides of the room were lined with cupboards with nests of shelves about 9 inches apart. The stamps were all mounted on strips of stout paper. On there the details of each issue was written across the top, and the stamps were arranged below in two rows. As a rule the unused were on separate sheets from the used.

Ferrary only liked single copies in his collection proper, sometimes pairs of famous stamps were included, such as the British Guiana, 1850, 2c rose, or where two varieties were shown set-tenant.

These loose sheets were wrapped up in two paper covers, the name of the country and the issue written on the outside and then the bundles were arranged in order on the shelves.

On the top shelves all round the stamp room were large bundles, each one labeled with the name of a country. In these large bundles were what Ferrary termed his "duplicates." These were the remains

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VISITOR FROM AUSTRALIA

Miss West, managing director of J. H. Smyth, Ltd., Sydney, Australia, has arrived in the United States and according to her itinerary is now in New York; from there she will sail on June 4th for England, where she hopes to attend the Philatelic Congress to be held at Birmingham in June, 1927. After short stays in San Francisco and Los Angeles, respectively, Miss West arrived in Chicago on May 4th, and remained until the 9th. In that city, Miss West's first call was on Mr. S. Newbury whose collecting fame is not confined to his own country of Chicago, and whom Miss West met when Mr. Newbury was in Australia last year. Miss West was introduced into the philatelic circles of the city and attended the meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society held May 10th, where she read a letter from the Sydney Philatelic Club, which asked her to accept its president for due philatelic recognition for Miss West. Miss West, making her long trip, which will comprise the world, both for business and pleasure and carrying with her, as she is a representation of the stock of J. H. Smyth, Ltd., in Australia and is, she is prepared to meet collectors and dealers in the several cities in which she will stop for a time. She is desirous of coming into contact with those whom she knows in this country only by correspondence, or for that matter are subscribers to the *Australian Stamp Journal*, and she has been editing since the death of Mr. Smyth. After Miss West's arrival in England, she will proceed home by way of Suez and Colombo, to arrive in Sydney in November. In Chicago Miss West was given due attention and she saw evidences of the philatelic life in that city, where many wished to do her honor. Miss West is a keen philatelist whose perceptions naturally are particularly sharp when Australasian stamps are under scrutiny. She has the collector's regard for stamps and this, combined with an unusual business instinct, makes her the best type of dealer. We should say that she would make a good copy for an article on successful business women in one of the magazines which seeks in channels out of the ordinary for material that has an inspirational suggestion. We hope that Miss West will depart from the United States with the conviction that her presence here was not welcome.

FIVE YEAR HONOR CLUB

Mr. Grasberger, Bellport, N. Y.
Mr. Nicholas Waterhouse, London, Eng.
Mr. C. Stillman, Troy, N. Y.
Mr. F. Stolberg, Toledo, Ohio.
Mr. Grasberger, who becomes a member of our Honor Club this week, has been a subscriber to the WEEKLY for the past ten years and considers it about time to join our Five Year Honor Club. He started collecting when eight years old and is still hot on the trail at sixty-five. He writes:—"I am a dairy farmer although busy in the summer, manage the News, which I enjoy very much."
Through the courtesy of Frank Godden, we are very glad to add the name of Sir Nicholas Waterhouse of London to our Honor Club list. Sir Nicholas is well known to our readers through his interest in S. Stamps.
We are also indebted to Edgar C. Stillman of Troy, N. Y., for his application for membership in our Honor Club.
Mr. Stolberg joins the Club quietly, merely saying "Renew for five years," which check speaks eloquently.

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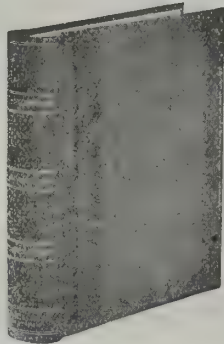
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EDITORIAL

Our mail shows that a good many of our readers are not to be silenced by what they are prone to consider lobbying measures to scotch the commemoratives; and they insist upon speaking right out in meeting. We thought that the subject had been viewed from all possible angles, but we find that two correspondents, one of whom writes at length and includes the argument made by the first writer, have brought in a factor that heretofore has not been considered fully. This consists in the statement that stamp collectors have no right to prevail over the wishes of the great public, in making their demands. The non-philatelic public is entitled to its hour of romance as embodied in a new celebratory stamp, irrespective of the opinion of a relatively small body of folks who happen to be stamp collectors. The point is one worth

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attention, but in discussing the question, it must not be assumed that philatelic opinion on the propriety of the issues is not about evenly divided. Because of this circumstance, it is evident that there is much to be said about the subject, in commendation or condemnation, as you will.

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Through the courtesy of Mr. Joseph Goder, Chicago, we are enabled to give a free translation of a philatelic item that appeared in the *Sonntagspost*, Chicago, recently: "A decision, very interesting to stamp collectors, was reached at a jury trial in Hamburg. A local stamp dealer ordered from an artist in Leipzig, wood cuts of the typical cancellations of Saxony. With these wood cuts, he canceled mint specimens and sold them for canceled stamps at higher prices. Dealers were suspicious for a long time and endeavored to trace the falsifications. Then, the impudence of the dealer to offer the forgeries in public auction at low prices led to the discovery. A number of wood cuts were found in the house. Three months in the penitentiary was the verdict. The court based his decision on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses and not forgery." Saxony does not offer as inviting a field for "using" uncanceled stamps as some of the other German states, but it is good to hear that the culprit was convicted.

A reader with a memory says that nearly twenty years ago, a statement appeared in a stamp paper that within a quarter of a century it probably would be found that stamp-meter machines had so seriously curtailed the issue of stamps that collectors would rue the day when they first were used. He wants to know how the prophet knew!

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A reader says that he thinks that the pen-canceled stamps of the earlier issues of the United States have an interest for him that does not seem to be shared by a majority of collectors. Properly enough, he arrives at his conclusion because of the fact that the prices asked for the stamps in this condition are lower than those quoted for specimens with the regulation obliterations. He asks if there is any objection against the pen-marked stamps that is unknown to him and that if so, he would like to know what it is. While we have no way of guessing just how deeply this correspondent has considered the subject, a few words suggest themselves as applying to this class of stamps. Referring to the U. S. stamps that are canceled with writing-ink, it is admitted that a prejudice against them has been apparent for many years; and it is to be accounted for without much investigation. In the earlier days of collecting, unused stamps were not wanted by some collectors and others who did not reject them, still preferred

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the used stamps. Demonetized stamps of the 1857-60 issue and later, the partment remainders were scarce and in not a few instances they made into "used" stamps by the process of marking them with crosses or curlycues in ink. A ninety-cent 1857-60, for example, was always postally used, but there was a time it could be bought for less than face a stamp invalid for postage; and demont stamps were known to have distributed as favors after the production had been taken by the clerks in departments of pen-stroking the stamps. Consequently, the position of these stamps was anomalous at least and they feited collecting favor to some extent. So, this distaste had a tendency to on all the pen-canceled stamps of time and the result was that they discriminated against in the mind collectors; and they have not yet placed on a par with the really stamps.

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In looking for references to marked stamps of the United States find that in a circular letter sent out of the post office department in 1852, masters were enjoined to take particular care to comply with the following regulation of the Postmaster General: "postage stamps affixed to any letter packet, or parcel of any description, be immediately and effectually canceled in the office in which the letter, packet or parcel may be delivered for delivery transmission." It was not for years later that the department demanded special ink must be used and in 1879, instance, the instructions were that black printing-ink could not be obtained "the operation should be performed making several heavy crosses or parallel lines upon each stamp with a pen dip in good black writing-ink." The that writing-ink cancellations were followed by the authorities, gives the stamp treated with them a clean bill of health and when the unused stamp is placed above that of the used stamp, the stroked stamp would seem to have a better standing than is given it, as a stamp. There is never apt to be any question the genuineness of the stamp, in the of U. S., that the regulation cancellations would aid in settling. All in all, think that our correspondent is on the right track, as in all probability the pen-canceled United States will grow, rather than diminish in collecting favor.

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In a recent issue of "The Periodic" sent to us by Mr. D. D. Berolzheimer, New York, there are two pages devoted to "Post Office Intelligence" taken from the book, "The British Post Office: from its beginning to the end of 1925," by F. Dendy Marshall, that is published by Humphrey Milford, Oxford University Press, London, England. Mr. C.



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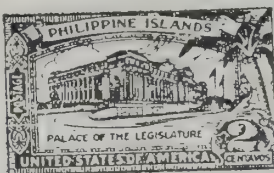
Stamp News for the Juniors

Is there anything you want to know about stamps or stamp collecting? If so, write the editor. What would you like to see in this department? We have no way of knowing unless you tell us. Mr. Senior Collector, can't you give the boy collector about 50 words of encouragement along practical lines? Address your letter to the Beverly office.

Juniors—Please Note

During the absence of the Managing Editor in Europe, this page will be cared for by Editor Charles E. Severn, 713 Oxford Bldg., Chicago, Ill. He will render our Juniors any assistance that may be desired.

Palace of the Legislature



New Philippine Commemorative Set

Our Ugly Stamps

Our rulers spend the nation's time In long and tedious debating, But none denounce the hateful crime That is the subject of my rhyme, The dastardly creating Of vile adhesives, that atrocious, To make my peaceful soul ferocious.

A nation with artistic pride Indulges in much more variety, And frequent issues e'er provide A catalogue of all who've tried To benefit society, And every stamp is made artistic With colourful surcharges mystic.

Though years, in vain, I've longed to see This plan adopted in our country, No dainty ochre-coloured tree Nor purple grass has gladdened me, For no-one's had the effort'ry, But what indeed could be much chie'er, Than stamps like those of Costa Rica?

But now let us begin again To pester all the daily papers, Till stamp designs become more sane, And range in an artistic chain From tripe to prosperous drapers, And we can purchase for a shilling, A view of me or Thomas Tilling!

Stamp Lover, England.

Junior Dictionary

Che Sopra Gli Altri Com' Aquila Vola.—"He who is above others as the eagle flies" an inscription on the 15c Dante stamp issued in 1921 by Italy.

Chita.—This is a city of 30,000 in what is known as the Far Eastern Republic (carved out of Siberia as a result of the World War). In 1919 stamps of Russia were surcharged for local use, Mongolia and part of the district of Amur.

Christmas Island.—A British possession in the Pacific Ocean which has been leased for a long term of years to the Central Pacific Coconut Plantations, Ltd. A local stamp has been issued by the company to be used on the mail despatched to Tahiti, the nearest member of the Universal Postal Union. Supplementary stamps of Tahiti would be required for transmission beyond that point.

C. I. H. S.—The initials of Commission Interalliee Haute Silesie or Inter-Allied Commission for Upper Silesia. An overprint found on the official stamps, Nos. 201 to 220, of Upper Silesia.

Cilicia.—This is the old Turkish province of Adana, north of Cyprus. During the World War in 1919, under French Occupation a great variety of surcharged stamps were issued consisting of Turkish stamps with name of country in French "Cilicie."

Comissao Portuguesa De Prisoneiros De Guerra.—Found on Portugal, Nos. 403 and 404. Means "Portuguese Commission of Prisoners of War," these stamps being used by the members of the military commission in charge of prisoners allocated to Portugal by the Allies.

C. M. T.—(Campana Militare Timbru).—This inscription found on the stamps of Western Ukraina means Military Campaign Stamp. They were used during the Roumanian occupation from June 28 to July 24, 1919.

Catalog Number Markings

By CLARK COOPER (14).

I read in a recent issue of your magazine, that some of the Juniors advocate the placing of the catalog number on the back of each stamp sold by dealers. I am writing you to state my opinion that the idea is impractical for the following reasons:

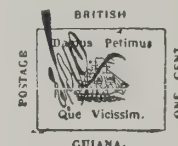
(1) A dealer having a stock of thousands of varieties would find it impossible to do so.

(2) The value of the stamps so treated would be lessened, especially in the case of unused varieties.

(3) The collector will derive more benefit from his hobby if he learns through study, how to distinguish the various varieties. If the catalog number of the stamp were on the back of each, there would be no need for the collector to use his own head.

The Wrong Cut

In the issue of March 7th, on the Junior Page, Robert Strauss, aged 15, contributed an interesting article on "The World's Rarest Stamp," which was illustrated by a cut of the circular type of the first issue of British Guiana, 1850. It should be known, certainly, that the stamp has been receiving so much acclaim since Mr. Hind bought it at Paris in the Ferrary sale is the one-cent black on red of the 1856 issue. For years the stamp catalogues have contained the information that only one copy of this stamp was known; and, incidentally, it is priced at \$32,500 in the Scott catalogue, in used condition. This unique stamp



is type A4 in our catalogue; and it is too bad that Robert's article was subjected to this erroneous treatment, in a pictorial sense. It remained for Mr. M. Givewell of London to point out the mistake and we thank him for doing so. This confusion of cuts was not noticed by us and nobody called our attention to it; as evidently the error was considered an obvious one.

B. C. A.

The first stamps used in British Central Africa—from 1891 to 1895—consisted of the stamps of the British South Africa Company overprinted with the



letters "B. C. A." These stamps were used in Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland, but when special stamps were issued their use was confined to the latter territory which was renamed the British Central Africa Protectorate.

Brazil War Stamps

A curious looking label that has puzzled numbers of collectors and which turns up fairly frequently in old collections consists of a rectangular frame containing four lines of inscription as follows:—"Exercito—Em Operacoes—contra—o Paraguay." The natural inference would be to class it as a curiosity from Paraguay unless one had some slight knowledge of the Spanish language. Scott ignores these labels but Gibbons lists them on blue, green, orange yellow and rose papers. From this source we learn that these stamps were used by Brazilian soldiers in the war with Paraguay. The stamps were printed by a stationer in Rio de Janeiro

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and supplied free to the troops; the Government allowed them to find letters to all parts of Brazil. A similar label, but with "Armada" (Navy) instead of "Exercito" (Army) at the top, was supplied to the sailors, only one variety of this is known.

Junior Glossary

Correio.—The only inscription showing on some of the early stamps of Portugal.



Correio Espanol Marruecos.—Spain Morocco.

Correio Interior (Inland Postage). On the two Spanish stamps issued for local use in Madrid.

Correos Centimos.—The only inscription on the 1893 stamps of Venezuela.



Correos.—This word, used in conjunction with "Certificado" or value for the only inscriptions on certain stamps of Spain and its colonies. Reference to the illustrations in a catalogue should make identification easy.

Cote d'Ivoire.—Ivory Coast.
Cote Francaise des Somalis.—French Somali Coast.

Cpenja.—Shown on the stamps of Servia.

Crescent (and Star).—A feature of the design of many Turkish stamps.

GONE

The news of the death of two collectors who have been associated with philately for many years comes to us. Mr. L. J. Flerlage writes that Mrs. Alice Matter of Seattle, Washington, has informed him that her husband, Alphonse S. Matter, passed away on April 1, 1927, as a result of heart trouble. Mr. Flerlage says that Mr. Matter formerly lived in Cincinnati and conducted a fine stamp shop in the Arcade for a while, and Mr. Flerlage bought his first stamps from his sheets. Mr. Matter retained his interest in the pursuit of the stamp and was a member of the International Philatelic Association at the time of his death.

John C. Bjerke, Chicago, died recently, after a period of incapacitation, due to an injury inflicted by an automobile that struck him some time ago. Mr. Bjerke had retired from business and devoted some of his leisure to stamps, to which he was much devoted. For a number of years he was a member of the American Philatelic Society and while he was not widely known to collectors in his own city, those with whom he was acquainted appreciated his kindly nature and generous impulses. His several visits to the Chicago office of the WEEKLY NEWS were remembered with a pleasure that is tinged with melancholy, now that this friendly gentleman has left our world.

NOVEL COLLECTIONS

By FRED. J. MELVILLE.

A boy in New Zealand recently gave a display before the members of the Christchurch Philatelic Society in which his own imagination was shown. Among the sections into which he divided his collection were:

- Stamps with stories.
- Native habitations.
- Places of worship.
- Grandeur of the mountains.
- Wonders of the past.
- Past and present rulers of Europe.
- Inelegant designs.
- Heraldry.
- Stamps and religion.
- Miniatures.
- Artists' and engravers' errors.
- Safety devices.

We can quite appreciate that a collection arranged on such lines as this would interest many a non-collector, and prove to him that there is more than a little fascination and charm lurking in the collection of postage stamps.

To select the more novel of the lines indicated by the Christchurch boy, one could form a compact little "Ideal Home Exhibition" out of his "native habitations." The homes would range from native huts in the Congo, Samoa, Brunei, to palatial but perhaps no longer very homely residences like the Winter Palace at Petrograd or the Kremlin. We could even find a few cosy interiors—such as furnished by Mr. Drage—as in the case of Senhor Castello Branco's study (Portugal 1925).

"Inelegant designs" would afford the embryo art critic an opportunity for discussing the merits and demerits of the works of painters and engravers. There is ample scope here for the variety of designs is almost unlimited, and a close observer will often spot inconsistencies or inaccuracies in drawing in minute details of vignette or frame.

"Safety devices" inclines more to the strictly philatelic study of stamps, for these include factors in the manufacture of stamps, not forgetting watermarks, and to some extent perforations, which afford some measure of security against forgery. But I imagine our Christchurch friend was thinking as well of heliographs, under-prints, back-prints, check-letters, control marks, grilles, and a sort of methods adopted by stamp printers in pursuance of the ideal of "Safety First."

Many boys and girls develop through time and other associations special knowledge of particular subjects. Why not see whether such knowledge can be applied to a study of stamp design. A florist's apprentice, for instance, might study the habiliments of the people depicted on stamps from the lightly clad

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Kanakas to the gentleman in Oxford bags (on the Uruguay 1 cent 1895), and the overdressed chap in tight trousers (Uruguay 5c 1904). The girls might equally study the garb and the *coiffeurs des dames*. One of the latest Salvador stamps is said to show a shingled lady (the stamp has not yet come my way) and most of us have had to pay a little attention to chignons and back curls on stamps of Gt. Britain, Gambia, Heligoland, Labuan, Portugal and other countries.

One could go on enumerating other notions for young collectors to take up and write out, but it is far from my present purpose to do more than stimulate some of them to think out some of these or similar ideas for themselves.—*The Stamp Lover.*

RANDOM REFLECTIONS

By S. K. MORLEY.

"Handle with Care."

The general collector does not get very far along the road of Philately before he discovers great differences in the "tearability" of stamps of various countries.

The middle issues of Holland and Luxemburg and modern Portuguese and United States are amongst the worst in this respect, and the proportion of thinned specimens one comes across amongst "swops" is extraordinary. The rather flimsy paper used by Messrs. Enschel & Sons of Haarlem is easily identifiable in the case of the first two countries, and the beginner who ruthlessly rips the hinges from these stamps is likely to find himself with an alarming number of worthless casualties.

Thank Heaven, they were tough!

And does not the "tearability" and "soilability" of the modern stamp, with its fugitive colours and chalk surface, make one profoundly thankful for the comparative toughness of the classics? As it is, these old stamps are all too scarce. But if the "ancients" had been anything like the "moderns" in texture and fibre, would a quarter of those at present extant have survived? We doubt it.

Those relics passed from hand to hand, both clean and gentle, rude and rough; Life hanging by the slenderest strand—Thank Heaven they were jolly tough!

The "Mood of the Moment."

Someone has suggested that certain countries stand for certain moods in Philately, and with most collectors this sentiment will strike a responsive note.

Who, for example, at the tail-end of an evening's work, feels like sorting and classifying a handful of New South Wales, Victoria or United States specimens with their multifarious perforations and highly elusive watermarks?

When I am tired, or semi-tired, give me a "foolproof" country where everything is plain-sailing. In such a mood the arrangement of a few nice stamps that do credit to my collection in one of the "easy" countries will act as a restorative to my jaded spirits, whereas a period of close application with the magnifying glass and perforation gauge will have an exactly opposite effect.

The time to "settle down" to a "difficult" country like New South Wales or United States, is at the beginning of an evening when the light is good and the senses are alert.

Under such circumstances a task that requires concentration will be full of pleasure, whereas, at a later hour, the self-same job would be unbearably tiresome.

Making "Difficult" Countries "Easy."

The mention of New South Wales suggests a way in which some folk have simplified their philatelic work in this and similarly complicated countries.

Suppose a twopenny blue, Queen's Head, comes along, for example. Instead of running through several pages of the Catalogue and finding the various headings under which this stamp appears, the collector simply turns to a typewritten list under which the whole of the varieties of perforation, watermark and colour are summarised as follows:—

| No. | Perf. | Wmk. | Color. | Paper. |
|------|-------|------------|----------------|-------------|
| 188 | 14 | None. | Pale Blue. | Surfaced. |
| 189 | 13 | Double | | |
| | | lined "2." | Blue. | Unsurfaced. |
| 189a | 12 | " | " | " |
| 189b | 12 | 13 | " | " |
| 194 | 13 | Type 23. | Pale Blue. | " |
| 197 | 13 | None. | " | Thin wove. |
| 199 | 12 | Single | " | " |
| | | lined "2." | " | " |
| 199a | 13 | " | " | " |
| 200 | 13 | " | Cobalt blue. | " |
| 201 | 13 | " | Prussian blue. | " |
| 202 | 13 | Double | Dull blue. | " |
| | | lined "5." | " | " |
| | | etc. etc. | | |

This method saves a good deal of laborious searching, particularly for beginners who are not too familiar with the Catalogue, but who nevertheless want to keep accurate record of the various watermarks and perforations.

Condition comes first.

The wise collector is always on the lookout for brilliant specimens even though they be of quite common varieties.

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THE PRECANCEL REVIEW

(Continued from page 309)

on the 2c and "AUROTA, ILL." on the 10c. Genuine errors, without question, but so impossibly misspelled as to cause one to scratch his head in grave wonder. After "Prof" got back to Valley City, he wrote that he took another look to make sure he hadn't been dreaming when in the Twin Cities, and was relieved to find "AUROTA" and "AUROA" still the same, and still on cover.

Liberty, N. Y.—is using a small hand-stamped cancellation of plain caps similar to U-75. Have it on the 4c perf. 10. Elma, N. Y., is another newcomer in rather queer shaped serif caps between lines on the 20c, reading up. Cortland, N. Y., has a new handstamp, consisting of small thick caps between bars.

Conclusion.—This department wishes to be of service to all who are interested in precancels. We will present every reader who sends 4c postage with a sample packet and booklet entitled "The A. B. C. of Precancel Collecting." If you wish to join the Precancel Stamp Society, write the editor for a blank. The only purely precancel publication is the quarterly *Precancel Gazette* issued only to members of the Precancel Stamp Society. The 1926 Standard Precancel Catalog is all sold out at present. Some new copies of the 1925 edition are available at a cost of one dollar. The 1928 edition will probably not appear until January, 1928. At all times the editor is anxious to examine precancels that readers may think are of interest to others.

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U. S. DEPARTMENTS
COVERS—CANCELLATIONS

I have just purchased what I believe to be the finest collection of Departmental covers ever gotten together, in addition to a superb lot of singles, pairs, strips and blocks in used condition off cover. Cancellations galore in blue, purple, red, black, orange, green, brown and magenta in most of the issues. We find the Kicking Mule, as well as the Skull and Cross Bones. There are Fort cancellations, Stars, Crosses, as well as other interesting designs. Town cancellations in colors are noted here and there.

The owner possibly spent thirty to forty years in getting this collection together. It contains such things as all of the Executive on cover, the 24c Justice in pair and single in similar condition, the \$2 State on cover in combination with seventeen 30c and a 10c—in other words, unique pieces.

Some of the outstanding items are as follows:

EXECUTIVE

Cover 1c, 2c from Washington to New York, cancelled in purple, 2c and 3c used to England, black Washington and red London postmarks.

3c—Two copies on cover to London, black Washington and red English postmark, 6c pair, similarly used.

3c—Eight covers with single stamps with Washington cancellation in black, purple and blue, also one from Long Branch, 10c—Strip of five on part cover, magenta Star cancellation, numerous used copies off cover.

STATE

Cover addressed to American Public Library, Stuttgart, Germany, with \$2, seventeen 30c and single 10c, all in fine condition with black town cancellation, dated Oct. 25, 1882.

2c on cover: 3c—three covers.

6c and 7c on different covers.

10c—Two singles and pair on three covers, one from Legation at St. Petersburg.

12c and 15c on individual covers.

12c and 30c on same cover.

Five single 30c on cover.

Part cover with 1c, 3c, 24c, 30c pair.

Numerous singles off cover, unusual cancellations.

AGRICULTURE

6c and 10c on covers.

6c Kicking Mule cancellation.

3c Skull & Cross Bone cancellation.

3c Fort Grant postmark.

2c bright red Town cancellation.

JUSTICE

3c—Two covers with singles.

6c on cover with violet Washington cancellation.

10c on cover.

24c pair and single on large piece.

Numerous copies off cover—odd cancellations.

POST OFFICE

Numerous covers from 1c to 30c including—30c in strip of five.

3c from Fort Smith, as well as 3c on mourning envelope from the Post Office Department, used after the death of President Garfield.

Unusual lot off cover.

TREASURY

About thirty covers including such items as—

7c used with the 2c from the Phila. Mint.

Strip of five of the 12c, 15c and the like.

90c—Seventeen copies on part cover.

Numerous used blocks off cover such as—

90c—Block of twelve, block of six, block of four.

30c—Block of forty, block of twenty-five.

6c—Block of twenty-four.

15c—Block of twelve.

10c—Block of sixteen.

3c—Block of twenty.

NAVY

Numerous covers.

Beautiful singles off cover with unusual cancellations.

WAR

Unusual lot of covers including pair of 24c used to Japan, showing black Washington and red Yokohama postmarks.

Similar cover to Japan with 6c and 30c.

12c on cover from Fort Leavenworth.

3c from Fort Omaha in magenta, Kicking Mules, etc.

INTERIOR

Numerous covers, some with purple cancellations.

A copy of 6c cancelled, "USED UP".

A large number of single copies with unusual cancellations.

15c—Five copies on part cover.

This very unusual lot will be held intact for a reasonable time, as it should go to one collector. Should a collection of this kind be broken up, it is a question whether one could ever be gotten together again.

As the gentleman who formed this lot collected at a time when others paid little attention to these very unusual and rare items.

Correspondence solicited with interested parties.

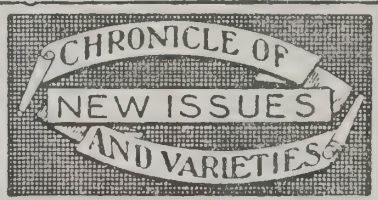
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The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa., who will also be pleased to pass on oddities and varieties of all U.S. stamps from 1900 to date. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 75 Electric Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States

New Stamp Plates

Through the courtesy of Mr. A. W. Hall, Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, I am enabled to bring our list of plate numbers up to and including those issued to May 5, 1927.

| Plate No. | Denomination. | Class. | Ordinary. | Series. | No. Subj. |
|-----------|---------------|--------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| 18915-918 | 1c Book | " | Cyd. | 1922 | 360 |
| 18919-920 | 10c Sp. Del. | " | " | " | 200 |
| 18921-923 | 12c | " | " | " | 400 |
| 18924 | 13c | " | " | 1925 | 400 |
| 18925-927 | 20c | " | " | 1922 | 400 |
| 18928-930 | 15c | " | " | " | 400 |
| 18931-954 | 2c | " | Cyd. | " | 400 |
| 18955-958 | 1c | " | " | " | 400 |
| 18959-964 | 2c | " | " | " | 400 |

It will be noticed that in this list we have our first 10c Special Delivery rotary press plates bearing numbers 18919-920. The Department has not as yet announced when these stamps will be ready to issue. One odd plate of the 13c is included, which possibly replaces a damaged plate in one of the previous sets.

Flood Mail

Through the courtesy of Mr. C. C. Bacon, we are able to report further details relative to the carrying of mails via aeroplane through the flood sections.

Under date of May 4th, the postmaster at Memphis states that for a period of five days, April 19th to 23rd, they had two planes coming in with mail from Little Rock for Memphis and Memphis distribution and dispatched two planes each day with the exception of the last day, Saturday, when three planes came through. At that time they were able to dispatch three or four packages of antitoxin for the hospitals in Little Rock, as well as for wholesale drug firms.

The postmaster states that the flights were made in two hours' time and the service was excellent. They did not dispatch any air mail from Memphis to New Orleans, as they can still reach the

latter point over the Illinois Central Railroad.

The postmaster at Little Rock states that during the interruption of train service due to high water, that mail was carried from his office not only to Memphis, but from April 18th-23rd to Batesville, Lelodoro and Clarksville, Ark. No special postmark was used, nor were air mail stamps required. The first-class mail which had accumulated prior to the inauguration of the service went forward in this manner at the regular 2c rate.

The covers submitted for inspection by Mr. Bacon bear the regular normal postmarks on the front without back stamps.

Air Mail Notes

Under date of May 4th, the Postmaster General cancelled the contract of the Kaess Aircraft Engineering Corporation of Amityville, L. I., to carry mail by air from Cleveland, Ohio, to Louisville, Ky. The contract was awarded on November 8, 1926, but service has not as yet been inaugurated.

Relative to the Cleveland-Pittsburg contract air mail covers, Mr. Percival K. Stone calls attention to the fact that the Cleveland office used two stamps for postmarking, one showing distinct capital letters sharply cut, whereas the other showed slight serifs on the smaller lettering. At first glance, they appear to be identical.

In my chronicle for April 25th, statement was made that the Postmaster General had selected Spartanburg, S. C., as a stopping point for the air mail route from New York to Chicago. Anyone familiar with our map would realize that this was an error and should have read between New York-Atlanta.

ITALY.—Impending: "Crusader" stamps.—For island of Rhodes and other Italian possessions in the Aegean Sea. Figures of Knights Hospitallers (whose head-quarters were at Rhodes from 1309 to 1523) on certain values; ancient stone windmill (characteristic feature of the island), galley of the period, with the cross of St. John emblazoned on its sail, on others; mail clad knight defending the city gate with sword and arbalest on the 30c; tomb of an unknown Crusader and a view of the Holy City on the 60c; a Knight Hospitaller kneeling in prayer on a hill within sight of Jerusalem on another value. (Glasgow Evening Citizen, courtesy of Mr. Henry Wotherspoon.)—Stamp Collecting.

We have been shown by Whitfield King & Co. a new 3 lire bistro, parcel post stamp. It is perforated vertically in the centre and the left half bears the inscription "Pacchi" at the top with "la

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19th Century Stamps

| Scott No. | Price |
|--|-------|
| U. S. 1847, 10c black | 18.50 |
| 1851, 5c red brown | 19.50 |
| 1867, 24c gray lilac | 8.50 |
| Executive 2c carmine | 7.50 |
| Conf. States, 5c pen cane, good margins | 2.75 |
| Antigua 1863, 1p lilac rose | .80 |
| 1863, 1p vermilion | .70 |
| 1873, 1p vermilion | 1.20 |
| 6p blue green | .60 |
| 1882, 2 1/2p red brown | .80 |
| Argent. Rep. 1862, 10c green | 5.00 |
| 1867, 5c carmine | 5.00 |
| 1892, 5 pesos dark blue | 3.50 |
| 1884, Official, 25c lake | 2.50 |
| Buenos Aires, 1862, 1p rose | 3.60 |
| 1862, 2p blue | 8.50 |
| Austria, Lombardy, 1858, 2s yellow | 1.75 |
| Lombardy, 1858, 3s black | 2.25 |
| 1858, 3s green | 1.75 |
| 1863, 2s yellow | 2.75 |
| Bahamas 1862, 1p lake | 1.20 |
| 1862, 1p vermilion | 1.00 |
| 1862, 4p rose | 1.40 |
| 1875, 4p rose | .90 |
| 1882, 4p rose | 1.25 |
| Barbados 1850, 6p rose red | 5.25 |
| 1875, 3p violet | 2.40 |
| 1875, 1/2p to 1sh, complete set | 5.25 |
| 1882, 1/2p to 1sh compl., 263* | 3.00 |
| 1892, 1f to 2sh 6p, 274* | 3.50 |
| Bavaria 1867, 12kr lilac | 2.80 |
| 1867, 18kr red | 3.20 |
| 1868, 6kr bistre | 1.00 |
| Bechuanaland 1886, 6p violet | 2.80 |
| 1886, 1sh green | 4.00 |
| 1887, 2sh 6p green | 2.00 |
| 5sh green | 2.80 |
| 1889, 6p lilac | 2.00 |
| Belgium 1849, 10c brown | 1.80 |
| 1849, 20c blue | 1.00 |
| 1865-6, 1fr violet | 2.40 |
| 1866, 1c gray | 3.50 |
| 1866, 5c brown | 1.00 |
| 1869, 8c lilac | 1.20 |
| Bremen 1856, 5gr rose | 8.00 |
| 1856, 5gr green | 9.50 |
| 1861, 5gr rose | 8.00 |
| 1866, 2gr orange | 4.00 |
| 3gr blue | 3.50 |
| 7gr yellow, off center | 2.90 |
| Bermuda, 2p blue | 1.20 |
| Brazil 1843, 60r black, red cane | 3.00 |
| 1844, 180r black | 30.00 |
| 1850, 180r black | 2.00 |
| Brit. Centr. Afr. 1892, 4sh on 5sh | 4.00 |
| 1895, 5sh olive & black | 4.00 |
| Brit. Honduras 1865, 1p blue | 2.00 |
| 1872, 1p blue | 1.60 |
| 3p brown | 4.00 |
| 6p rose | 3.20 |
| 1sh green | 2.00 |
| 1888, 50c on 1sh gray | 1.75 |
| 1895, 10c viol. & green | 1.10 |
| 25c brown & green | 1.25 |
| Brunswick 1852, 2sgr blue | 10.00 |
| 1852, 3sgr vermilion | 12.00 |
| 1853, 1sgr orange | 1.50 |
| 1856, 1/2sgr brown | 8.00 |
| 1/2sgr black | 6.00 |
| 1863, 3sgr yellow | 3.50 |
| 3sgr rose | 12.00 |
| Bulgaria 1884, 5 on 10s rose | 1.75 |
| 1884, 50 on 1fr black and red | 4.00 |
| Canada 1857, 1/2p rose, b. outer line sl. cut away | 6.25 |
| 1897, 85 olive green | 5.50 |
| Cape of Good Hope 1853, 1p red | 4.40 |
| 1855, 1p rose | 4.00 |
| 6p lilac | 4.00 |
| 1sh green | 6.00 |
| 1863, 1p red | 4.00 |
| 1sh emerald green | 12.50 |
| Ceylon 1857, 1p blue | 4.80 |
| 1861, 9p olive brown | 6.00 |
| 1885, 5 on 24c purple brown | 8.75 |
| Cuba 1868, 5c to 40c, complete | 3.25 |
| 1874, 1 peseta carmine | .60 |
| Cyprus 1880, 1/2p rose | 1.20 |
| 1881, 1/2p on 1p red | 2.40 |
| Dan. W. Indies 1867, 3c rose | 1.60 |
| 1873, 7c lilac & orange | .50 |
| Denmark 1853, 8s green | .80 |
| 1864, 16s olive green | 1.20 |
| 1871, 16s green | 3.00 |

| Scott No. | Price |
|---|-------|
| 1 Oldenburg 1852, 1-30th blue | 1.20 |
| 1858, 1g blue | 2.50 |
| 2g rose | 25.00 |
| 3g yellow | 17.50 |
| 1867, 1/2g green, genuine cane | 3.30 |
| Panama 1878, 5c blue green | 1.25 |
| Persia 1875, 4s vermilion | 1.50 |
| 1878, 4k ultramarine | 1.50 |
| 5k gold | 3.50 |
| Peru 1860, 1pes rose | 3.00 |
| 1862, 1p brown | 2.80 |
| 1868, 1p orange | 1.20 |
| 1873, 2s slate blue | 2.00 |
| 1899, 5 soles orange red | .60 |
| Philippines 1861, 5c dull red | 2.10 |
| 1873, 2pr carmine on blue | 3.50 |
| 1872, 62c violet | 4.75 |
| 1897, 15 on 15c rose | 1.00 |
| Porto Rico 1875, 1p brown | 4.00 |
| 12-16 Portugal 1862, 5r to 100r, cpl. | 3.25 |
| 17-24 1866, 5r to 120r, complete | 8.50 |
| Prussia 1867, 1kr to 9kr, cpl. | 3.00 |
| 1867, 6kr ultram., 3 fine copies on old cover | 2.00 |
| Queensland 1886, 2sh to 1l, complete | 4.50 |
| 1897, 2sh turqu. blue | .60 |
| Rhodesia 1896, 1sh red & blue | 1.10 |
| 1896, 5sh orange red & green | 1.40 |
| 1/2p to 1sh, complete | 5.60 |
| Roumania 1871, 10b orange yell. | 1.20 |
| 1872, 25b dark brown | .80 |
| St. Christopher 1873, 2 1/2p red brn. | 6.00 |
| 1882, 1p lilac rose | 4.00 |
| 1885, 4p on 6p green | 4.00 |
| 1887, 1sh violet | 3.50 |
| St. Vincent 1871, 6p yellow green | 3.20 |
| 1885, 1sh orange vermilion | .75 |
| Sardinia 1851, 40c rose, slgt. crease | 8.50 |
| Saxony 1851, 3p dark green | 2.00 |
| 1851, 2 n. g. pale blue | 2.25 |
| 2 n. g. dark blue | 1.40 |
| 1855, 5 n. g. rose red | 1.20 |
| Serbia 1866, 2p bistre brown | 1.00 |
| Seychelles 1900, 2r 25c vio. & grn. | 4.00 |
| Shanghai 1875, 1ca yellow, red & blk, cane | 1.75 |
| So. Australia 1855, 2p dull carm. | 1.75 |
| 1855, 6p deep blue | 4.00 |
| 1856, 6p slate blue | 4.00 |
| Spain 1900, 4pes dark violet | .90 |
| 1900, 10pes brown orange | 2.00 |
| Str. Settles 1880, 10 on 30c claret | 2.25 |
| 1882, 2c bistre brown | 2.00 |
| 4c rose | 2.80 |
| 45-52 1883, 2c to 96c, complete | 4.80 |
| Selangor, 1895, 55 green & ultram. | 3.00 |
| Sudan 1898, 1m to 10pl, compl. | 1.75 |
| Sweden 1853, 8s orange | 4.00 |
| Switzerland 1855, 2r gray | 2.50 |
| Tasmania 1855, 4p blue | 2.40 |
| 1857, 2p green | 2.40 |
| 4p blue, inverted wmk. | 1.50 |
| 1864, 1p brick red | .80 |
| 6p lilac | 1.00 |
| 1871, 5sh bright violet | 2.00 |
| 1892, 1 green & yellow "Specimen" | 3.50 |
| Tobago 1879, 1p rose | 1.80 |
| 1880, 4p yellow green | 2.00 |
| Transvaal 1870, 3p gray lilac, remarkably fine | 3.25 |
| 1895-6, 1/2p to 10sh complete | 1.60 |
| Trinidad 1896, 1/2p to 1sh (no No. 75a) | 2.15 |
| 1885, Dues, 1p to 1sh | 2.50 |
| Turkey 1863, 1pi dull violet | 1.20 |
| 1863, 1pi lilac | 2.00 |
| 2pi greenish blue | 2.00 |
| 5pi rose | 2.00 |
| 20pa yellow | 1.60 |
| 1865, 25pi red orange | 3.00 |
| Turks Islands 1867, 1p rose | 2.00 |
| 1882, 1p orange brown | 1.60 |
| 1887-9, 1p to 1sh | .85 |
| 1889, 1p on 2 1/2p red brown | .80 |
| Tuscany 1851, 9c dull violet | 2.40 |
| 1853, 1q black | 7.20 |
| 1860, 80c pale red brown | 4.00 |
| Two Sicilies 1860, 1/2t blue, thin spot, but fine margins & lightly cancelled | 45.00 |
| 1859, 1/2g orange | 12.00 |
| 1g olive brown | 4.00 |
| 1g olive green | 3.50 |
| 1g olive green | 4.00 |
| 5g brick red | 25.00 |
| 20g dark gray violet | 9.50 |
| 50g dark brown red | 25.00 |
| 1861, 20g yellow, genuine cane | 5.50 |

| Scott No. | Price |
|---|-------|
| Victoria 1850, 1p rose | 5.00 |
| 1850, 2p brown lilac | 6.00 |
| 3p blue | 3.00 |
| 1858, 6p blue | .60 |
| 1884, 2sh olive on green | 1.00 |
| 1854, 1sh rose & blue | 6.00 |
| Virgin Isl. 1866, 1p green | 3.00 |
| 1883, 4p brick red | 1.60 |
| 6p violet | 1.20 |
| 1889, 1sh brown | 2.40 |
| Württemberg 1851, 1kr to 18kr, very fine copies | 16.50 |
| 1858, 18kr dark blue | 17.50 |

20th Century Stamps

| Scott No. | Price |
|--|-------|
| Shanghai on U. S. 1922, 2 on 1c off center | .50 |
| 1922, 4 on 2c off center | .50 |
| Abyssinia 1919, 53 green & deep orange | 1.35 |
| 1919, 510 green & bistre | 3.50 |
| Austria 1915, 1h to 10k, cpl. | 3.50 |
| 1918, 12h light blue | 2.50 |
| 15h dull red | 1.00 |
| 25h deep blue | 1.00 |
| 30h dull violet | 1.25 |
| 40h olive green | 2.50 |
| 50h dark green | 1.00 |
| 60h deep blue | 1.25 |
| 80h orange brown | 4.00 |
| Bahamas 1918, 1sh black & red | 5.40 |
| Belgium 1919, 5fr carmine lake | 3.75 |
| Bolivia 1919, 1b & 2b, both | 1.20 |
| Brazil 1917, 5000r red brown | 1.60 |
| Chile 1905, 1 peso gold green & gray | 1.35 |
| 1923, 2c to 5p complete | 1.20 |
| China 1912, 55 myrtle green & rose | 5.00 |
| 1913, 55 scarlet & black | .30 |
| 1923, 55 red & slate | 1.00 |
| 1921, Airmail, complete | 3.00 |
| 1915-18, 1/2c to 85 | 8.25 |
| Congo 1920, Airmail, complete | .75 |
| Curacao 1915, 50c to 2 1/2g | 2.50 |
| Dan. W. Indies 1915, 5b to 50b | 1.35 |
| 1905, Dues, 5b to 50b | .80 |
| Dominican Rep. 1901, 50c & 1 peso | .90 |
| 1911-13, 50c & 1 peso | .60 |
| Dutch Indies 1912, 2 1/2gld slate blue | .75 |
| Ecuador 1904, 1c to 50c, rare | 1.90 |
| Elobey, Ann. & Cor. 1907, 1c to 10pes | 5.00 |
| French Guinea 1923, 10fr on 1fr | 1.40 |
| 1923, 20fr on 5fr | 2.50 |
| 1924, 10 & 20fr | 2.50 |
| French India 1903, 5 on 25c to 15 on 25c | 5.50 |
| 1906, 45c gray green | 2.25 |
| Fr. Oceania 1906, 35c yellow | .40 |
| 1906, 45c gray green | 1.20 |
| 1913, 30c gray & brown | .35 |
| 50c dark brown & blk. | 1.25 |
| Germany, Off. in China 1906, 1c to \$2.50 | 5.50 |
| Off. in Turkey 1906, 10pa to 4 pia | 1.90 |
| Greece 1901, 1dr to 5dr | 1.50 |
| 1918, 25dr indigo | .40 |
| Iceland 1907-8, 1c to 5k | 3.90 |
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GREAT BRITAIN

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year 1850 sheets which had been perforated were supplied at the House of Commons for the use of Members of Parliament, and subsequently Archer experimented upon some five thousand sheets of the one penny stamps, part of which he distributed, the rest being sent to country post offices. These stamps must of course be on the original covers to show the postmarked date prior to the adoption of perforation by the authorities and the official issue of perforated stamps. Archer did not consider the price offered by the Treasury for his machine and patent rights was sufficient, so negotiations dragged on until he finally was paid the sum of £4,000 in May, 1853. The machine was not brought into immediate use for the postage stamps, but others were specially constructed for the work, which was begun on January 28, 1854. The issue of the stamps with this innovation doubtless awaited the ordering of supplies by postmasters, and the earliest date recorded for the one penny is February 20, 1854, and for the twopenny April 7, 1854.

The perforating was done at Somerset House by the Treasury and not by the manufacturers. The machines were what is now known as the "comb" type, perforating a whole horizontal line and as many short vertical lines as were necessary to separate the stamps in a horizontal row. Thus at one operation twelve stamps were perforated at the top and sides only, the bottom being perforated when the sheet was moved into position for the next row to be operated on. The pins were at first arranged to make 16 holes in the space of two centimeters, but it was found

that this resulted in the stamps tearing apart too readily when handled and the "gauge" was changed to 14 holes in the same space. The change took place early in 1855, the earliest date of use known for the one penny being January 6th, and for the twopenny March 4th; but the 16 gauge was still used to some extent, as stamps prepared as late as 1857 are found with it.

Toward the end of 1854 it was noticed that some of the newer plates gave fainter impressions and did not last as long as the earlier plates from the original die. The earlier, up to about 1852, would give around 100,000 good impressions, but during the next two years the number ran down to about a quarter of that amount. The finely engraved original die had been used to prepare about 50,000 impressions on steel up to that time, and as deterioration was apparent a duplicate copy was made and given to Mr. W. Humphrys, a skilled engraver in the employ of Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co., who deepened many of the lines in order to make a stronger delineation of the main features of the design, so that it would last longer. The result was shown in the fact that two plates from this re-engraved or "retouched" die, as it should properly be called, gave over a million impressions and one nearly a million. The stamps from the retouched die can be distinguished from the original one by the shading about the eye being more clearly defined, the nostril being more curved, the band behind the ear more distinct and the shading on the neck heavier. The stamps from the new die made their appearance in February, 1855, and like their predecessors occur with both perforations, 16 and 14.

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THE GEORGIAN ISSUES OF JAMAICA

To the loyal island of Jamaica belongs the distinction of having issued the first postage stamp printed from the Georgian key-plates in the form of a 3d denomination in the so-called "Nyasaland" type, which made its debut on March 6, 1912, in accordance with the subjoined official notification:—

"STAMP OFFICE
2nd March, 1912.

The following is a description of a threepenny Postage Stamp which will be put in circulation on the 6th March, 1912. The design of the stamp is denoted by the profile of King George the Fifth, to the left, in an oval frame surmounted by a Crown, on either side of which is threepence in numerals, and to the left and right of the frame respectively are the words 'Postage' and 'Revenue,' and underneath 'Jamaica.' The colour of the stamp is brown (sic) on yellow paper.

GEO. S. THOMPSON,
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Six other values, from 1d to 1sh, appeared in the same type during the course of the same year, and in due course supplementary denominations of 1½d, 2sh and 5sh were also included in the Georgian issue of Jamaican Postage and Revenue stamps.

Except for the 1d stamp, which comes in large sheets of 240, all were printed in two panes of 60, side by side, with plate number "1" four times on the margins.

The 1d, originally issued in booklet form on December 5, 1912, was not sold in Post Office sheets until a month later.

Jamaica was likewise the first Crown Colony to be supplied with stamps printed upon the emergency surface-tinted coloured papers ("white back") in 1913. The number of 3d stamps printed on the "white-back" paper must have been considerable as they lasted until 1915 and still left a residue, which was converted into War Tax stamps in the following year. Both the 4d and 1sh stamps were also issued in this form, the former in 1914 and the latter in 1915, but neither is scarce in this variety.

Subsequent printings of the 3d and 4d values were made upon the lemon-yellow paper (1916) and on "experimental" yellow paper (1919), whilst the 1sh appeared in 1919 upon blue-green paper with "olive" back.

A posthumous printing of the 6d was requisitioned in October, 1921, in connection with a pictorial stamp of that denomination depicting the "Abolition of Slavery" should not be put in circulation, and was printed upon Script CA watermarked paper.

1912-21. Head of King George V in oval frame. Surface-printed by De la Rue and Co., Ltd., London, from general (Nyasaland) head plate. Wmk. Multiple Crown CA. Perf. 14. Chalk-surfaced paper (3d and upwards).

Dates of issues in parentheses.

1d carmine (December 5th, 1912).

(a) carmine-red.

(b) scarlet (1916).

(c) rose.

1½d brown-orange (July 13th, 1916).

(a) yellow-orange.

(b) pale orange.

2d grey (August 2nd, 1912).

(a) slate-grey.

(b) blue-grey.

2½d blue (February 13th, 1913).

(a) bright blue.

(b) ultramarine.

(c) dull blue.

3d purple on yellow (March 6th, 1912).

(a) inverted watermark.

(b) "white back" (April 2nd, 1913).

(c) purple on lemon (Sept. 25th, 1912).

(d) on experimental yellow paper (1919).

4d black on red on yellow (April 1st, 1912).

(a) "white back" (May 7th, 1914).

(b) on lemon paper (Sept. 25th, 1912).

(c) on buff (experimental) paper (September (?) 1920).

(d) on pale yellow paper (1920).

6d dull and bright purple (November 12th, 1912).

(a) dull purple and mauve (1915).

(b) dull purple and violet (October (?) 1920).

(c) wmk. Script CA (October, 1912).

1sh black on green (August 2nd, 1912).

(a) "white back" (Jan. 14th, 1915).

(b) on blue-green "olive back" (April (?) 1920).

2sh purple and blue on blue (Jan. 1st, 1919).

5sh red and green on yellow (Sept. 1st, 1919).

(a) pale green (1920).

Two Jamaica postage stamps of the Georgian series were adapted for the collection of a postal tax imposed under a War Tax Ordinance enacted by the local Legislature in March, 1916. The first of these to be taken into use was the 3d, a small supply of which, on a face-tinted paper, was released on August 1st of that year with the addition of the words "War Stamp" in the form of an overprint applied at the Government Printing Office, Kingston. The type is set up to cover an entire sheet of 10 stamps at one impression, and the prominent variety to be noted in the printing is a raised "space" between the two words, causing the inscription to read "WARISTAMP." This is found on the 55th stamp in the second pane.

About the end of May, 1916, a second printing of the 3d "War Stamp" appeared, this time upon lemon-yellow paper, coloured throughout, the variety "WARISTAMP" recurring.

With a view to combining postage and war tax in a single adhesive, a supply of the newly-issued 1½d stamp, overprinted "War Tax" from a new setting of type, in two lines, made its debut on September 1, 1916, being followed on October 2nd by a further printing of the 3d value from the same type.

A number of prominent varieties occurred in this (two-line) setting, as follows:—

No stop after "STAMP" (Nos. 48 in first pane, 24 and 58 second pane, No. 1 in third pane, and Nos. 48 and 54 in fourth pane; also No. 17 second pane, No. 36 in second pane).

"S" inserted by hand (ditto).

"S" spaced, thus "S TAMP." (No. 3 in second pane).

Raised space, thus "WARISTAMP."

Raised space, thus "IWAR STAMP."

A scarce error of the 3d is known with inverted overprint. Fresh printings took place at monthly intervals about the time and comprised (normally) 1,000 sheets of 1½d and 250 sheets of 1d stamps. The initial printing of the 1½d

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consisted, however, of 1,500 sheets, containing the six "no stop" errors, which were afterwards rectified. A later printing of the 3d was upon orange-yellow, instead of lemon-yellow paper, and included the varieties "TAMP" and "S" inserted.

New type of a somewhat larger font was used for printings subsequent to March, 1917, when the War Tax Ordinance was re-enacted. "No stop" varieties occurred in the first printing, as No. 45 in the first pane and in the second as No. 11 in the second pane. The same variety recurred in May, 1919, on No. 48, and eventually Nos. 36 and 42 also; all in the second pane. Varieties with broken "R," reading "WAP" and inverted "V" for "A" are also found in this setting.

The 1 1/2d is known with double overprint and both it and the 3d with overprint inverted. The latter also exists with sideways overprint, in which state it is exceedingly scarce.

On October 4, 1919, some 80,000 copies of the 3d stamp were placed on sale with the inscription "WAR STAMP" in red sans-serif capitals, struck in London. The 55th stamp in the second pane of the London printing had the overprint in slightly smaller letters, measuring 2 x 12 1/2 mm. instead of 2 1/2 x 13 mm. This stamp is found on both "experimental" and pale yellow paper.

The Jamaica War Tax Ordinance lapsed after March 31, 1920.

1916-19. Postal Tax stamps. "War Stamp" in various forms overprinted upon contemporary Postage and Revenue stamps with head of King George V.

(a) 1916 (April 1st). In one line of Roman 8pt. type. Overprinted in black at Government Printing Office, Kingston, Jamaica.

3d purple on yellow (white back).

(a) purple on lemon.

(b) variety "WARISTAMP."

(b) 1916 (September 1st and October 2nd). Overprint in two lines. Otherwise as before.

1 1/2d orange.

(a) deep orange.

(b) watermark inverted.

(c) no stop after "STAMP."

(d) error "TAMP."

(e) "S" inserted by hand.

(f) inverted "S."

(g) Spaced "S."

(h) "WARISTAMP."

(i) "IWARSTAMP."

3d purple on lemon.

(a) on yellow.

(b) overprint inverted.

(c) no stop after "STAMP."

(d) error "TAMP."

(e) "S" inserted by hand.

(f) inverted "S."

(g) "WARISTAMP."

(h) "IWARSTAMP."

(c) 1917 (March 14th). Overprint in bolder type, otherwise as before.

1 1/2d orange.

(a) watermark inverted.

(b) watermark sideways.

(c) double overprint.

(d) inverted overprint.

(e) no stop after "STAMP."

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(f) variety "WAP."

(g) inverted "V" for "A" in "WAR."

3d purple on yellow.

(a) overprint inverted.

(b) overprint sideways.

(c) no stop after "STAMP."

(d) variety "WAP."

(e) inverted "V" for "A" in "WAR."

(d) 1919 (October 4th). "WAR STAMP" in one line of red sans-serif capitals. Overprinted by De la Rue and Co., London.

3d purple on yellow.

(a) smaller letters.

(b) purple on orange-buff (experimental).

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Although they belong, strictly speaking, to the pictorial rather than the Georgian series, there are two other stamps of Jamaica that have the likeness of King George V incorporated in their designs, and must therefore be accounted "Georgians." They are the 1 1/2d stamp originally issued on July 4, 1919, with its vignette of a Jamaican contingent embarking for the Great War, and the 10sh of May 6, 1920, unfamilarly inscribed "George V of Jamaica Supreme Lord."

Both of these stamps are recess-printed in large format and exist on both Multiple and Script CA watermarked paper.

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(a) Wmk. Multiple Crown CA.

1 1/2d green (July 4, 1919).

(a) yellow green.

10sh myrtle green (May 6, 1920).

(b) Wmk. improved Crown and Script CA.

1 1/2d green (December 2, 1922).

(a) blue-green.

(b) dull green.

10sh myrtle green (August (?), 1921).

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The New York Precancel Club held its monthly meeting at the Hoovers' stamp rooms, 35 West 33rd Street, New York, Friday evening, May 6. Four new members were nominated and elected. Two directors, A. R. Brown and Otto Arco, were elected to take the places of M. P. Rodermond and A. R. Berolzheimer, resigned.

It was at this meeting that the first word that Dr. Mitchell would allow his name to be put up for the nomination for office of President of the P. S. S. was received, the doctor's letter being read to the Club and received with much satisfaction by the members.

Following the business meeting, No. 2 lot of the Mitchell collection was auctioned, commission proceeds to go to the Club's treasury. Some sensational prices were realized; for instance, the following went over catalog, Florence, Kas., No. 1; Montclair, N. J., Nos. 1, 2, 3; Paterson, N. J., No. 2; Canada, Montreal, No. 1b.

The surprises of the sale were the big prices blocks of bureau prints from large cities brought. Plate number singles did well. Among the classics the bargains were some split type Savannah, Ga., parcel posts. Glastonbury, Ct., No. 1, the Big "G" went for \$6.25, cat. \$20.00; No. 2 went for \$4.30, cat. \$7.50.

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The craving for knowledge is one of our strongest and most worthy desires. Stamp collecting ministers directly to this; its educational value is great already, and is constantly increasing. The knowledge of historical events in a concise and definite form is one of the possessions of the thoughtful stamp collector. There is scarcely a stamp-issuing country which does not exhibit on its stamps the changes of government since it began their issue. Fathers and mothers who have lived through changes of government, but who may have forgotten the dates, will appreciate the means which their children have in stamps for preserving the knowledge in a definite and suggestive form.

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Let a boy become thoroughly interested in stamp collecting, and let him receive the help and encouragement in it from his parents which he does in other pursuits, and we prophesy for him a successful future. He will be more likely to use his spending-money more wisely and the interest in stamps will leave him.

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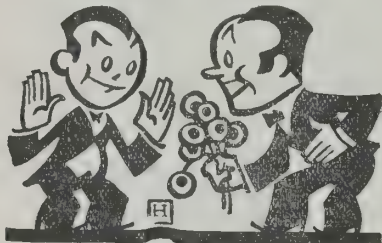
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A change in the watermark took place about the middle of 1855, the new one being a much larger and more ornate crown than the first. Both gauges of perforation are found on both values with the new watermark, but the 16 is much the scarcer. The re-engraved die of the one penny is the only one found on the new watermark.

The bluish discoloration of the paper already spoken of was finally overcome early in 1857 by the use of a new ink of a rose-carmine color in place of the previous red-brown ink used for the one penny. The new color comes in both perforations though the 16 is much the scarcer.

In May, 1857, a new plate of the twopence came into use, on which the white lines at top and bottom were made noticeably thinner than before. This stamp also comes with both perforations, the 16 gauge being much the scarcer.

In July, 1858, a Post Office circular was sent out with the following announcement: "In order to prevent frauds, which have sometimes been attempted upon the Revenue, by the use of Postage Stamps formed by joining together clean portions cut from Labels, which have previously passed through the post, the Letters which now appear at the lower corners of the Postage Labels, will, in future, be repeated at the upper corners; transposed, however, so as to afford still greater security."

On the right and left-hand side of each Label, the number of the Plate from which it is printed will appear in small figures." It so happens that the twopence was the first stamp issued with the letters in all four corners. A new die was made for it from Humphrys' re-touched die of the one penny. The white lines at top and bottom are again as thick as when they first appeared on the "stars in upper corners" stamp; the corner letters are now in "Egyptian" or sans-serif capitals instead of Roman, in consequence of a wish expressed by the Post Office authorities that the lettering should be as bold and conspicuous as possible; and the plate number, denoted by minute colorless numerals, is inserted in the perpendicular network border at each side of every stamp. The earliest copy known is dated in July, 1858.

Some two and a half years after the plate with letters in all four corners was made for the twopence (in April, 1858), new plates for the one penny began to be prepared with like alterations; but the number of previous plates still on hand and in good condition was too large to consider discarding them, because of their cost, so they were employed until worn out before the new plates were put to press. Thus the appearance of the one penny with letters in all four

corners was delayed until April 1, 1864, according to official records, though the earliest known date of use is recorded as May 15th.

The final alteration in the engraved twopence of the original design took place about April, 1869, when the white lines at top and bottom were again made noticeably thinner.

In 1873 a small number of sheets of the one penny were sent in an imperforate state to the Post Office at Cardiff in Wales. This variety is therefore known as the "Cardiff Penny," and is from plate 116 only.

Having traced the first two stamps issued through their various vicissitudes to the time they were superseded (in 1880) by others of a new type, we will return to the early days once more to consider the higher values in contemporary use, but produced by an entirely different process. The utility of the postage stamp had been abundantly proved in the seven years during which the one penny and twopence Queen's Heads had been the only exemplars. But the increase of correspondence with certain of the Colonies and with the United States, to which the single letter rate was one shilling, showed the need of a stamp of this value, which was also the inland registration fee. Accordingly preparations were made in 1847 to supply a stamp of this value. While watermarked paper had been used as a safeguard in the manufacture of the first two stamps, the production of the comparatively high value of one shilling seemed to call for extra precaution against possible imitation. In consequence, the use of "Dickinson paper," which had been employed for the Mulready envelopes and covers, was decided upon. This was a patent paper which had fine threads of various colors and patterns imbedded in it during the process of manufacture. The stamp was produced by the embossing process at Somerset House. The original, from which the stamp was ultimately produced, consisted of a steel die on which was engraved in deep recess a copy of the head of Queen Victoria from the City Medal of 1837, which had already served as a model for the profile on the "Penny Black." In fact, the engraver was none other than William Wyon, who had produced the original medal and whose initials will be found on the base of the embossed bust. The head on this original had a plain coil of hair at the back, the pendant curls being added subsequently.

This original was turned over to Somerset House, where the framework containing the reticulated pattern and curls was added on a subsidiary die by Thomas Moss. The inscription was cut on a matrix produced from the subsidiary die and then the matrix used for producing the working dies. These various "transfers" were accomplished by

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| 1923, 1r-1r | 1.10 |
| 1924, 3k-20k | .55 |
| 1924, 3k-20k | .55 |
| 1925, 7k-40k | 1.10 |
| 1925, 7k-40k | .85 |
| 1925, 3k-15k | .19 |
| 1925, 7k-14k | .22 |
| 1925, 3k-14k | .50 |
| 1925, 3k-14k | .27 |
| 1925, 3k-14k | .59 |
| 1925, 3k-14k | .27 |
| 1926, Esperanto, 7-14k | .45 |
| 1927, 10-20, wmkd. | .32 |
| 1927, 10-20, unwmkd. | .32 |
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 (last two)

printing press, the hardened "die" or "ix" being used with soft steel to ce its opposite. The final working in order to produce the embossed had to have a corresponding imon to work against, so that the would be forced or squeezed into modelled recesses of the design. This ssion, technically called a "force," de by striking the hard die upon a ratively soft substance like leather, or copper.

printing the stamps the "Dickinson" used was gummed beforehand, se of the embossing feature. The ng die, only one of which was used me, was struck so as to emboss and the stamp at one impression. The had therefore to be adjusted for mpession with the result that there absence of regular spacing in s, and sheets and stamps are some- found touching or even overlapping. disposition of the silk threads was sed to be such that a pair of them red vertically through each stamp.

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 Washington City, D. C., FREE
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 Bridgeport, Ct., "5"
 Auburn, N. Y., large green "10"
 Mystic, Ct., green "PAID"
 New Bedford, Ms., SHIP, "7"
 Geneseo, N. Y., large green "PAID"
 Macon, Ga., 5 and FREE in black
 Rome, Ga., "PAID 3" in circle.
 Lima, Ind., dark green, big "5"
 Rutland, Vt., large "V" in oval
 Some orange and one bright yellow

The above lists give some idea of the interesting material we have on covers before stamps in but two classifications. Under FREE we have many franked letters with historically interesting names including some former presidents; then there are the fancy designed towns, framed paid, framed numerals, "Paid Quarterly", "Paid in Montreal", rare dates, etc. Who knows this one with stamps:

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The tenpence stamp was apparently intended to be issued along with the one shilling, but for some reason was delayed over a year, making its appearance finally on November 6, 1848. It was intended for the rate to France and many of the Colonies, including British North America, the West Indies and the East Indies. It was produced like the one shilling, but in sheets of twenty-four, six horizontal rows of four, to total one pound in value, as before. Further changes in rates reduced the demand for this value, so that it was not printed after 1854, but the stock on hand was used until exhausted in 1863. The number issued was 2,805,960.

The third and last of the embossed stamps was the sixpence, due to a reduction in rate to Belgium and other countries, as well as the registration fee, which had been lowered to this figure. This was a little more elaborate in form, but was produced in the same manner as before. The paper used, however, was different, being a cream toned paper watermarked with large letters "VR," the pair so disposed as to occur once on each stamp. The sheets were of forty impressions, totaling one pound in value, in two panes of twenty each, five rows of four, placed one above the other. The stamp was issued March 1, 1854, and was superseded by the typographed stamp October 21, 1856. The total number issued during this time was 3,718,280.—*New England Stamp Monthly.*

ROUTE MARKINGS, Etc.

Philada Railroad, straight line, red
 Baltimore Railroad, straight line
 Baltimore Railroad, in circle, blue
 Wilmington & Raleigh Railroad, blue
 U. S. Express Mail, New York, 5
 Mobile, Ala., "Way 11" in blue & red
 Quebec, Steamboat Letter, in circle
 Montreal, 1847, "U. States Postage Paid"
 Potomac Steamboat, in circle, red 5
 STEAM BOAT, two lines, red, in circle
 SHIP 6, curved ribbon, in red
 SHIP 6 cents, around red circle
 U. S. Flag Ship Guerriere, blue oval
 San Francisco, large SHIP 22
 Baltimore, blue, SHIP 7, in red
 Philadelphia, SHIP 7, in blue
 Steamboat in various forms as used on lake and river boats

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND MEETING

The stamp clubs in Holyoke, Springfield, Waterbury, New Britain, Bridgeport and Rockville have been invited to make a philatelic day of it by the Stamp Collectors Club of Hartford on June 4, 1927. On that day, Hartford will open wide the doors to welcome those who are enterprising enough to improve this opportunity to meet for the purpose of trading stamps and attending the banquet to follow the social session. Any one will be welcome and latent stamp interest will be aroused by this philatelic contact, no doubt. Mr. Olin C. Clark of the Committee on Arrangements gives the following outlines of the activities of the day and evening:

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Bulletin of the Permanent Executive Committee

The final details are now being completed with regard to the 14th Philatelic Congress of Great Britain to be held under the auspices of the Nottinghamshire Philatelic Society from June 21st to the 24th, and it is hoped to issue the details of the program in the course of a few days.

Meanwhile, delegates and intending visitors are advised to write, without delay, to the local Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. B. Frettingham at 48, Addison Street, Nottingham, booking their rooms at the Victoria Station Hotel, Nottingham.

The Executive Committee has decided that the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists shall be on view each day in the Congress Room, and further, that any affiliated Society may have the right to borrow it for exhibition at any special function. A circular letter to this effect will be shortly sent out to all Societies who have paid their affiliation fee for the current year.

Certain important decisions have been reached with regard to the future of the Annual Report. At the moment, it is not possible to publish details, but it is

hoped that they may be available at Nottingham. The proposals are of a somewhat novel character and it is hoped will meet with the favour of all philatelists.

BI-LINGUAL STAMPS FOR CANADA

By EDWARD E. GOODCHILD.

The Confederation Celebration Committee have gone on record as favouring "bi-lingual stamps" and the Hon. P. J. Veniot, Postmaster General, has issued instructions for their printing.

An active propaganda by use of stickers on letters emanating from Quebec, the capital of the French Province of Canada, has been going on for quite a while and the opinion at Ottawa is that with a French Canadian Postmaster General and a French Canadian Deputy Postmaster General and Post Office staff which is being rapidly filled with French Canadians the Postage Stamps of Canada will henceforth be printed in dual language.

Prior to 1867, the various provinces which now constitute the Dominion issued their own postage stamps all in English. Since Confederation, the Dominion issues have with the exception of the Quebec tercentenary all been in English.

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*702, 1925, #336-38, 1905 Revolution ...
*491, 1925, #339-41 same perforated ...
*304, 1905 Charity, #501-4 compl. ... 2.2
*777, 1921 Charity, #515-18 compl. ... 3.3
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OBITUARY

The death of the Reverend Thatcher R. Kimball, Dorchester, Mass., will be keenly felt by a host of collectors. He passed away suddenly; and soon after his return from the Hawaiian Islands. Each year, he escaped the rigors of the New England winters by a trip abroad to some distant shore. From a news-
paper clipping, we learn that the Reverend Thatcher R. Kimball had been rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Dorchester, since 1907, he having been ordained to the Episcopal priesthood in 1899. He was born in 1872 and was graduated from Harvard in 1895. It is known that as a philatelist, he was a strong admirer of air mail stamps and his correspondence with collectors of similar inclinations was a large one. We shall allow Mr. Joseph A. Steinmetz to pay the following tribute to Mr. Kimball: "Dr. Kimball is known to the stamp world as one of the greatest collectors of air mails in America. He was a medal winner, as you know, at the great Stamp Exhibition in New York last October; and his loss will be felt by all of us, as he was an inspiration and leader in our growing group of Aero Philatelists. The Aero Philatelic Society of America wishes to publicly express its great loss in the death of our asso-
ciate and member, Dr. Thatcher R. Kimball." We met Dr. Kimball in New York at the time of the Exhibition and thus we feel that his death is a personal loss; and to his wife and sister, we extend heartfelt sympathy.

On May 11th, Charles Beebe Turrill, San Francisco, died at the age of 73; and due to his fame as a student and chronicler of California history, his death was in the nature of a civic loss. The San Francisco *Examiner* gives an extended account of his activities which embraced a wide range of objects from photographs to stamps; and he was known as the "man of a million hobbies." The old printed records of California cities had an especial fascination for him and his home was the meeting-place of students of local history, particularly where he presided in an atmosphere of hospitality. Naturally, philately made a strong appeal to him and he was one of the fathers of the San Francisco Stamp Society, serving as librarian and one of the directors for years. His covers were of wonderful interest and included California cancellations, Wells, Fargo & Company franks and others and "world war" envelopes. While he specialized in everything that smacked of California, he was still a general collector, in a sense. His death is deplored as it removes a familiar and friendly gentleman from our ranks.

ARRESTED AT HONOLULU

We have received the Honolulu *Star-Bulletin* for May 3, 1927, from Mr. W. F. Slusser in which prominence is given to a charge against Louis C. Gulley, once in Little Rock, Arkansas, and whose name may be remembered by some of the old collectors. The explanation given to account for the alleged lapses by Mr. Gulley certainly is ingenious and in order that our readers may hear the whole story, the tale is told in the words of the Honolulu newspaper:

"Charged with using cancelled stamps, Louis C. Gulley, superintendent of the substation, Honolulu postoffice, Schofield Barracks, was arrested late Monday afternoon by federal authorities, it was announced today by F. E. Smith, postal inspector, and J. Franklin Woolley, postmaster at Honolulu.

Gulley was arraigned before E. J. Botts, United States commissioner, and was later released on \$1,000 bail. Inspector Smith said this morning that Gulley had been arrested following the receipt of "specially marked packages" at Schofield Barracks. These packages, Smith said, had been marked in Honolulu with the view to discovering the identity of the person who, it is alleged, has been defrauding the United States government out of hundreds of dollars over a period of several years.

Gulley, in a statement to The *Star-Bulletin*, said that hobby for collecting stamps was the primary cause for his arrest on charges of using cancelled stamps. Gulley said that he made a mistake by picking up some used stamps instead of unused stamps and affixing the seals to mail being sent into Honolulu. And the confusion was caused, he declared, by the fact that, being a stamp collector and also selling to other collectors, he had the used stamps lying near some which had not been used.

Gulley added that the stamps which brought on him the attention of Inspector Smith and Postmaster Woolley are of the dollar denomination used to mail packages of currency from a Honolulu bank to the Schofield bank. "These dollar stamps are in demand by stamp collectors," said Gulley, "and I had arranged with the bank at Schofield to let me soak them off the packages and keep them. Then I would sell them to stamp collectors here in Honolulu."

"I got some of the used stamps mixed up with new stamps and by mistake affixed the used stamps to packages coming to Honolulu. It is a very simple mistake and I am sure the trouble will be quickly cleared up."

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Gulley is well known to stamp collectors of the islands and also to coin collectors. He took an active part some years ago in the formation of a numismatic or coin collecting society.

Postmaster Woolley said that Gulley had been suspended following the outcome of the charges. Any person convicted of using cancelled stamps is subject to a \$500 fine or three years in jail.

Gulley has been engaged in postal service since 1901 and he now is about 56 years old. He came to Hawaii in 1920 from Little Rock, Ark. During the war he was in the overseas postal service. He took charge of the Schofield Barracks postoffice September 14, 1920."

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Just too late for mention in the preceding number, a Washington correspondent to whom we have been indebted for early information about commemoratives, at different times in the past, notified us that the news of a forthcoming stamp to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the defense of Fort Stanwix on whose site the city of Rome, New York, now stands, was ready for release by the department. The action in 1777 at this fort was memorable for several reasons, one of which has gained wide currency because it is based on the historical statement that it was during this engagement that the American Flag was first flown and received its baptism of fire. Fort Stanwix, named after a British general, was called Fort Schuyler during the Revolution; and it was invested by Colonel St. Leger, on August 3, 1777,

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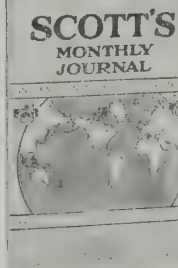
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"with 800 English, Germans, Canadians and American loyalists, followed by a number of savages." The fort was defended by Colonels Gansavort and Willet with 700 men. At this critical time, General Herkimer assembled a body of militia and sought to relieve the defenders, but on the march to the fort, he fell into an ambush six miles from the fort and was killed with many of his men. When the ambushing detachment was absent from its camp, General Willet lead an incursion into the enemy's quarters "and after killing a great number and driving the rest into the woods, he carried off many spoils and raised a trophy under the American flag, floating over the wooden fort." Here we have a definite reference to the American flag. General Schuyler had sent General Benedict Arnold to the aid of the beleaguered fort and such was the charm or potency of Arnold's name that the Indian mercenaries were dismayed; and some decamped and others threatened to abandon St. Leger if he did not raise the siege. On August 22nd, the enemy retreated, whereupon the Americans made a sudden sally from the fort and attacked the rear of the departing troops and captured artillery and stores. The Indians with St. Leger turned on him and wrought havoc among their former confederates. Two days later, Arnold arrived at the fort and was hailed as its deliverer. Thus, the historical background for the stamps is inspiring and spirited and the issue will make a fitting companion for the Bennington stamp which will be issued in August also, probably on the 16th of that month.

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An interesting letter that was in the issue of two weeks ago was a consequence of the alleged refusal of the Postmaster General to authorize the Rome issue as a "flag" stamp, but because of the attention that collectors are giving to the subject of commemoratives, the matter was not "killed." The philatelic correspondent who wrote to the newspaper told of the uncertainty that clouded the question of what city deserved recognition as the cradle of the Stars and Stripes and arrayed himself on the side of the postmaster general who was supposed to have dismissed the claims of Rome on that score. The assumption was that the authorities may have been in a quandary as to what city

was entitled to preferment and were impelled to vote nay in view of this debatable quantity; and our correspondent seems to have rested his case not on any philatelic premise, but on the possibility of historical inaccuracy. All these preliminary examinations have their part in the history of a postage stamp.

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We know that many collectors take a decided stand on all matters affecting the development of collecting and that they feel strongly on what some of us may call the abstract conditions of philately. That they do enter actively into the unfolding of events is a tribute to their deep regard for their pursuit and nobody has any wish to restrain their outspoken opinions. Remarks that have been made in this column were a consequence of a deadlock that had been reached by the opposing consultants and the dearth of new arguments pro and con that would give the advantage to the adherents of either side. It is said by some of those who do not favor future movements that will result in new stamps that they are fearful of what may come when the department will be a pawn in the hands of those ambitious for none too altruistic reasons for stamps as publicity agents. For instance, the New York Times of May 15th, says in the course of a readable article on the "New Stamp for Martial Event" that "the postmaster general has received many other requests from various parts of the country for memorial stamps in honor of martial deeds during the Revolution, but thus far these two issues have been the only ones approved." The second stamp is that for Bennington.

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While all this may sound more ominous than it really is, we have the assurance from one who is in a position to talk that the department is not to be stampeded into issuing stamps without "due warrant." This statement is not definite, of course, but shows that the authorities are not unaware of the possibilities that may have to be combatted. We may as well face the situation as it confronts us and if the public demand for celebratory stamps is a decided one, the objections of philatelists will not be given sufficient weight to change the trend of popular acclaim. The position of the opponents of these stamps is not an inviting one as the patriotic sugges-



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such stamps seems to be in the laps

the gods who have not shown that

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sinister ones.

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In the hope that his example will

emulated by workers in the philatelic

fold, we cite Edwin Clark Bailey of

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Junior Dictionary

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Corriente.—This word on Salvador stamps means "current" and was applied to certain official stamps in 1918 to transform them into ordinary postage stamps.

Constituente Fiumana.—24. IV. 1921. —A surcharge to commemorate the granting of a constitution to the Free City of Fiume under the League of Nations, April 24, 1921.

Crimea Issue.—Nos. 51 to 59 of South Russia made in Sebastopol, capital of Crimea, at Denikins's orders.

Customs Duty.—The Canada stamps bearing this inscription are not postage stamps. They are used in connection with printed matter entering Canada from foreign countries and represent a fiscal tax collected by the postal authorities.



Czecho-Slovakia.—A republic, resulting from the World War, consisting of the former Austrian provinces of Bohemia, Moravia and Slovakia. It borders on Germany, Austria, Hungary and Poland. Stamps were first issued in 1918.

Stamp News for the Juniors

Is there anything you want to know about stamps or stamp collecting? If so, write the editor. What would you like to see in this department? We have no way of knowing unless you tell us. Mr. Senior Collector, can't you give the boy collector about 50 words of encouragement along practical lines? Address your letter to the Beverly office.

Juniors—Please Note

During the absence of the Managing Editor in Europe, this page will be cared for by Editor Charles E. Severn, 713 Oxford Bldg., Chicago, Ill. He will render our Juniors any assistance that may be desired.

Always Scarce

Some stamps have never been common and in this division falls the 14 cents, green and lilac, of Danish West Indies that was issued in 1873. The stamp is a striking one in its unusual color combination and has that elusive suggestion of rarity that is characteristic of some common enough stamps, by the way. However, the young collector might aspire to the 7 cents of this set, even though the 14-cents is out of his reach! A well-centered copy is hard to find and catalogue price or over thirty dollars is wanted for one, we suppose. There is a reason for the scarcity of the 14-cents

Floating Safe Stamps

By J. VAN.

The tariff of these stamps was fixed in October, 1920, at the International Post Congress at Madrid. They are called Marine Insurance Stamps by Scott, the official name, however, is Floating Safe Stamps. Under this name you find them in the catalogue of Stanley Gibbons, London; Yvert & Tellier, Champion, Paris calls them, "Timbres pour Coffres Forts Flottants"; Senf, Leipzig: "Schiffsgeldschrankmarken," etc.

Of the Dutch Series have been sold in total:

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The unsold stamps (with the exception of a certain quantity in care of the Dutch Government) have since been taken out of circulation and were burned under supervision of the State of the Netherlands on 10th August, 1926.



Blewett Junior High Stamp Club, St. Louis, Mo.

In St. Louis, Mo., is a most successful stamp club meeting every Tuesday at 2.45 P. M. It is connected with the Blewett Junior High School and has been in existence several years. The following are the officers:—Pres., Ralph Dumbell; Vice Pres., Leon Fuller; Sec., James White; Treas., Walter Freedman; Auct., Frank Hoffman; Reporter, Harry Teitelbaum. The club has thirty-eight boys and one girl as members. We are very glad to print a picture of this stamp club sent us by courtesy of Harry Teitelbaum the reporter.

as soon after it was issued a change in the postal rates made this value superfluous; and then, in 1877, remainders to the number of nearly 90,000 were destroyed. As the price for a used copy is somewhat more than for an unused one, it follows that of the 10,000 stamps unaccounted for, over 5,000 never saw the mails.

Baltimore

The largest city in the State of Maryland, and the sixth in population in the whole of the United States. Its handsome monuments commemorating the citizens who fell defending the city against the British in 1814 have earned

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5 Cents.

for it the name of "Monumental City." In 1845-6 special 5c and 10c stamps and envelopes were issued by the then Postmaster of the city, James M. Buchanan to facilitate the prepayment of postage. These continued in use until they were superseded by the general issue for the United States on August 5, 1847. In 1851, a semi-official postal service was established for the delivery of letters from the post-offices to addressees and in connection with this special 1c stamps were issued.

Elgin, Ill., Has a Stamp Club

By H. S. WILLIAMS.

The boys of the Church of the Redeemer, Episcopal, Elgin, Ill., have just organized a stamp club. Rev. George A. Ray of the Trinity Episcopal Church of Batavia, Ill., has a very enthusiastic group of boys organized into a successful stamp club. Hearing of this the Rev. W. H. Ziegler, rector of the Church of the Redeemer, requested Father Ray to organize a club in Elgin.

This was done on May 13, and the club has a membership of ten. Meetings are to be held weekly at the church, and joint meetings with the Batavia Club are to follow. The writer was present at the organization meeting.

Origin of Countries Names

(Insert in Your Album.)

Antigua.—This name is the Spanish *antigua*—"aged" from the Latin *antiquus*—"aged." It was given to the island in honour of a Seville church dedicated to Santa Maria la Antigua, by Columbus, who discovered it in 1493.

Ascension.—This island was discovered by Joao da Nova on Ascension Day, 1501, and named by him in honour of the day.

Cameroons (now French).—Discovered by the Portuguese Fernando Po, who named the large estuary of the country "Rio dos Camaroes," i.e., River of Prawns, from Portuguese *camarao*—"a prawn."—Stamp Collecting.

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Junior Glossary

Cross.—An uncolored cross on a stamp forms a distinctive part of the design of many early issues of Switzerland and are otherwise difficult to identify.



Dansk. Vest Indsk.—Danish West Indies.

Deutsche Reichs Post.—An inscription meaning "German Imperial Post," shown upon all the stamps of the German Empire issued from 1872 to 1889.

Deutsch Neu Guinea.—German New Guinea.

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sored the idea for the new club, was
elected Chairman for the first period.
Others present at the organization meet-
ing were Messrs. H. Sandberg, Harry
Hoyt, J. V. Gierding, J. L. Dartt, R.
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AN error occurred in the copy of the
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By JOHN DIX RICH.

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ago. He was always anxious to en-
courage interest in philately through or-
ganization and in speaking of starting
the ball a-rolling in cities, towns and
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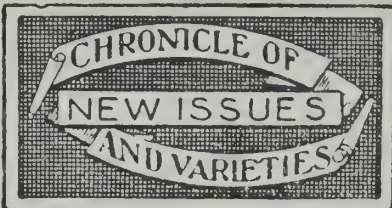
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Due stamps ("MULTA") of the 1924 type. The new set consists of the 2, 4, 8, 10 and 20c only, and the blue is lighter than that of the first issue. In the first issue the perforations allowed very little margin to the design, but in the new printing there is ample space allowed.

A new air mail service is to be inaugurated between Valparaiso and Santiago. Stamps of an unissued "Centenary Maipu" series of the values of 48c, 1.20p, 1.60p, and 2p will be overprinted "CORREO AEREO" for use in connection with this service.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

CUBA.—Stamp Collecting is informed that a 25c stamp with the coat of arms of the country with symbolic female supporters inscribed "1902-1927" will be issued to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Cuban Republic. The stamps will be engraved and printed by the Canadian Bank Note Co. of Ottawa.

ECUADOR.—The Economist Stamp Co. advise of the appearance of the 1c olive-green, 2c green and 20c brown, type of the 1920-21 issue Scott's A106, with the surcharge "POSTAL" in black. The overprint is 16½mm in length.

GIBRALTAR.—The Economist Stamp Co.

have shown us the ½p green, on script watermarked paper.

GRAND LIBAN.—On a recent package received from Beyrout, we noticed a new 25 piastres stamp which was the ordinary pictorial issue, No. 70 in our catalogue, overprinted at the top of the stamp with the letters "D.P." and underneath these letters "25 P.S." and the equivalent in Arabic. We wrote to our agent enquiring whether this was a new issue and what the letters "D.P." represented, and in his reply he states that this stamp is a fiscal, having been affixed to our letter by mistake. [We are informed that some hundreds of these stamps have been sold over the counter at Beyrout as ordinary postage stamps, and they passed through the Post Office without being noticed. The Postal Administration had their attention drawn to this fact, and strict instructions were given to clerks that no more of these stamp overprinted "D.P." are to be sold. We understand that this special overprint signifying "Dette Publique," postally used specimens of these stamps will no doubt be very scarce.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin.*

MANCHURIA.—The current issue of Chinese stamps has been overprinted horizontally with Chinese characters signifying "To be used in the Kirin and Heilungkiang Provinces only." These stamps were issued after the fall of Shanghai, and our correspondent, who sent us a few of the stamps, informs us that only certain values had been overprinted as the Authorities had no time to overprint all. We have seen specimens of the 1c, 1½c, 2c, 4c, 6c, 7c and 10c denominations, and have no doubt that others will follow in due course. The reason for overprinting is to prevent speculation, as the local dollar is much lower than the Shanghai silver dollar, and it would have been possible to purchase the unsurcharged stamps with local dollars in Northern China and

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NETHERLANDS.—A new Red Cross stamp is in preparation. The design will show a portrait of Queen Wilhelmina. In the ordinary postage set new values of 2½c and 45c will shortly appear. The 1c and 60c are to be withdrawn.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

NEWFOUNDLAND.—Mr. Frank F. Williams of St. John's reports to *Stamp Collecting* that a 4c purple, with the portrait of the Prince of Wales, is impending. One new denomination with views of historical interest—Heart's Content (landing place of first trans-atlantic cable, 1858). Cabel Tower, Signal Hill (where the trans-atlantic wireless message was received in 1901), St. John's City (taken from field whence first trans-atlantic ship departed in 1919); "lines of communication" to G. B., Canada, U. S., Australia; Map of Newfoundland and Labrador (now dependency of British Dominion).

NORWAY.—The 45 öre, Lion type, possibly the same value in the Svalbard (Spitzbergen) type, are to be surcharged 30 öre in black. There will be about 4,000,000 of the former, but the quantity available of the latter is only about 500,000. The 50 öre Air post stamps expected in May.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

PALESTINE.—We are informed that the new series of pictorial stamps mentioned in issue No. 1897 have now been despatched to the colony.

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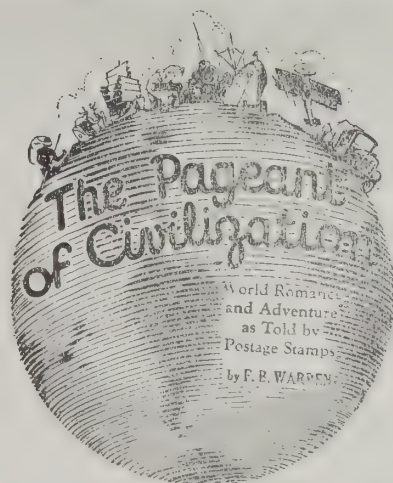
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(Continued from page 243.)

Alaska.—Although modern U. S. stamps showing the postmarks of upwards of 125 post offices in the territory of Alaska are comparatively plentiful, those of the earlier period from May, 1867, when the actual transfer took place down to the beginning of the Twentieth Century are by no means common. Current cancellations found upon U. S. A. stamps used in Alaska are of the customary duplex pattern, consisting of a single lined circle containing the name of the office, followed by the word "ALASKA," and employed in conjunction with a heavy ellipse of parallel bars. One of the scarcer varieties is that of Point Barrow, the farthest North post office in the world.

Cuba.—During the Spanish-American War military post offices were established in Cuba to deal with the correspondence of the U. S. forces in the field, and were attached for administrative purposes to the Post Office Department of New York. Military Station No. 1, of the New York Post Office was opened at Santiago de Cuba on June 9, 1898, "for the transaction of money order and registry business, the sale of postal supplies and the despatch of mails." A number of other stations were established in Cuba from time to time, to each of which a serial number was assigned, but with the exception of Military Station No. 11, located at Puerto Principe, the writer has been unable to determine their respective situations. Here, it is possible that some American reader of these notes may be in a position to supply the missing key.

In the first instance the old cancelling stamps of the former Spanish post offices were utilised, containing for the most part the town name and inscription "YSLA DE CUBA," but these gave place very shortly to the regulation U. S. type of duplex postmark with the words "MILITARY STA. NO—" at the top and the name of the town at the foot. For registered correspondence there was an oval cancellation inscribed "MILITARY

Sta. No. 1. N. Y." etc., with the single word "CUBA" in the centre.

The spring of 1899 witnessed the transfer of all Cuban post offices from the Military to the Civil administration, when the overprinted stamps of the U. S. A. were brought into use there, and finally in 1901 the U. S. protectorate gave place to the first independent government of the Republic of Cuba and U. S. stamps ceased to be valid for postage.

The United States Post Office still maintains, however, a single postal agency on the Island of Cuba where contemporary postage stamps of the U. S. A. are in daily use. It is located at the town of Bagley, the U. S. naval station on Guantanamo Bay and specimens showing this postmark are by no means commonly met with.

Porto Rico.—The military post offices established on the West Indian Island of Porto Rico during the Spanish-American War were under the immediate control of the P. O. Department at Washington, D. C., their postmarks being so inscribed. At first, as in the case of Cuba, the old Spanish cancelling stamps were employed, but these were soon superseded by special postmarks showing the number and location of the various military postal stations. Of these No. 1, was situated at Puerto Rico and No. 4 at San Juan, but here again it is regretted that no clue to the other military post offices is in the possession of the writer.

Between the Spring of 1899, when the U. S. post offices in Porto Rico were brought under the civil administration and May 1, 1900, when the Island became a Territory of the U. S. A., overprinted stamps were supplied to these offices. Since then, however, despite oft recurring rumours of a special stamp issue, the ordinary current types of the U. S. A. have been employed exclusively by the Porto Rican post offices and postmarked with cancellations similar to those of the U. S. A. itself. As there are something like one hundred post offices in operation in the Island, modern U. S. stamps used in Porto Rico are plentiful.

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Mexico (Vera Cruz Agency).—At the time of the U. S. intervention in Mexico, a United States mail agency making use of contemporary postage stamps of the U. S. A. was opened at Vera Cruz on April 27, 1914. The cancellation used was a running machine one, incorporating the design of the American flag. It is understood that this agency remained in operation until the withdrawal of the U. S. forces from the port.

Levant?—Some time about the year 1913 the writer, who was then actively collecting U. S. stamps used abroad secured through the good offices of the late Mr. G. T. Turner, what promised to be an important "find." It was nothing less than two letters franked with early U. S. stamps and emanating from Constantinople! Both bore the impression of the seal of the American Mission in that city, although the postmark was that of New York. Mr. Turner, who was an authority upon the stamps of the Foreign Post Offices in Turkey was particularly intrigued by the discovery, but diligent inquiries revealed, however, that the supposed discovery was a veritable "mare's nest." Letters were, it is true, forwarded by favor at this period in the diplomatic mail bag, but organized postal service there was none so far as the U. S. Consulate was concerned, nor were U. S. stamps on sale there at anytime.

Ship Letters.—Postage stamps of the U. S. A. are not uncommonly met with bearing the postmarks of different ports in the Far East, etc., such as Yokohama, Kobe, Singapore, Hong Kong, as well as that of St. Thomas (Virgin Is.) prior to the U. S. possession. These are from letters posted aboard ship and mailed at the first port of call. They are not genuine "used abroad" and their philatelic interest is small.

Generalia.—On and after June 14, 1900 unsurcharged United States stamps were authorized for use in the U. S. possessions of Guam, Porto Rico, Philippines, Samoa, etc., concurrently with the overprinted types (if any). Only in the Canal Zone are ordinary U. S. stamps invalid for postage. The authorization was amended as regards the Philippines on April 1, 1901, when it was provided that "In the Philippine Archipelago such stamped paper shall not be accepted in prepayment of postage elsewhere than in the Philippine Islands, unless overprinted 'Philippines,' except in the case of the reply half of a 1-cent double post card."

Review.—As stated at the commencement these notes are by no means exhaustive and in many cases they are of necessity incomplete by reason of the wide extent of their subject and the fact

that much ground still remains to be broken. The writer's information regarding U. S. stamps used abroad since 1914 is of the slightest, nor has he attempted to deal with the very interesting cancellations of U. S. warships in foreign waters of which a most fascinating collection can be made. It appears probable too, that U. S. stamps may exist with postmarks of offices in Hayti, San Domingo, Nicaragua and other places where American intervention has taken place, but on this point he must defer to those more fully informed than himself. The object of this cursory review of U. S. stamps used abroad will be accomplished if they have provoked any single reader to hunt through his old covers in quest of varieties as yet unrecorded.

THE 10c ORANGE USED IN FRANCE, 1917-19

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Thanks to the article by Col. Witbeck in your May 16th issue, we can now go somewhat farther in regard to this scarce utilization of an American stamp.

(1) We agree that the ten-cent orange-yellow was used as a Registry stamp in France—and possibly in other A.E.F. areas—to the extent of some thousands. By far the greater number of these were used in sending back letters and souvenirs to America. The number used from an A.E.F. post through a French postoffice will probably not account for very many; and the number of covers now available is, as I said originally, probably "a matter of a few hundred, and perhaps of far less."

(2) Col. Witbeck brings out the point that the one-cent stamp, in groups of ten, was also used for registration within France.

(3) We have both referred to these stamps—the one and the ten—as if they were always of the perforated 10 type, and have classed them Nos. 462 and 472 respectively in consequence. My present impression, after looking over my own and a few other lots, is that on examination we will find more of the perf. 11 type than of the older form; and that therefore we must add numbers 498 and 510 at least to the short list of U. S. stamps used within foreign countries.

(4) As to postmarkings, I might add the following notes, with the idea that others interested in the matter may complete the list of such cancellations.

The earliest dating that I have, or have seen, is July 17, 1918. It is postmarked with the circular "U. S. Army Postal Service No. 2. *Registered"; and in addition bears an oblong block "Registered—No. 525." The second in point of time, dated July 31, 1918, bears similar markings, except that "No. 2" has now been replaced by the later A. E. F. notation 702. In August and September, however, the main postmark is a larger circle enclosing the words "U. S. Military Postal Express Service *Registered" and the A. E. F. post office number (702 in this case) as part of the inscription.

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tmer for his added data. I trust that
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tribute information, though by checking
the general and Engineer registry num-
bers at the Paris post-office, I know that
the Engineer use of such registry must
be accounted for at least one-third of
the total use. In saying this I am still
reiterating the term "use" to utilization
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—There is a letter at this office ad-
dressed to John G. Schlaffer, and we
will be pleased to forward it upon re-
quest of Mr. Schlaffer's address.

—We acknowledge with thanks the
receipt of a first day cover from Guan-
tamo, Cuba, dated May 20, 1927, bear-
ing a copy of the handsome new "Sliver
Anniversary" stamp. The cover was
mailed by Charles T. Ramsden and we
appreciate the courtesy.

—The Permanent Executive Commit-
tee of the Philatelic Congresses of Great
Britain announce the list of delegates
nominated to Nottingham Congress, 1927:
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to 3c by Order in Council of October
26, 1921, effective January 1, 1922, was
lowered to 2c, in accordance with an
Order in Council of Sept. 2, 1925.

No. 512. *British Honduras.*

No. 2239-25.

ORDER made by the Governor in Council
under section 6 of the Post Office
Ordinance, Chapter 45 of the Consoli-
dated Laws, 1924.

The following rates of postage to
places abroad shall come into operation
as from the first day of October, 1925.

Post cards, single, each, 2 cents.
" " reply paid, each, 4 " " " "
Samples, per 2 oz., 1 " " " "
Minimum charge, 2 " " " "

Blind literature, per 2 lbs., 1 " " " "

The Order made by the Governor in
Council under section 5 of Chapter 130
of the Consolidated Laws (Revised Edi-
tion) on the 26th October, 1921, is hereby
rescinded so far as it relates to the
foregoing categories of postal corres-
pondence.

Made by the Governor in Council this
2nd day of September, 1925.

Signed, E. A. BABER,

Clerk of the Executive Council.

(Published in Gazette of 12th September,
1925.)

On April 15, 1925, a number of in-
creases took effect in the U. S. domestic
postal rates, among them being the rais-
ing of the rate on private post cards
from 1c to 2c (Government cards re-
maining unchanged at 1c), and the reg-
istration fee from 10c to 15c. On Au-
gust 28, 1925, the following order was
issued by the Post Office Department,
increasing the post card rate to foreign
countries (excepting those forming the
Pan-American Postal Union), from 2c
to 3c effective Oct. 1, 1925. This made
the post card rate from the U. S. to
British Honduras, and to the British
Colonies in the Caribbean, 1c higher
than the letter rate of 2c.

"Increase in rates on post cards (includ-
ing private mailing cards) and reduc-
tion in rate on reading matter for the
blind, addressed for delivery in for-
eign countries.

Second Assistant Postmaster General,
WASHINGTON, August 28, 1925.

In view of the adoption by the Uni-
versal Postal Congress of Stockholm of
3 cents (15 centimes) and 6 cents (30
centimes) as the standard postage rates,
respectively, for single and reply post
cards (including private mailing cards)
in the international mails, said postage
rate of 3 cents for single cards and 6
cents for reply cards will be applicable,
effective October 1, 1925, to Government
post cards and private mailing cards
mailed in the United States addressed

for delivery in foreign countries gen-
erally.

In view of the above increase, the
rate applicable to post cards (Govern-
ment and private) when addressed to
those countries participating in the pro-
visions of the Pan-American Postal Con-
vention of Buenos Aires and certain
other special postal conventions, is in-
creased from 1 cent for single and 2
cents for reply cards, to 2 cents for sin-
gle and 4 cents for reply cards. Said
countries are Argentine, Bolivia, Brazil,
Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba,
Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala,
Republic of Honduras, Mexico, Nicara-
gua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Salvador
(El), Spain, and its colonies, and
Uruguay.

The rate on packages containing read-
ing matter for the blind is reduced to 1
cent (5 centimes) for each weight unit
of 2 pounds, 2 ounces (1,000 grams) or
less. * * * *

Signed, W. IRVING GLOVER,
Second Assistant Postmaster General.

Effective December 1, 1925, the regis-
tration fee for any registered article
(Postal Union or International Parcel
Post) mailed in the United States and
addressed to a foreign country was
raised to 15c (from 10c). No change
was made in the limit of indemnity
payable.

Under date of January 29, 1926, an
order was issued from Washington, cor-
recting the inconsistency in the post card
rate, and the 2c charge was made ap-
plicable to all countries taking the 2c
letter rate.

"Reduction in postage rates on post cards.

Office of the Postmaster General,
WASHINGTON, January 29, 1926.

Effective February 1, 1926, the postage
rates of 2 cents for each single card and
4 cents for each reply paid card will be
extended to post cards for the following
foreign destinations:—

Bahamas.
Barbados.
Bermuda.
British Guiana.
British Honduras.
Dutch West Indies (Aruba, Bonaire,
Curacao, Saba, St. Eustatius and the
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Haiti.
Irish Free State.
Jamaica, including Turks, Caicos and
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No. 255.
British Honduras.

Order made by the Governor in Council under section 6 of the Post Office Ordinance, Chapter 45 of the Consolidated Laws, 1924.

The postage on letters addressed to the undermentioned places shall be at the rate of 2 cents for each ounce or fraction of an ounce and shall come into effect as from the first day of May, 1926,

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Barbados.
Bermuda.
British Guiana.
Canada.
Jamaica.
Leeward Islands.
Trinidad and Tobago.
Windward Islands.

The Order made by the Governor in Council under section 5 of Chapter 130 of the Consolidated Laws (Revised Edition), on the 26th October, 1921, is hereby amended so far as it relates to such letters.

Made by the Governor in Council this twenty-first day of April, 1926.

Signed, E. A. BABER,

Clerk of the Executive Council.

M. P. 2149-25

(Published in Gazette of 1st May, 1926.)

D. L. R. 1912 Reminders destroyed, 1925.

The remainders of the DLR-1912 type Postage and Revenue stamps, Roman CA watermarked, destroyed in May, 1925, by a Board of Destruction of three members, appointed for that purpose, comprised the following quantities:—

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| 1c War, 44,398 | \$ 443.98 |
| 5c P. & R. 1,800 | 90.00 |
| 50c " 518 | 259.00 |
| \$1 " 2,683 | 2,683.00 |
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| | \$6,140.98 |

Nyasaland type, 1922-1926.

Nyasaland type stamps of 1c, 3c and 4c denominations still remained unrequisioned at the end of the year, the old stock being still in large quantity. The 1c and 3c are in the DLR-1912 Postage and Revenue type, the former from plate 3, script CA (issued Nov. 26, 1921), and the latter, from plate 2, Roman CA (issued April 16, 1917). The 4c is in the modified Peace type (issued Jan. 4, 1922), and printed from a line engraved plate, on script CA.

During 1926, fresh supplies of the 5c, 10c, 25c and \$2 Postage and Revenue stamps, and 4c Postage Due stamps were dispatched to the Colony. All were printed from plate 1, as before, on script CA watermarked paper. The 2c red (in sheet and booklet form) was also advised in the Crown Agents Bulletin, for the third quarter ending Sept. 30, 1926, as being in printing. This was officially announced for issue on November 1, 1926, but supplies had not yet reached Belize on November 19th. The color change from brown to red for the 2c was made necessary by the reduction in foreign post card rate from 3c to 2c (effective Oct. 1, 1925). Previously it had been printed in brown for the reason that if a fresh printing of the 3c stamp had been made, it would have been in red, the Postal Union color for this rate.

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PRECANCELLED 3c COILS

By W. G. BATEMAN.

The earliest three-cent coil to be repre-
sented in the Precancel Catalog is the
one perforated 8½ vertically issued by
the Bureau in 1910. It is Scott's num-
ber 394. Back in those days only a few
coils were precancelled and the catalog
seems to list only 2 stamps of this kind.
These are from Federalburg, Maryland
and Rochester, New York, numbers 14
and 238 respectively. They are priced at
40 and 75 cents. Both are decidedly un-
common and I wish I could acquire the
Rochester item even at full catalog.

This particular coil appears to have been
the third 3-cent coil variety issued by
the government but the earlier two were
almost certainly never precancelled. The
first was an unperforated, endwise vari-
ety which is very rare and passed almost
unnoticed by philatelists at the time of
its issue. Its very existence is doubted
or denied by some. The other is the
rarest of all 3-cent coils, the sidewise
perforated 12. Of this, one coil was
used in Orangeburg, New York (not
precancelled) and very few were saved
for collections. It is Scott's number 389,
priced at twenty dollars used. Consider-
ing all this it is surprising to find this
stamp listed as item number 307 Saint
Paul, Minnesota, in the 1926 Precancel
Catalog. The type is the handstamp used
by the Montgomery Ward Co. and while
it is true that almost anything may come
to a mail order house and be precan-
celled it is almost impossible under the
circumstances that this can really be the
rarity many coil collectors are seeking.
And priced at 40 cents! Perhaps it is
only a misprint for perforated 10. Or
perhaps the copy seen was a trimmed
stamp originally perforated 12 x 12. All
these coils were printed from the flat
plates and can be faked from the regular
sheet issues.

The next 3-cent coil issued by the
Bureau was also made from flat plates
but perforated 10 vertically instead of 12
(Scott's number 445). It looks much
like the later varieties made by the ro-
tary press and the Precancel Catalog
makes no distinctions among them all.
Yet the flat plate kind is really scarce,
especially used. It is really much rarer
than the later varieties. Apparently it
has never been mentioned in print as be-
ing precancelled and the writer has never
found a copy of it nor found it named
in any checklist. It could only have been
precancelled by the earliest users of coils,
such as Federalburg, Maryland; Roches-
ter, New York; Cleveland, Ohio. But
no 3-cent items at all are listed under

Type IV of Cleveland, while all three
centers under Type VIII of Rochester
appear to be rotary press emissions. For
some time the writer sought diligently
for Federalburg number 34 for this
might have been the desired variety
printed from the flat plate. But rather
than finding this he was not able to get
a single coil from the Maryland town
perforated 10. Indeed in a letter Mr. W.
H. Field tells me that he has never seen
this item (3-cent coil, perf. 10 vert.) in
Type I. Also, on half a dozen checklists
of coils this stamp is absent. Is it not
then a candidate for ejection from the
catalog? Who has this variety?

The next coil in order was Scott's
number 456, printed by the rotary press,
perforated 10 vertically and on water-
marked paper. The writer has never
found this coil precancelled.

Indeed it was not until the Bureau had
begun the use of watermarked paper that
3-cent coils were in demand. This came
about when the ordinary letter rate was
raised to 3 cents during the Great War.
On account of the enormous demand for
stamps to comply with the new rate the
Bureau found it necessary to make many
plates and soon made a new die as well,
which is known as Die II. The coils
appeared in both dies sidewise, but only
in Die I endwise. These are numbers
489 (both I and II) and 493.

Precancelled stamps on Die I perfo-
rated vertically are quite uncommon. In
my collection they appear only with
prints from Indianapolis, Boston, St.
Louis, New York (2 types) and Roches-
ter (2 types) in the U-97 style and from
Toledo in U-75. There must be more of
them and I should like to garner in a
few. It is quite easy to distinguish the
two dies from each other at a glance. All
the horizontally perforated coils are of
Die I. The catalog (1926) has only a
few of these listed, none are particularly
common and the items from Red Bluff,
California, seem especially elusive.

Most of the 3-cent precancelled coils,
then, of the last issue, are found in Die
II and perforated vertically. These
stamps come in two distinct shades, a
pale violet and a dark blue-purple. One
would never think the two were meant
to be the same color. After the postage
rate was reduced to 2 cents the 3-cent
coils were of little use so that many of
them were precancelled in small towns to
get rid of them.

The latest coil of this denomination in
the current series bearing Lincoln's por-
trait is rarely if ever found precancelled,
except in the standard U-97 type, but
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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL

We have received interesting particulars relating to the Bennington-Vermont commemorative stamp from Karl A. Pember, honorary vice-president of the State Commission of the Vermont Sesquicentennial; and he writes from Woodstock, under date of May 19th to say: "It may be of interest to you to get the following description of the stamp that I have from headquarters. I quote from Mr. Spargo's letter: 'The stamp is of standard size, of two-cent denomination, printed in red. The design is quite simple and dignified. A single figure of a Green Mountain Boy ready for action stands against a background suggestive of a pine forest. Above in an arch is the legend, '1777 Vermont Sesquicentennial 1927.' Near the bottom in a scroll is the one word, 'Bennington.' Of course, the stamp bears the required 'U. S. post-

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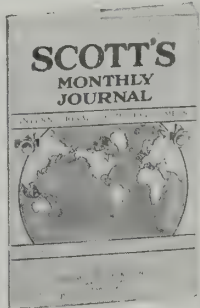
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In order to meet the growing need for accurate information regarding United States postage, we have instituted a new Department in Scott's Monthly Journal, devoted exclusively to Specialized U. S.

This will be a regular feature of the Journal, in addition to our many other features and noteworthy articles. Mr. Herman Toaserna has agreed to take over this Department, and all additions and corrections affecting the Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps will appear monthly. The importance of this to collectors of U. S. is readily apparent. All basic designs from which cancellation listings are made, will be illustrated. In cases of varieties, etc., same will be illustrated as far as possible and accurately described.

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age, 2 cents.' The stamp is to be placed on sale first around August 6. The first sale will be confined to the Bennington post office and the Philatelic Agency in Washington, the latter being required by law. About three days after it is on sale at Bennington, it will be on sale in all the other post offices, so far as it is possible to supply them, preference being given to the post offices, in Vermont." Mr. Pember adds that the second city in Vermont in which the stamps will be sold is Montpelier and the third, Woodstock. We thank Mr. Pember for his letter and congratulate him upon the position that he holds on this important occasion; as is known he is a philatelist of standing whose preferences are U. S. revenues and cancellations.

Here, we take the opportunity to say that the governor of the proud state of Vermont, the Honorable F. S. Billings, is an ardent stamp collector and it was he who called the attention of the postmaster of Woodstock, James S. Brownell, to a statement made in the issue of May 16th, in an article on precancelled stamps by A. F. Gamber that we reprinted from the *Precancel Gazette*. If we mistake not, Governor Billings is a member of the American Philatelic Society and is partial to the stamps of France. In his contribution, Mr. Gamber challenged the integrity of "future precancelled commemoratives" that may be issued by certain offices, because of past performances; and in the *index expurgatorius* are five Vermont cities. The postmaster of Woodstock writes: "Among other towns that Mr. Gamber blacklists, Woodstock, Vermont appears. This office uses precancelled stamps for practically all dispatch of parcel post; and among other precancelled values, the White Plains were used. We use the rubber 1/4 sheet stamp furnished by the Department, usually, and the White Plains stamps were so treated as well as a remainder of perhaps five hundred which were taken to the printer that we had precancelled a short time ago. It is suggested that postmasters generally would be willing to answer a letter of inquiry as to whether certain stamps were precancelled at their office and it is very unfair to the collector, as well as the office concerned, to state that one is a partner and the other a culprit, until the fact has been proven. Mr. Gamber may have taken

the pains to have written other offices mentioned before he became hard-boiled, but so far I have never had an inquiry from him and take exceptions to his statement that Woodstock, Vermont, should not be counted among the honorable."

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An interesting statement has come from Professor Lowell J. Ragatz, George Washington University, Washington, D. C., on the subject of one of the rarities issued in recent years. He writes: "The offer of a lone copy of that Bolivian rarity, Scott 94a, 5c on 2c green, with blue surcharge, issued in 1911, in a recent issue of the WEEKLY, calls to mind my having owned some fifteen copies a decade and a half ago. During 1911-12, I purchased from an office employee, the greater part of the foreign covers addressed to the Gisholt Machine Company of Madison, Wisconsin, a firm specializing in supplying the South American market. Hundreds of the Bolivian provisionals then appearing thus came into my possession, were torn from the envelopes, soaked, and sold, for the most part to an East Orange dealer. One morning in bundling a lot which had been dried between blotters the night before, I noticed that a block of twelve, two by six, was surcharged in blue. Either two or three singles from the same correspondence turned up at the same time. One was sent to the Scott Stamp and Coin Company for chronicling and was purchased by them for about a dollar. Although I offered the piece to a number of collectors, no one was interested; hence, I broke it up into eight singles, which were sold in a sales circuit at a dollar each and I reserved a block of four for myself. It was only when I received 2,500 francs from an eager Parisian dealer for this block in 1922 that I realized the true value of this modern business correspondence find." This little recital shows that the winds of chance bring a shower of dollars on the stamp hunter at times when little expected, as well as proving that profitable finds need not always consist of old stamps.

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In a recent issue of the Buffalo Junior *Courier-Express*, a striking page is found, with the heading, "Start a Stamp Collection." Nine different maps



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If it were not that so many of our readers had called attention to an article that appeared in the *Literary Digest* for April 30, 1927, it would have been ignored, as its subject matter has been discussed and dissected in the stamp papers at different times in the past. In effect, is based upon a statement made by a doctor that unused postage stamps have not been neglected as nests for the bacteria that beset us on all sides. The germs found on the gummed sides of stamps according to report, "might be classified as possessing the possibility of producing pathogenic (disease-causing) condition." Stamps vehicles for germs is no new subject of inquiries that have been conducted here shown that the postage stamp as collector knows it is about the most offensive specimen as a propagator of disease that could be seized upon as an object lesson. If original gum is a life for the germ, the "organisms" are very discriminating when at every place there are much more inviting sites offered as a field for operation.

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A correspondent in sending a list of recent remarks on stamp collecting that he has found in the course of extensive reading of books and articles says that he believes that the introduction of stamps in this wise to the great outside public is one of the most encouraging signs of the growth of our pursuit. He says that he remembers that there was a time when we made much ado over such allusions and he intimates that our part should take much credit for this happy condition, as it exists to-day.

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Origin of Countries Names

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Barbudo is evidently of the same origin as the above.

Bermuda is named after Juan Bermudez, who was shipwrecked there in the sixteenth century.

Barbados.—Opinions differ regarding the meaning of this name. It may mean the "hanging branches of a vine," from the Spanish *barbudo* = "long-bearded," and "vine." Or it may be from the Portuguese *barbadas*, meaning "bearded," with reference to a particular fig tree found there. It appears in ancient maps as Bernados, Barbudoso, Barnados, St. Bernardo, showing there was then considerable doubt regarding the origin of the name.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Stamp News for the Juniors

Is there anything you want to know about stamps or stamp collecting? If so, write the editor. What would you like to see in this department? We have no way of knowing unless you tell us. Mr. Senior Collector, can't you give the boy collector about 50 words of encouragement along practical lines? Address your letter to the Beverly office.

Juniors—Please Note

During the absence of the Managing Editor in Europe, this page will be cared for by Editor Charles E. Severn, 713 Oxford Bldg., Chicago, Ill. He will render our Juniors any assistance that may be desired.

Where Is Nejd-Hejaz?



One of five values—which one?

A Capital Full-Born

We have not had much to say of the magic city that has arisen to be the new capital of the vast Commonwealth of Australia, and the stamp that is to celebrate the occupancy of the city as the seat of government. So, we take the following story from the lively school paper, *West High Tatler* of Des Moines, Iowa, that makes a specialty of stamp news, we are glad to say:

"On May 9th the capital of the Commonwealth of Australia was changed from Melbourne to Canberra. On that date the newly-constructed Parliament buildings in the latter city were opened. Canberra is a new city. It was built to be the capital of Australia. To commemorate this date and this change, the government of Australia will issue the Canberra stamp. Its value will be 1½d, which in American money is equal to three cents.

In order to obtain a design for this stamp, an extensive contest was carried on. 1,055 designs were submitted by people from all parts of the world. Mr. Ronald Harrison of Melbourne was the artist whose design was chosen as that to be used on the stamp. He will receive the \$500 awarded as first prize. Mr. Lyons of South Australia will receive the second prize of \$250. This stamp will be of one color, carmine-red. The design will not be known to the public until the stamp is published on May 9th. The *Tatler* will carry a full description of this stamp as soon as one can be procured."

Newspaper Tax Stamps

Austria, Hungary, and France furnish examples of newspaper tax stamps. In the case of Austria and Hungary these labels had nothing to do with postage but simply represented a fiscal tax, collected by the postal authorities, on newspapers coming from foreign countries. It is, therefore, difficult to understand on what grounds these labels are included in a postage stamp catalogue.



The French stamps issued in December, 1868, and used for a comparatively short period afterwards, represented a combined fiscal and postal charge. There were two values, 2c and 5c. The latter was for use in the Department of the Seine and Oise, and the 2c for all the other Departments. These stamps have a better standing as postage stamps but they are varieties the general collector can very well afford to ignore

Boys' Week

During boy's week in May, many fairs and exhibitions were held to show how boys had been occupying their minds and hands to advantage, and competitive displays were features of these occasions at times. Stamps were not ignored as objects of devotion in some instances and in Chicago, for instance, the young philatelists who showed their wares did themselves proud. The *Philadelphia Record* gives an enthusiastic account of Raymond Aarons, 3134 Columbia Avenue, who has a collection of stamps and coins worth a fortune, according to the paper. There is a large picture of the boy sitting in his den among his stamps and coins, which were to be exhibited at the Forst Regiment Armory on May 4th, illustrating the article from which we make the following quotations:

"Raymond, a husky boy of 15, is in the first year at Central High School. He is fond of swimming, baseball and riding, but gives a great deal of his spare time to his collections. All of the mounting work and about 75 per cent of the actual collecting have been accomplished by Raymond himself. He started when he was 8 years old.

"I bought a package of 150 stamps for 25 cents in a little shop on South Fifteenth Street. I wish more fellows would be interested in stamp collecting. It's the greatest hobby I know," he said.

Joseph Aarons, the boy's father, encourages him in continuing the collection. Raymond has received, through gifts and inheritance, parts of his collection and money to spend on increasing it. The boy is a member of the American Numismatic Society and can discuss every phase of stamp and coin collecting.

He receives an allowance of \$5 every week, and manages to save enough to buy additional stamps and coins. Raymond has sacrificed summers in camp in order to use the money for the trips in securing certain rare stamps for his collection.

Choice sections of the collection will be on exhibit during the Hobby Fair, and Raymond is busy dismantling his room in preparation for decorating his place at the armory.

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The value in which most of the stamps of Siam are expressed from their introduction in 1883 until 1909 when the currency of the country was changed. An



att was the sixty-fourth part of a tical and had a value of about a third of a cent in United States money.

Correction

In the issue of May 16th, on the Junior Page, under "Origin of Countries' Names," a paragraph read that Hong Kong (Sweet Lakes) "was a pretty name for one of a group of islands to which the Portuguese had given the unsavoury name of *ladrones*—'thieves' because of the predatory habits of the natives thereof." Then came William Carlos Stone, the dean of Springfield, Mass., and said that according to his gazetteer, the *Ladrones* are the Marianne Islands. He is right; and it is the Marianne Islands named after the queen of Philip IV of Spain that were called the *Ladrones* because of the thievish propensities of the inhabitants when discovered by Magellan in 1521.

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A Long Wait

Among the virtues necessary for a collector who would import his stamps, that of patience must be mentioned in red. There are many slips between the far-away post office and home and interesting stories have been told of discouragements attending the direct transportation of stamps from certain countries. The explanation that is sometimes given by postmasters who refuse to fill orders is that only a sufficient stock of stamps is on hand for local use. Here is an instance where it is literally true that the stamps had become "out," according to Mr. Charles F. Busch of Rochester, N. Y., who wrote to the General Post Office at Guadeloupe last year, enclosing a five dollar bill and requesting current stamps. Politely enough the postmaster said that he could not send all of the stamps as his supply of them had run out, but that he would send them shortly. Evidently, the check has been forgotten by the postmaster. Mr. Busch has not got the stamps, as he says that he has not, up to the present time.

Junior Dictionary

Danzig.—A former city of Germany and now considered international territory forming Poland's outlet to the Baltic Sea. Stamps were first issued in June, 1920, consisting of German stamps overprinted "Danzig."

Debreczin.—A city in Hungary where, during the World War, the Rumanian forces of Occupation issued certain Hungarian stamps suitably overprinted for their use.

Denikin Issues.—Properly speaking, all the issues of South Russia, Nos. 10 to 79, as all were made at the command of the Denikin-Wrangel administration. The name is generally used for Nos. 61 to 9 only, as this is the first definite issue, preceding emissions being provisions.

Desmit Rubli.—These words, stamped on stamps of Lettonia, mean "Ten roubles."

Doplat.—An inscription on "postage due" stamps of Poland and Czecho-Slovakia meaning "additional" in connection with the word "posta."

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Mr. Stone says that the Forbin catalogue of fiscals of the world may be from Yvert & Co., 37 rue des Jacobins, Amiens, France, for 18.60 francs; there has been no edition of the book since 1915. Mr. W. R. Adams of Toronto and another reader furnishes similar information in answer to our request for the latest address of the publishers of the Forbin catalogue.

The *Postmark* still comes monthly from the bright and breezy postmaster of Springfield, Illinois; and one assertion is made in strict accordance with truth: his patrons know that the air still flies.

Thanks are given to Mrs. I. B. Johnston for two of those fancifully designed local cards with figures made of bits of different postage stamps, chiefly Chinese and Japanese. Mr. Leonard Michael, New York, has favored us with similar cards from Atlantic City.

Mr. C. F. Adams has remembered us with a program of a musicale held on the Adriatic, in which he participated. We notice that he was elected general chairman of the committees appointed for various social entertainments on board.

That postal card, three by two feet, was sent to Postmaster General. Now inviting him to attend the National Federation of Postal Clerks to be held at Indianapolis next September was the latest that may be sent through the mails; and it bore stamps to the value of one dollar.

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Following the splendid address of welcome by President Monroe Rosenblatt of The Ridgewood Stamp Club, who at the same time outlined briefly the big strides made by the organization during the brief period of its existence, the gavel was turned over to Mr. Osborne, President of The Brooklyn Stamp Club, who was designated to act as Toastmaster for the evening.

What was probably an innovation for a stamp club came in the form of an entertainment which was provided by Walter Goodwin, assisted by his "Broadway Boys," Thomas Roll and Joseph Resch. Mr. Goodwin is the composer of the official Mothers' Day song, entitled "That Wonderful Mother of Mine." Mr. Goodwin's compositions were rendered throughout the program, and included ten or twelve of his best song hits, the concluding selection being his latest number, "Pal Of My Heart." For their fine program of entertainment the three radio stars were given a rising vote of thanks by the members of the club.

This was followed by an interesting auction of some fine specimens of United States and British Colonial stamps. The

auction was conducted by Mr. Trifine, and good prices were obtained on most of the lots.

A third feature was the excellent display of several volumes of 20th Century British Colonials, complete, which embrace the collection of Gustave Fabian, of the Ridgewood Stamp Club. Such items as Malta Self-Government, and many others, all in perfect, mint condition, and a collection of fine Patriotic covers, occupied the attention of all present for several hours.

The evening was closed by a tasty buffet luncheon, including refreshments, after which every member received as a souvenir a very fine magnifying glass that reposed inside a leather case, inscribed in gold letters, "Ridgewood Stamp Club."

Walter Goodwin and his pals left the clubrooms at midnight, after giving the second half of their entertainment, but the "old guard" remained until the wee hours of the morning, "swapping" stamp stories, trading stamps, etc.

Several representatives of the local press attended, and a number of the large metropolitan daily newspapers carried accounts of the affair, including the *New York Evening Journal*, *Brooklyn Standard Union*, *Brooklyn Chat*, *The Long Island Daily Press* and the *Staats Zeitung und Volkszeitung*.

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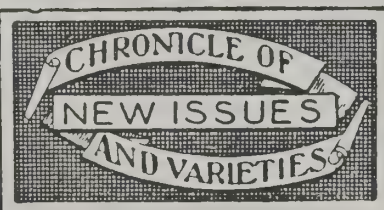
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United States**Lindbergh Stamp Proposed**

Under date of May 25th, Hon. Ernest R. Ackerman, Member of Congress from the Fifth New Jersey District, wired Postmaster General New at Washington as follows:

"Because of Charles Lindbergh's postal service connections and as a fitting tribute to his intrepid courage, I respectfully suggest Post Office Department immediately

surcharge five hundred millions two cent postage stamps 'HAIL CHARLES LINDBERGH' and sell them to the public for three cents each, the premium of one cent on each stamp to be collected for account Red Cross fund for southern flood sufferers. Five millions of dollars for this worthy cause would thus be secured for those sorely afflicted Southerners while fittingly commemorating epochal flight instanter. Whole world would become purchasers."

As a copy of the telegram was given to the press, it appeared in several papers in the east and was no doubt copied throughout the country.

In talking to Mr. Ackerman over the phone, I learn that the Postmaster General is greatly interested in the subject and that he has conferred with the Third Assistant Postmaster General, Mr. Robert S. Regar. They are looking up the laws applying to the subject and if there is nothing to prevent, there is a possibility of some sort of stamp being issued, but at the time of this writing, no decision has been made.

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column of one of the earliest dated marks that the writer had seen. Mr. E. Spannuth calls attention to two usual items in his collection which dated cancellations slightly older than the one previously described.

One of Mr. Spannuth's covers has black postmark in a horizontal line a three inches in length reading "WILK BARRE, AUG. 31, 1796" with the of postage, "25c" indicated in manuscript. The letter is addressed to Philadelphia.

A further cover in Mr. Spannuth's collection is a red Philadelphia postmark dated, "PHILA. DEC. 9, 1768" and addressed to Edward Shippen at Lancaster. This latter cover now holds the record far as we know for an early dated cover with printed postmarks, that is, not indicated by manuscript.

Air Mail Notes

Under date of May 18th, the Information Service of the Post Office Department announced that Mr. W. In Glover, Second Assistant Postmaster General, was arranging to confer with the Chamber of Commerce of Antonio, Austin and Waco as to advisability of installing a new commercial air mail route through those cities. Laredo, Texas, connecting with the National Air Transport line at Dallas for Chicago.

Laredo is on the Mexican border is an international exchange office mails between the United States and Mexico. Another possible route considered is the proposal for extending mail lines to the southern border of United States, ready for a future link up for South American points by way of El Paso. The Laredo route, however, favored from the standpoint of quantity of mail available enroute.

While Mr. Glover is in Texas, he also discuss the possibility of a section leg from the Chicago-Dallas route Galveston by way of Houston.

As a result of Mr. Glover's conversation, the Postmaster General announced on May 21st that the Department considering authorization of an agreement inviting proposals for the transportation of mail by aircraft between Dallas, Waco, Austin and San Antonio a distance of 260 miles.

United States Stamps Used From Abroad

Mr. Sidney Brownstein has just shown me an odd, part of cover showing use of one of our current special delivery stamps along with Italian stamps being tied by means of an Italian postmark. No doubt the special delivery stamp was placed on the package in order to insure special delivery on its arrival in America. From certain countries believe U. S. air mail stamps are used when the letter is to be transported by air mail in the United States. However, was the first time that I have seen the use of the special delivery stamp in this manner.

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lines, "VIRGIN ISLANDS 4 CTS." I am inquiring from Washington as to whether special playing card stamps were prepared for any of the other colonies.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.—The bulk of the 1d and 1½d stamps sold across the counter at the General Post Office, Sydney, have been perforated 14, and we have been informed that the "13½x12½" machine is being held in reserve, and only used to perforate small lots of stamps when the other machines are in employment. We can hardly reconcile this suggestion with the statement made some time ago that the "14" machines were worn out, and urgently needed replacement. Our advice to collectors is to secure any new varieties immediately they appear, for there is no saying how short-lived their issue may be.—*Australian Stamp Journal* [vide "S.C." March 26th].—*Stamp Collecting*.

BERMUDA.—Whitfield King & Co. and Mr. R. Roberts report the appearance of the 2sh6p on script watermark. The printing is from the same plate as before.

BRITISH POST OFFICES IN TANGIER.—Mr. R. Roberts sends for chronicle copies of the ½p, 1p, 1½p and 2p stamps of Great Britain with the one line surcharge "Tangier" in Roman capitals at the base of the stamp, in black.

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CUBA.—The following new issues have been received from Mr. R. Roberts: 1c blue-green, 2c rosine, 5c deep blue, all 1925 type, imperforate, watermark star, 10c blue air mail, perf. 12½, watermark star. The watermark is a large broad star spaced about 25mm apart from point to point, both horizontally and vertically, so that a row of ten stamps of the ordinary size receives nine watermarks and a vertical column of ten receives about nine and a half, so collectors must not be too exacting to have the watermarks "well centered." Whereas the watermark on the large size stamps of the air mail denominations it is possible to get two entire stars, four halves, two halves or only half and a quarter of a star on one stamp.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA.—Our Prague correspondent intimates the impending issue of the 5 koruny denomination foretold in these pages last November; he remarks that he understands it is not in the Hradcany type, but has a new view of the Tatara Mountains as seen from above Stary Smokovec, one of the well known resorts in this region.—*Stamp Collecting*.

DENMARK.—We have had come to hand from Whitfield King & Co. and Mr. R. Roberts copies of the 7 ore on 20 ore red, 5 ore brown and 10 ore green, se tenant, printed in rolls for automatic machines.

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JAPAN.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the 1 yen, type of Scott's A36, in chocolate and pale green, perf. comb machine 13x13 1/2.

Mr. Roberts also informs us that the 2 sen, commemorative issue, has just been received in a pale yellowish green shade, very much lighter in color than the original issue.

KENYA.—Mr. R. Roberts and Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 5c green and 10c black in the current design. Both are new colors in these values.

MALTA.—A Valletta dealer, writing to Mr. D. Hepworth on April 2nd, says:—"I have much pleasure in reporting that not a single value of the 'Postage' set is on sale at the Post Office counters now. The remainders of the 1d, 2d, 2 1/2d, 3d and 10s are to be destroyed. The first four values named were issued in the new design yesterday [chronicled April 16th].—Stamp Collecting.

MANCHURIA.—We have received from Whitfield King & Co. a copy of the 1 1/2c violet stamp of China, with a one line surcharge in native characters for use in Kirin and Heilungkiang. Our correspondent adds that they have seen 1c, 1 1/2c, 2c, 4c, 6c, 7c and 10c denominations but they have recently been informed that other values have also been overprinted.

MAURITIUS.—Mr. R. Roberts informs us of the 20c lilac, unicolor, King George type, on white script watermarked paper, recently placed on sale in the colony.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—Mr. Frank F. Wills sends the following clipping taken from a St. John's paper of May 14th last:

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Marshal Pilsudski. From the source we learn that a 50gr, in the illustrated, was announced for issue May 3rd.—Philatelic Magazine.

SOUTH WEST AFRICA.—Mr. R. Roberts sends for chronicle the 1/2p, Springbok, with overprint "Suidwes Afrika" on South Africa and "South Africa" on Suidafrika. Also the 4p triangular "South West Africa" slightly smaller type of lettering. The stamps of the latter are only received in single copies. Mr. Roberts advises that they are yet available in blocks.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.—Mr. Roberts advises that following new issues have been received from this colony: new pictorial designs engraved and printed by Messrs. Bradbury Wilkin & Co., New Malden. All are inscribed alternately (reading from top left) "South Africa Postage" and "Suidafrika Posseel" 2p brown, purple and grey (Union Buildings at Pretoria); 3p green and black, (Residence of Prime Minister); 1sh bright blue and pale brown (Picture of pair of Gnus); 5sh green and black, (Ox-wagon at spanned). All are watermarked multiple Springbok head.

A new set of postage stamps will be issued about January, 1928, by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs simultaneously in London and St. John's. The proposed denominations and designs are as follows:

One cent—(Green) Map of Newfoundland including that portion of Labrador included in the Privy Council award. The border to be composed of the rose, thistle and shamrock.

Two cent—(Red) S. S. Caribou. Inscription, S. S. Caribou, 9 hours to Sydney, N. S.

Three cent—(Brown) Portraits of their Majesties the King and Queen.

Four cent—(Dark purple) Portrait of H. R. H. The Prince of Wales, Border, Prince of Wales feathers and motto Ich Dien.

Five cent—(Grey) S. S. Silvia. Inscription, S. S. Silvia 1 1/2 days to Halifax, 4 1/2 days to New York.

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Eight cent—(Lavendar) Heart's Content. Inscription, Heart's Content, first Trans-Atlantic cable landed 1866.

Nine cent—(Dark green) Cabot Tower. Inscription, Cabot Tower, St. John's. First trans-Atlantic wireless signal received 1901.

Ten cent—(Purple) War Memorial. Inscription, War Memorial, St. John's.

Twelve cent—(Maroon) Post office. Inscription, General Post Office, St. John's.

Fifteen cent—(Colour not fixed) Airplane. Inscription, First Airplane to cross Atlantic (non stop) leaving St. John's, 1919.

Twenty cent—(Colour not fixed) Colonial building. Inscription, Colonial Building (House of Parliament) St. John's.

Thirty cent—(Colour not fixed) Grand Falls of Labrador. Inscription undecided.

NIUE.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown us the 2sh blue overprinted in red "Niue" in block capitals, similar to the previous high value overprints.

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Part I—Bureau Precancels

To collectors of these stamps, the new issues are not exactly a problem. During the month of February only 15 new varieties were ordered from six offices, all of whom previously were registered in the list of cities using Bureau precancels. The new perforation 11×10½ is easily told from the old 10×10, and adds much interest to the field. Collectors will do well to fill up on the perf. 10×10 stamps while they can be easily secured. With the specialism that is bound to arise in this group, perforations will come in for a great deal of attention. That fact, though not of interest to some, must bear direct influence on the prices of these stamps. The 7c, 8c and 9c will all be scarce in years to come and are a splendid investment at the present market quotations. The 1½c, 3c, 5c and 10c are now issued with the 11×10½ perforation, while the 4c, 6c, 8c and 9c are still current with the 10×10. The 7c is likely 10×10. During March, two new offices augmented the roll and 7 new varieties were ordered. Following is a list of the new issues to be expected, having been ordered from the Bureau during February and March.

February, 1927

Newark—3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10c ordinary.
Cleveland—7, 8c, ordinary.
Rochester—1½, 3c ordinary.
Davenport—3c ordinary.
Detroit—7c ordinary.
Tonawanda—1½c ordinary.

March, 1927

Indianapolis—7, 8, 9c ordinary.
New York—3c coil.
Saint Louis—2c ordinary.
Evanston—1½c coil.
Gloucester—1½c coil.

Part II—The Illustrations

Marshalltown, Iowa.—Replaces an electroplate of caps and lower case type, which always produced a neat and striking overprint, with a new style plate that is coming into prominence. Other cities now precancelling with a similar cancellation are Jacksonville, Fla., Los Angeles, and Kansas City, Mo.

Denver, Colo.—Which has had in constant use, the large U-1 style for 15 years is in receipt of a new plate. The illustrated cancellation is a decided improvement over the old and should result in a considerable saving of ink.

Sandy Creek, N. Y.—Differs only from Marshalltown in the fact that the type is lower case. However, I believe the cancellation to have been type-set locally, and not produced from an electroplate. I have seen it only on the 1½c perf. 10 rotary.

Part III—Miscellaneous

Ashville, N. C., has received its first electro. Prof. Gamber reports the cancellation to be of the same type as that of the new Denver.

Kent, Ohio, is using a new handstamp of thick capitals, spaced, between bars. The same general type is also in use at the following offices: Alva, Okla., Athens, O., Wooster, O., and Vale, Oregon.

North East, Pa., is precancelling with the U-53 handstamp. Have noticed it only on the ½ cent, which was shown me by Benjamin D. Hedding.

Millington, Mich., on the ½ cent, as well as Circleville, Kansas, are also shown to me by Mr. Hedding, and appear in the U-53 style.

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Hubbard, Texas, precancels are appearing in the U-51 type. Type I listed in the 1926 catalog, is probably a provisional roller cancellation.

Conclusion.—To Messrs. N. R. and W. B. Hoover, and Francis F. Greeley much credit is to be given for the compilation and publication of a very interesting little booklet called the "A B C of Precancel Collecting." It will introduce to any one the facts of the precancelling hobby and enable one to make an intelligent start. I shall be glad to forward, without cost, this booklet to any reader, upon receipt of four cents postage.

TEXAN ON TOUR

Mr. Edward W. Heusinger, San Antonio, Texas, whose allegiance to philately for many years has been unwavering, recently made a trip to Cleveland to attend a trade convention. A stay in Chicago allowed him the opportunity to renew acquaintances that were made in that city when he visited it in 1892. Thirty years ago, Mr. Heusinger was about as industrious a correspondent as could be imagined and he and some other collectors who were stimulated by his example placed his state in the live list of philatelic communities. Mr. Heusinger is a general collector who seems to ignore nothing as his albums contain postal cards, Russian and German locals, foreign revenues and other offshoots, as they are regarded today. The album problem with him is a difficult one, but he seems to have mastered it. Mr. Heusinger says that the convention of the Texas Philatelic Association held April 23, 1927, in San Antonio, was a pleasant occasion; and that in addition to the social diversions, exhibits that attracted favorable attention were made by Mr. Pfeuffer, German states; Mr. Flick, Hayti, and Mr. Heusinger, U. S.

ROBBERY IN NEWARK

We are advised by Dr. Samuel Konwiser that the Newark Stamp & Coin Company, 86 Park Place, was robbed early on the morning of May 25th. The criminals succeeded in breaking open the safe and they played havoc with its contents; and while the inventory of losses has not been made, it is evident that foreign stamps were not in the minds of the thieves as little in that class was taken. The total loss of about three thousand dollars was comprised largely of sheets of recent U. S. commemorative issues. For instance, a thousand sets of Lexington-Concord in sheets and 2,000 sets of Wallon, etc. A general lot of U. S., mint and on cover was stolen in addition and several trays of coins and foreign bonds and stocks, as well, were among the missing items. Dealers and collectors should keep their eyes peeled for the culprits.

WELL WRITTEN

We are indebted to Dr. Homer P. Macnamara, Springfield, Illinois, for a copy of the *Illinois State Register*, dated May 29, 1927, wherein there is a readable article, headed, "Local Postoffice Worker Has Great Collection of Air Mail Stamps, Envelopes." That the account is a timely one is shown from the start; and we shall make way for a good part of it. The letter from King George's secretary is the best sort of material for collectors and the public, and the fact that the preferred cover was returned gives it a special news value, so to say. Judge for yourself:

"W. A. Steiger, chief information clerk at the local postoffice and personal friend of Captain Charles Lindbergh, is the proudest man in Springfield with one of the greatest collections of air mail stamps and envelopes in this section of the country. Not only has Mr. Steiger a large collection of air mail stamps and envelopes, but he has several letters endorsed by Captain Lindbergh himself while he was a pilot on the St. Louis to Chicago air mail route before making his epochal non-stop flight from New York to Paris.

The prize of the collection and one of the most interesting letters ever collected by a stamp fan is an air mail letter addressed to His Majesty King George V of England and containing the signature of Captain Lindbergh as the pilot that sent the letter on its way. The letter, one of the first air mail consignments to be sent from this city is encased in one of the Abraham Lincoln envelopes with a ten-cent air mail stamp plate 18248 and a special Lexington-Concord five-cent stamp commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the famous Lexington-Concord battle of the Revolutionary war.

The letter containing greetings to His Majesty from Springfield and also an air-mail route map of the United States was received and the envelope returned to Mr. Steiger together with a letter from the secretary to the king which was as follows:

WINDSOR CASTLE, May 2, 1926.

"Dear Sir:

"I am commanded to express the king's sincere thanks for the autographed envelope and stamps of the first flight of the Chicago to St. Louis route, air mail, which you so kindly sent his majesty. As, however, the king's collection is restricted to stamps of the British Empire, his majesty will not deprive you of these interesting specimens and I am therefore returning the envelope by registered post. The king further thanks you for the air route map of the United States of America forwarded with your letter of April 15.

"Yours very faithfully,

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 ter No. 18, held Wednesday evening,
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 commendation were made:—

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 Henden, N. Y., and Dr. S. G. Keller,

It was recommended that in the future,
 desiring the Convention, be placed
 the ballot the same as officers and
 for by the membership at large,
 saving the time of the Convention
 giving the members a direct vote on
 very important piece of legislation.

Chapter 18 endorses Philip H. Ward,
 plea to the Postmaster General
 Governor Fisher of Penn., for a
 "Squid" Commemorative Stamp for
 Vey Forge, one of the great shrines
 American Independence.

Chapter 18 further suggests to the
 Postmaster General a stamp or set of
 stamps to commemorate the great ex-
 plode of the "Columbus of the Air,"

Cat. Charles Lindbergh, as a fitting
 tribute to that intrepid United States Air
 Pilot.

Mr. Eugene Lindaner was unani-
 mously elected as Assistant Sale Mana-
 ger of Chapter 18.

Mr. Eugene Klein, our able expert,
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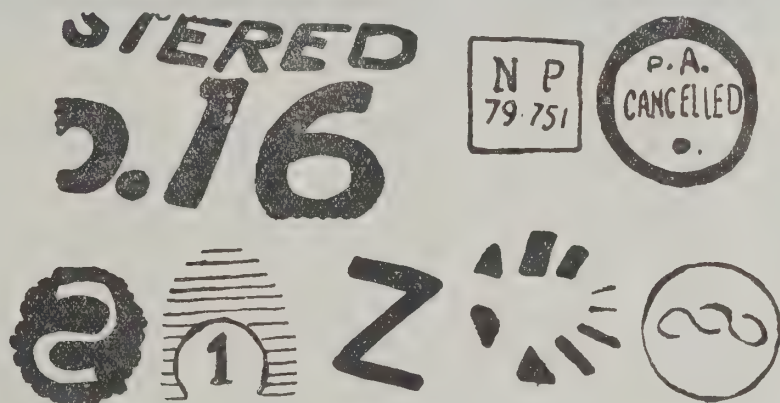
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The first one shown above was sent by
 Mr. Karl Koslowski. Of course it's not
 all there. It is on a pair of 6c Continental
 stamps and is so different from any other
 registered cancellation that it may well
 be unique. Can anyone tell us anything
 about it?

The next two are on stamps later than
 1900, but are so odd that the temptation
 to show them was too great. The little
 square containing the letters and figures
 is on a 1c 1917. Looks like some of the
 numbers on automobile license plates,
 but of course it's not. The next one is
 on a 2c and 10c 1922 on a small piece of
 cover, not large enough to show any-
 thing except the stamps, with this purple
 cancellation on them. Why anyone would
 cut such an item as this out of the cover
 carrying it is a mystery. A few years
 ago, before postal markings were spe-
 cially noticed, it might have been ex-
 pected, but in these days it seems strange
 that all the identification marks should
 have been removed.

Can anyone send duplicates of either
 of these on covers or tell us anything
 about where, why, or when they were
 used.

They were sent by Mrs. Wm. Hudgins,
 who also sent the next four, and several
 other interesting items.

The 4th and 5th are on 2c 1890. The
 reversed S is just another example of the
 mistake made by someone who tried to
 save money by whittling out his own.

The 5th is in purple ink and while it is
 somewhat similar to other barred ellip-
 tical cancellers of the period, differs in
 the fineness and number of the horizontal
 lines. Can anyone tell where it was
 used, or show a cover on which it
 appears?

No. 6 is on a piece of cover postmarked
 Ulysses, Nebr., and the stamp is also a 2c
 1890. The Z is probably the initial of
 the postmaster and this letter is seen so
 infrequently that it is worthy of notice.
 No. 7 is on a 2c 1895 on a piece showing
 the postmark Stockham, Nebr. These
 markings seem to indicate that the post-
 masters out in that state were not in a
 hurry to abandon their individuality and
 permit themselves to be swallowed up by
 the wave of standardization emanating
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 of that standardization displaced by some
 of the old-time freedom of choice now.

The last illustration was sent by Mr.
 George R. Cooley and is on a cover post-
 marked Westford, N. Y., and is one of
 the very few examples of the use of the
 Odd Fellows' emblem known. It must be
 rare from this little town. The stamp is
 a 3c 1857.

Referring to the "Ever Green" cancel-
 lation shown a short time ago, Mr. A. C.
 LeDuc writes that he remembers having
 seen it, and thinks it was in connection
 with the Columbian issue or some of
 them. He suggests that it may have been
 used at the Ever Green School for the
 Blind at Baltimore, where there may have
 been a branch post office or sub-station.
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 timore collectors to do some investigating
 "for the good of the order." Who will
 volunteer? It ought not to be a very
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 such a long time ago that it was used,
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drawal from sale of the 2½d Antigua,
and states that it should have been given
as Feb. 28, 1927.

—We are informed of the recent death
of Mr. Ivar Sonnee, owner and manager
of the Sonnee Stamp Co. of St. Paul,
Minn.

—To the list of delegates nominated to
Nottingham Congress, 1927, of the Phila-
telic Congresses of Great Britain, we are
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HISTORY ON SWISS STAMPS

By WILLIAM BORK.

There are few countries whose stamp
issues present as nearly complete a his-
tory as those of Switzerland show of
theirs. The main postal issues of the
country have some claim to historical
value, but it is in the semi-postal issues
that one can find the greatest wealth of
background upon which to base a study
of the country's history. On these stamps
there are shown twenty-five different
shields, in addition to a number of cop-
ies of the federal shield. Behind each
one of these is an interesting history,
if one can search it out. My work along
this line has so far been elementary and
only on the surface in nearly all cases,
but already it is complete enough to give
a short history of the country as it is
today composed of French, Italian and
German peoples.

How many Americans know that their
present system of referendum on laws
was put into practice successfully almost
a century ago in Switzerland and was
the outgrowth of the district assemblages
of landowners whenever an important
question was to be considered. I found
this out when I first began to investigate
Swiss history.

The earliest written history of Switzer-
land is to be found in Caesar's commen-
taries in which he tells of the Helvetic
campaign and in other works of Roman
writers. From here we have a story of
many invasions by less civilized people
and then the feudal state of the middle
ages during which time the whole or most
of modern Switzerland was part of the
Holy Roman Empire. In 1291 came the
formation of the Forest cantons in a
perpetual league, which was the nucleus
of today's Switzerland.

This first league was formed against
Austria and the first test of strength
came in 1315, when the Hapsburg family
sent a great force of armored knights to
subject the revolted Swiss. These troops
attempted to enter the forest cantons by
way of the pass of Morgarten, and were
very badly defeated by the Swiss patriots,
who first let loose a deluge of stones and

tree trunks on the oncoming host and
then charged on them with their lances
made by tying scythes to their alpen-
stocks. The next great Swiss victory
was at Sempach, in 1386, where they
showed Austria they meant to keep their
freedom. At the time of the battle of
Sempach there were eight cantons. In
1513 there were 13 cantons. The Swiss
were then recognized as the greatest pike-
men of the world. They had defeated
Charles the Bold of Burgundy and his
forces twice in 1476, at Granson and
Morat (Murten). And in 1499 their in-
dependence of the empire was practically
a reality, although it was not until 1648
that it was formally granted by the
Treaty of Westphalia.

During the fifteenth century the Swiss
fought not only in self defense, but for
conquest. In this way they gained con-
trol of Aargau, Thurgau, Tessin, and
then by consent, other cantons were
added as confederates, but not as cantons
with a vote in the central government.
The Reformation caused not a few strug-
gles within the country, and for a time,
east and west Switzerland were divided
on the question of Protestantism and
Catholicism. International difficulties with
government and religion kept them occu-
pied until 1798, when the French seized
the whole country and formed a terri-
tory of it, called the Helvetic Republic.
It was closely allied with France and its
"directors" were practically named at
Paris. In 1815, by the treaties of Vienna,
Switzerland was granted her independ-
ence. In 1830, at the same time as the
French revolted, the Swiss undertook a
wholesale "housecleaning" which was
about completed in 1848 when the 19
whole cantons and 6 half-cantons set up
stable "state" governments and took on
their present form.

The coats of arms on the charity
stamps are as follows:

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neva, 1815.

Issue of 1919:—
7½ cent—Canton, Unterwalden,
10 cent—Canton Waadt (Vaud),
sanne, 1803.

15 cent—Canton Unterwalden, 1815.
There are two Unterwalden, the
Obwald, composes the larger part of
canton and is above the heavy forest.
Nidwald which composes only the
eastern part of the whole. Each has
separate government as has each of
the United States. I have not been
to find out which of the two coal
arms is which. Stanz is the capital
Nidwald, and Sarnen, of Obwald.
two Unterwalden, Uri and Schwyz
1921 formed the Bünde (League) of
Waldstätten (Forest Cantons) which
was the beginning of modern Switzer-
land. Wilhelm Tell, the legendary
was in the thick of those adventures
which finally caused the league against
Austria and other foreign oppression.
Freidrich von Schiller tells the his-
tory of these early alliances and of the
trials who formed the Bünde in his
helm Tell.

Issue of 1920:—
7½ cent—Canton Schwyz, Sch
1291.

10 cent—Canton Zürich, Zürich,
15 cent—Canton Tessin (Ticino),
lenz (Bellinzona), 1440 and 1450.

As cantons Bellinzona and Lugano
1798 and in 1803 was consolidated
form Canton Tessin. It was part of
Gallia Cisalpina of the Romans, and
overrun by the Ostergoths and during
the Middle Ages belonged to Milan.
conquered it finally in 1440 and all of
present canton was ruled by the con-
federated cantons by 1500. Disturbances
1876 and 1890, caused by the contest
the two main political parties within
state, had to be put down by federal
troops.

Issue of 1921:—
10 cent—Canton Wallis (Valais),
ten (Sion), 1815. The capital of
canton is the well known Roman city
Sedunum, which is mentioned by Caesar
in his commentaries.

20 cent—Canton Bern, Bern,
Bern means bear, which is the state
animal of the canton. At least until
recently a bear pen was maintained
government expense in the city and
baiting was an important form of en-
tainment.

Issue of 1922:—
5 cent—Canton Zug, Zug, 1352.
10 cent—Freiburg (Fribourg),
burg in Uchtlande, 1461.
20 cent—Canton Luzern (Lucerne),
Luzern, 1332.

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| 1 1/2d | Type I Black | .25 .25 |
| 2d | Type I Black | .30 .20 |
| 3d | Type I Black | .40 .30 |
| 4d | Type I Black | .45 .35 |
| 5d | Type I Black | .50 .40 |
| 6d | Type I Black | .60 .50 |
| 7d | Type I Black | .70 .60 |
| 8d | Type I Black | .80 .70 |
| 9d | Type I Black | .90 .80 |
| 10d | Type I Black | 1.00 .90 |
| 11d | Type I Black | 1.10 .95 |
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| 14d | Type I Black | 1.40 1.20 |
| 15d | Type I Black | 1.50 1.30 |
| 16d | Type I Black | 1.60 1.40 |
| 17d | Type I Black | 1.70 1.50 |
| 18d | Type I Black | 1.80 1.60 |
| 19d | Type I Black | 1.90 1.70 |
| 20d | Type I Black | 2.00 1.80 |
| 21d | Type I Black | 2.10 1.90 |
| 22d | Type I Black | 2.20 2.00 |
| 23d | Type I Black | 2.30 2.10 |
| 24d | Type I Black | 2.40 2.20 |
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| 50d | Type I Black | 5.00 4.80 |
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| 52d | Type I Black | 5.20 5.00 |
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| 90d | Type I Black | 9.00 8.80 |
| 91d | Type I Black | 9.10 8.90 |
| 92d | Type I Black | 9.20 9.00 |
| 93d | Type I Black | 9.30 9.10 |
| 94d | Type I Black | 9.40 9.20 |
| 95d | Type I Black | 9.50 9.30 |
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 2 cent—Canton Neuenburg, Neuen-
 burg (Neuchâtel), 1815.

June of 1924:—
 5 cent—Canton Appenzell, 1452 is the
 first of the first alliance with the cantons
 and 1513 marks the date of the final
 union.
 1 cent—Canton Solothurn, Solothurn,
 1818.
 2 cent—Canton Schaffhausen, Schaff-
 hausen. A confederate in 1454 and a
 union in 1501.

June of 1925:—
 5 cent—Canton Sankt Gallen (St.
 Gallen), St. Gallen. Parts of this canton
 joined the confederacy in the 15th and
 16th centuries and the final status of a
 union was allowed it in 1803.

1 cent—Canton Appenzell, 1452, a con-

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CANAL ZONE--MORE ERRORS

By HARRY E. HUBER.

Panama overprinted stamps and stationery which had been used in the Canal Zone for almost 20 years (from December 12, 1904), as the result of the modus vivendi promulgated by Secretary of War, William H. Taft, at Panama City, on December 3, 1904, were replaced on July 1, 1924, by U. S. stamps and stationery similarly marked.

The first consignment of stamps overprinted "CANAL ZONE" (flat "A" type) in two lines horizontally, by the Bureau of Engraving & Printing, Washington, D. C., was received on the Isthmus early in 1924, and comprised quantities estimated by the Director of Posts of the Canal Zone, as sufficient for a year's needs, \$109,250. Panama overprinted stamps to the value of \$93,523.29 and \$95,458.07, respectively, were sold in 1923 and 1924.

| Postage stamps— | | | |
|-----------------|---------|-----------|----------|
| Series of | Sheets | Stamps. | Value. |
| 1922-23. | of 100. | | |
| 1c, | 10,000 | 1,000,000 | \$10,000 |
| 2c, | 15,000 | 1,500,000 | 30,000 |
| 5c, | 5,000 | 500,000 | 25,000 |
| 10c, | 1,000 | 100,000 | 10,000 |
| 12c, | 500 | 50,000 | 6,000 |
| 15c, | 250 | 25,000 | 3,750 |
| 30c, | 400 | 40,000 | 12,000 |
| 50c, | 50 | 5,000 | 2,500 |
| \$1, | 100* | 10,000 | 10,000 |

| | | | |
|---------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| | <u>32,300</u> | <u>3,230,000</u> | <u>\$109,250</u> |
| Postage due stamps— | | | |
| 1c, | 100 | 10,000 | \$ 100 |
| 2c, | 250 | 25,000 | 500 |
| 10c, | 300 | 30,000 | 3,000 |
| | <u>650</u> | <u>65,000</u> | <u>\$3,600</u> |

* The \$1 was printed in sheets of 200; the other values in sheets of 400.

As the design is treated vertically on the 1c to 15c, and horizontally on the 30c, 50c and \$1, two sets of overprint plates, spaced differently, were required. No errors have been reported on the horizontal, and only three on the vertical rectangular stamps of the first printing.

1c Overprint Inverted.—As all the vertical rectangular stamps were overprinted in imperforate sheets of 400 before being perforated and separated into Post Office sheets of 100, originally there must have been a complete sheet of 400 of the 1c with inverted overprint. However, the only errors known are from the sheet of 100 sold by the Cristobal Post Office in March, 1925.

1c and 12c CANAL normal, ZONE Inverted.—This error occurred on No. 30 of the lower left pane of the 400 stamp sheet. As 2,500 sheets of (400) of the 1c and 125 sheets (of 400) of the 12c were overprinted, 2,500 and 125 respectively of these errors should exist, if all sheets were overprinted from the same overprint plate, or if the plate was in this defective state throughout the printing of these two values. That it was not so is evident from the fact that only 100 of the 1c errors are known, and a considerably

less number of the 12c. The former was reported in October, 1925, and the latter in June, 1926.

For more detailed particulars of the errors in the first consignment, reference should be made to my article in the M. W. S. N. of July 25, 1926. No further errors have been reported in this printing, nor have any new facts concerning these three errors come to light.

On all stamps of the first consignment, vertical as well as horizontal rectangular in shape, the letter "A" of "CANAL" has a flat top, as distinguished from the sharp "A", which made its first appearance on the 3c issued June 27, 1925.

Between July 1, 1924, and June 30, 1925, stamps to the value of \$218,500, almost a two years' supply, comprising 5,780,000 postage, and 130,000 due stamps, were dispatched to the Isthmus from Washington:—

| Postage stamps— | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------|----------|
| Series of
1922-23. | Sheets
of 100. | Stamps. | Value. |
| 1c, | 10,000 | 1,000,000 | \$10,000 |
| 1c in books, | 1,000* | 360,000 | 3,600 |
| 2c, | 15,000 | 1,500,000 | 30,000 |
| 2c in books, | 2,333⅓* | 840,000 | 16,800 |
| 3c, | 2,000 | 200,000 | 6,000 |
| 5c, | 5,000 | 500,000 | 25,000 |
| 10c, | 1,000 | 100,000 | 10,000 |
| 12c, | 1,300 | 130,000 | 15,600 |
| 14c, | 1,000 | 100,000 | 14,000 |
| 15c, | 1,300 | 130,000 | 19,500 |
| 30c, | 500 | 50,000 | 15,000 |
| 50c, | 500 | 50,000 | 25,000 |
| \$1, | 200 | 20,000 | 20,000 |

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|---------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| Series 1925— | | | |
| ½c, | 4,000 | 400,000 | 2,000 |
| 1½c, | 4,000 | 400,000 | 6,000 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 49,133⅓ | 5,780,000 | \$218,500 |
| Postage due stamps— | | | |
| 1c, | 300 | 30,000 | 300 |
| 2c, | 500 | 50,000 | 1,000 |
| 10c, | 500 | 50,000 | 5,000 |

* The booklet stamps were printed in sheets of 360 and issued in October, 1925.

The 1/2c and 1 1/2c were issued on April 15, 1925, and the 3c and 14c on June 27, 1925. All four, vertical rectangular in shape, were overprinted on imperforate sheets of 400 (in red on the 1/2c and black on other values), before being perforated and separated into Post Office sheets of 100.

Actual sales of overprinted United States stamps for the year ending June 30, 1925, amounted to \$110,014.08, in which sum were included sales from the original lot received early in 1924, as well as from those which came to hand during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925.

In the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, the sale of Canal Zone overprinted U. S. postage stamps amounted to \$113,657.74, and in the same period 2,370,000 (\$76,400.) postage and 150,000 (\$6,500.) due stamps were received from Washington.

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| 1765, blue Off. Seal | .35 |
| 1951, 10c ultramarine Reg. | 1.00 |
| 223, 2c bright claret Dues | .65 |
| 2238, 1c deep claret Dues | .30 |
| 2239, 2c deep claret Dues | .30 |
| 262, 5c lake Dues, 2mm | 2.40 |
| 262, 5c lake Dues, 3mm | 2.85 |
| 273, 50c carmine, 3mm | 3.25 |
| 3708, 5c blue Western Un. | .50 |
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|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------|----------|--|
| Series of | Sheets | | | |
| 1922-23. | of 100. | Stamps. | Value. | |
| 2c, | 10,000 | 1,000,000 | \$10,000 | |
| 2c in books, | 1,166 $\frac{2}{3}$ * | 420,000 | 8,400 | |
| 5c, | 5,000 | 500,000 | 25,000 | |
| 20c, | 500 | 50,000 | 10,000 | |

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|---------------------------|------------|-----------|----------|
| <i>Series of 1925—</i> | | | |
| 17c, | 1,000 | 100,000 | 17,000 |
| <i>Comm. series 1926—</i> | | | |
| 2c Liberty Bell, | 3,000 | 300,000 | 6,000 |
| | | | <hr/> |
| | 20 666 2/3 | 2 370 000 | \$76 400 |

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|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 20,660 ⁷³ | 2,370,000 | \$16,400 |
| <i>Postage due stamps—</i> | | | |
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EDITORIAL

It has remained for Arthur C.
Lueder, postmaster of Chicago, to in-
stitute a progressive step that will re-
bound to the benefit of the public and
we should say that he is the first officer
of high standing in the postal depart-
ment to realize that the story of the
postal service has its fascinations for
the people. Postmaster Lueder has been
quick to see that the task of interesting
the public in the affairs of the post office,
a work to which he dedicated himself
soon after he was appointed to office,
could be effected more readily by cloth-
ing his story in appealing guise. Dis-
missing the matter-of-fact tone that in-
structions to the people were introduced
with, he has encouraged all mediums for
the dissemination of postal news in at-
tractive settings. His course is one that
is in accordance with the ideas that we

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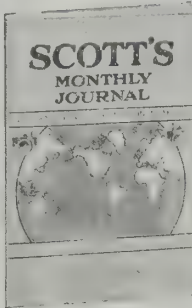
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and accurately described.

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of this new series. Be sure to have your subscription start with the April issue. [if

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have expressed which, in effect, are that
the account of our postal growth is one
to engage the ear of almost anyone and
we are glad to see the evidence of ac-
tion as submitted by Mr. Lueder in the
following circular that he has issued
from the Chicago post office.

* * *

The hope arises that the post office
department may find some way by which
it could secure the services of lecturers
upon its past, present and future accom-
plishments, who would be available for
dates before luncheon and other clubs.
A talk of the kind could be polished off
so that it would prove much more accept-
able than some of the addresses that are
given by speakers. We hope the time
will come when the demand for special
talks on postal topics will be the rule
rather than the exception. This is the
Lueder letter: "Our educational work in
the schools has aroused such interest in
the postal service that many of the in-
structors are assigning it to the students
as a subject for themes. This is particu-
larly true in high schools. A few days
ago, a young man in search of material
asked when the special delivery service
was begun. In digging up the data for
him, we came across the following in-
formation about the postal service which
we think will be as interesting to you as
it was to us. Following are the dates
on which the most important features
of the postal service were adopted:
Postage stamps—July 1, 1847. Embossed
stamped envelopes—July 3, 1853. Reg-
istered matter—July 1, 1855. Newspaper
wrappers—February 1, 1861. Free city
delivery service—July 1, 1863. (The above
date is in dispute. Which is it, 1863 or
1864?) Domestic money orders—No-
vember 1, 1864. International money
orders—September 1, 1869. Postal cards
—May 1, 1873. Pound rate of postage
for newspapers and periodicals under
second class entry—January 1, 1875.
Special delivery service—August 4, 1886.
International parcel post—September 15,
1887. Free rural delivery service—July
1, 1897. Postal savings system—August
1, 1911. Domestic parcel post—January
1, 1913. Air mail service—May 15, 1918.
Although postal service of some sort has
existed since the dawn of civilization, it
is interesting to note that every one of
these additions, now considered essential
parts of the service, has been in operation

less than eighty years. It is indeed an
interesting field of speculation to con-
template what progress shall take place
in the next eighty years and what our
contribution to that progress will be."

* * *

In view of the query marking the
date of introduction of free city delivery
service, in Postmaster Lueder's com-
pilation, the following summary from
the Act of March 3, 1863, applicable to
"letter-carriers" seems to establish 1863
as the year of the adoption of the sys-
tem: Letter-carriers shall be employed as
the Postmaster-General shall direct, at
a compensation not exceeding \$800 a
year, which may be increased to \$1,000
at offices where the income will allow,
on proof of the carrier's fidelity, dili-
gence and experience. Carriers must
give bond. Deliveries shall be made as
frequently as the public interest shall
require. No carrier's fee or extra post-
age shall be charged on letters delivered
or collected by carriers. Separate ac-
counts must be kept of the expenses of
the carrier service, and of the receipts
from local mail matter; and all such ex-
penses must be paid from the income
of the office employing the carriers." We
think that it has been definitely settled
that 1863 was the year in which the de-
livery plan was placed in operation. In
Rees' "Footprints of a Letter-Carrier,"
published in Philadelphia in 1866, we
read that subsequent to the passing of
this Act, in 1862, attempts were made to
have the \$800 replaced by \$1,000, "urged
by applicants in consequence of the high
price of provisions." However, the car-
riers were not encouraged in their de-
mands, because "in 1864 they were coolly
informed that there were plenty of peo-
ple outside ready to step inside at the
same salary." If the statement is true,
it is one that was cavalier enough when
directed at a group of alert and intelli-
gent men who work with a will.

* * *

The Lindbergh achievement of the
century has not been without its ripple
on the placid waters of philately; indeed,
it may be said that it has started a wave
that may gain momentum as it goes
along. The following communication
from A. F. Henkels, president of the
Philadelphia Stamp Club, was received
and the briefest mention was made of
the news in last week's paper: "At the

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Lindaur that the Club take the pre-
steps to request the Post Office Dep-
ment of the United States to issue
or more stamps to commemorate
world-famous and unparalleled achiev-
ment of Captain Charles Lindbergh
his epoch-making flight from New Y-
to Paris. President Henkels appoint-
Dr. Eugene Lindaur, E. A. Bick-
Percy McG. Mann and Philip Dengle
committee to open the proper nego-
tations to that effect; and the comm-
started to function at once." We
dict that the suggestion of the Phila-
phia folks will attract much atten-
and that it will receive decided appro-
by many people is certain. Whether
department will encourage a request
if granted might be stretched to tre-
on the tradition that no honor by a
page stamp may be paid a living celeb-
is something to ponder. At any r-
Philadelphia proves that it is wide aw-
and possesses a sharp philatelic eye.

* * *

There has been a huge volume
publicity given by the newspapers
otherwise to air mail covers that w-
signed by Lindbergh as pilot when
was a flier on the St. Louis-Chicago
route that started business on April
1926. In five different newspapers h-
illustrations been seen of such envelo-
which now possess an overwhelming
terest and of which comparatively
are available. Perhaps a single do-
would be too liberal an estimate of
number. Chicago and New York ne-
papers have shown reproductions
these covers which were accompanied
text more or less appropriate to the
casation. In Chicago, Mr. A. Hipp-
and Mr. Max Golding are proud own-
of covers that are now in their hey-
and which were flown on the first d-
April 15, 1926, to Peoria and Chic-
respectively, from Springfield, Ill-
Both of the envelopes bear the endor-
ment of William H. Conkling, Postm-
ter of Springfield, Ill., and C. A. Li-
bergh, Pilot. Too, Mr. Golding has
letter that was carried by Lindbergh
September 15, 1926, when his pla-
burned and he jumped thousands of f-
near Ottawa, Illinois. The plane was
wrecked, but the mail was saved; and
salvaged letters were stamped to sh-
that they had come a cropper. As w-
the Lindbergh letters were in great
mand as window displays. Captain Li-
bergh little knew that his signature w-
make the letters that he marked in t-
wise, worth their weight in gold.



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A group of three small islands (Grand Cayman, Little Cayman and Cayman Brac) in the Caribbean Sea under the government of Jamaica, from which they are about 200 miles distant. They have a total area of 225 square miles and a population of about 6,000. The islands were discovered by Columbus in 1494



and named "Las Tortugas" by him on account of the numbers of turtles found there. Turtle fishing is still the staple industry of the islanders. Prior to 1900 this small group managed without its own postage stamps, but in that year special 1/2d and 1d values were issued, and these were followed by a more extensive set in the year 1901.

Cancelled-to-Order

A term applied to stamps which are sold in a cancelled condition, and which have never performed any postal duty. Whole sheets of stamps, usually with the original gum still adhering, are cancelled thus, either "by favor," for the benefit of collectors who insist on having used stamps, or so that the labels can be sold below face value. The issues of the British North Borneo Company from 1887 are notorious examples of the latter class of cancelled-to-order stamps. Sometimes, too, remainders have been cancelled so that they could be sold for a mere fraction of their original facial value, as in the case of the remainders of the St. Helena stamps. Fortunately, in the majority of cases, the marks employed for obliterating stamps of this kind differ materially from the cancellations applied to stamps which have been legitimately used for postal purposes.

Stamp News for the Juniors

Is there anything you want to know about stamps or stamp collecting? If so, write the editor. What would you like to see in this department? We have no way of knowing unless you tell us. Mr. Senior Collector, can't you give the boy collector about 50 words of encouragement along practical lines? Address your letter to the Beverly office.

Juniors—Please Note

During the absence of the Managing Editor in Europe, this page will be cared for by Editor Charles E. Severn, 713 Oxford Bldg., Chicago, Ill. He will render our Juniors any assistance that may be desired.

Junior Activities

—Arthur J. Holmes says that he found a ten-cent green U. S., 1861 issue, on a letter and he intends to keep the stamp on the cover. The idea is a good one.

—Ray McMahon is only eight years old, but he has about four thousand stamps, including "some rare Japan." We hope that these Japanese are not the counterfeits such as are sold to tourists and others in Japan and elsewhere.

—Dwight G. Holtz wants to know what picture is on the 50c black of Peru; it represents the Lima post office.

—A junior, Lionel R. Richards, writes from London enclosing a half dozen or so British colonials asking that the stamps be given some boy in this country. It was not difficult to comply with Lionel's wish.

—Marvin Smith says that "when school is over he will have more time to give to his collection." That is the right spirit and we hope that Marvin passes for sixth grade.

—Juniors must give attention to condition because a few stamps in fine shape are more sightly than many more that are dirty and dog-eared. Common stamps in proper condition gain the respect even of the adult collector.

—Arthur Norris inquires whether the dog shown on the Newfoundland 1/2 cent is "some famous one." We have always understood that no particular dog posed for the portrait but that the animal is just a dog of the Newfoundland genus.

—Harry Garrett and Charles L. Loomis asks how to organize a stamp club among their friends; and we refer them to recent instructions in this regard that have appeared recently in this paper.

—Donald G. Jacks sends a story of Papua that he wrote for our benefit that is based on a book that he read recently describing this remote region, which is interesting even though it has little to say about the stamps of British New Guinea, as Papua was formerly known.

—Carter Albright is informed that the official imitations of the stamps of Alsace and Lorraine were made in 1885 and that if his 1c unused came from a collection made before this date, it is probably genuine.

—L. L. G. is only eight, but he asks who the "ladies are on the Luxemburg stamps." In 1914, the portrait of Grand Duchess Marie Adelaide was shown and in 1921, that of Grand Duchess Charlotte.

—The boys of the Palmer Club of Chicago have voted to buy the great book on stamps recently published by the Century Company, "The Pageant of Civilization." It will prove good reading and money well spent.

—There are three sisters in New York, aged eight, ten and fourteen years, respectively, and named Dorothy, Mildred and Ann Stillman, each of whom has a stamp collection. They like this column and want to see more girls' names in it.

—Philip Stacy sends a Turkish stamp for identification and his mother encloses a note in the letter to say that she encourages Philip in his stamp work. She says that he has gained much information from his stamps.

—John Hebard was in Bahamas with his parents recently and had the satisfaction of buying many of the current stamps at the post office at Nassau, some of which he traded with boy friends when he returned home.

—School is nearly over and here and there a junior may lose interest for a

time in stamps, but our advice is to put the album away carefully and not try to sell it or give it away. Soon, the old stamp longing will reassert itself and then the stamps will look better than ever before.

—A teacher wrote that she has her pupils who are collectors show her any of the new stamps that they get; and that she often uses their stamps as the basis for a talk.

Another Egyptian Curio



Commemorating Intern. Cotton Congress.

He's for the Boys

Mr. Henry A. Diamant, St. Louis, recently was the subject of a large picture of himself and a page newspaper article in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat Magazine. A special writer discoursed on Mr. Diamant's long allegiance to stamps and paid him all sorts of honor as has been told on a previous occasion when we first spoke of the article. There is one point that cannot be too thoroughly emphasized and that is Mr. Diamant's sincere regard for boys and girls as collectors and he goes to great length to invite them to become stamp collectors. He has given many talks and lectures on stamps and he has broadcasted the merits of philately. We commend the last paragraphs in the interview to general notice:

"I am 65 years old," Diamant declares, "but I feel young and will remain young as long as I have this hobby, which is to me the best kind of recreation; and as long as I have contacts with boys who come to my house to learn about stamp collecting."

"A boy who starts a collection of stamps of different countries will soon want to know where these countries are on the map; he will want to learn where and under what circumstances the stamps were issued; and will often learn from the mottoes on the stamps much about the countries from which they come; so that stamp collecting is an educational thing, as well, for a boy."

Diamant is president of the St. Louis Stamp Collectors Society, and a life member of the American Philatelic Society. He is also a member of the Royal Philatelic Society of London.

"About the only thing that I have tried to collect during my lifetime is money," Diamant tells one, "and I don't suppose I have been as successful with that as with stamps."

Arvizkarosultaknak Kulon

An inscription found on the lower label of a special series of stamps issued in Hungary in November, 1913, the extra 2 filler charged for each being devoted to a fund for the relief of victims of



the flood of 1913. The literal translation is "For the flood sufferers, extra," which fully explains the use which was made of the extra 2 filler charged for each stamp.

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Junior Dictionary

Drijvenda Brandkast.—This inscription on a set of Holland stamps of curious design indicates their use on letters of certain declared value mailed in sinkable receptacles aboard Dutch mail steamers. The words mean simply "Floating Safe."

D. B. P.—These letters found on certain Russian stamps stand for "Dobro Vostochini Respublika" or "Republic of the Extreme East." In the disintegration of Russia and the establishment of the Trans-Baikalian Government under Gen. Semenov, Russian stamps of old régime were surcharged with letters D. V. R. in Russian script which appear like the English letters indicated.

Eastern Siberia.—An alternate name for the "Republic of the Extreme East" for which postage stamps were first issued in 1921. They bear the name of the country in an inscription in Russian "Dalni Vostochini Respublika."

East of Jordan.—A region east of the river Jordan in Palestine inhabited by Bedouin tribes or nomads for whom stamps were first issued in 1920, consisting of Palestine E. E. F. stamps overprinted in single line Arabic, "Sharki Erdon."

E. & C. Bothwell.—Clutha Mills. In the 1868 issue of Canada, parts of these letters may be found as watermark. They indicate the name of the firm that manufactured the paper.

E. E. F.—These letters on stamps issued for Palestine mean "Egyptian Expeditionary Force." The stamps were used late in the World War through that part of Palestine in British occupation, comprising an area of 9,000 square miles, all west of the Jordan, or 5,000 fewer than formerly, under Turkish rule. Stamps were first issued Feb. 10, 1918.

Estimaa.—Estonia as expressed in native dialect.

Eesti Post.—"Estonia postage." Eesti Post Virumaa.—Estonian stamps with this inscription are said to have been issued for Virumaa, a district in Estonia occupied by the Bolsheviks for a few weeks in the winter of 1918-19. They were not regularly authorized and are not recognized as genuine.

Eesti Vabariik.—Found on stamps of Estonia and means "Estonian Republic."

Ekaterinodar Issue.—The stamps of South Russia, Nos. 20 to 49, overprinted and surcharged at the order of General Denikin and Wrangel in Ekaterinodar.

Eleja.—A name applied to a local set of stamps said to have been used at Eleja, Latvia. The credentials of the set do not warrant a belief in their genuineness. Date of issue is described as Oct., 1919.

Encomendas Postais.—"Postal Parcels," an inscription found on Portuguese parcel post stamps.

HISTORY ON SWISS STAMPS

(Continued from page 345)
...ate and 1513 a canton.
...cent—Canton Graubünden (Gri-
...), Chur (Coire). Confederate in
... and a canton in 1803.
...ere are two cantons of Appenzell.
...one, Appenzell-Innerrhoden, has its
...at Appenzell. Its people are Ro-
... Catholic. It is composed of the
...theastern portion of the whole canton.
...rea is about one-fourth of the whole.
...other part is called Canton Appen-
...Auserrhoden. Its capital is Trogen.
...its people are German protestants. I
...ot know which of the two coats of
...is which.
...ue of 1926:—
...cent—Canton Thurgau (Thurgovie),
...enfeld, 1803.
...gent—Basel-Landschaft (Bale-Cam-
...), Liestal, 1501.
...cent—Canton Aargau (Argovie),
...au. A confederate in 1415 and a
...on, as at present, in 1803.
...ere are two cantons, or rather half-
...ons, of Basel. The one is Basel-city
...suburbs, and the other is the rest of
...canton known as Basel-country.
...ne Grisons shield on the 20 centimes
...e of 1925 has an interesting histori-
...background. The gray in the upper
...stands for the Bünde organized in
...and called the Grauer Bünde or Gray
...gue. In the upper right are the arms
...the Gotteshausbünd or League of
...s House, formed in 1396, the first of
...Bünden of the canton. The bottom
...ion of the shield stands for the last
...ue, which was organized in 1436 and
...ad the Zehngerichtenbünde or League
...Ten Jurisdictions. The first two
...ues joined the confederation in 1497-
...nd the third, in 1567 and the whole
...on was organized as such in 1803.
...people of this canton possess an an-
...t heritage in their language, which
...elated to the old tongue of the origi-
...Helvetii, the Latin of Caesar's sol-
...s and also has been influenced by the
...mans. The language is called Roman-
...sh and is the nearest relative of Latin
...ch still lives as a language, according
...ome authorities.
...he chronological order of the growth
...cantons is as follows: When two
...as are given the first is that of the
...on's alliance with the others and the
...is the date on which it became a full-
...leged member. Uri, Schwyz, Nidwald,
...dvald, 1291; Luzern, 1332; Zürich,
...rus, Zug, Bern, 1352; Freiburg, 1461;
...othurn, 1481; Basel, Schaffhausen,
...st; Appenzell and Schaffhausen were
...federates in 1454; Appenzell Canton,
...st; Grisons, 1497, 1803; St Gallen, 15
...r 16th centuries, 1803; Aargau, 1415,
...st; Thurgau conquered in 1460, can-
...to 1803; Tessin, 1440, 1803; Vaud, 1555,
...y conquest, 1803; Valais, 1416, 1815;
...ieva, 1526, 1815; Neuchâtel, 1815;
...at all rights to it were renounced by
...ussia in 1857.
...s regards the newest issue of the
...city stamps: I have just read that the
...on the thirty centime value is sup-
...posed to be the "Lion of Lucerne," a
...monument which is in Lucerne and was
...ected in honor of the famous Swiss
...Gards of Louis XVIII, who perished
...wn the French stormed the Tuilleries
...ely in the Revolution. The commen-
...tar whose remarks gave me this infor-
...mation adds that the beast on the stamp
...is rather poor one and I think so my-
...se. To me he looks sick enough to
...be been "stormed" by at least as many
...as took the unfortunate King Louis'
...place, despite all his brave guards could
...
...t is of interest to note that the first
...stmp of Switzerland, Basel's 2½ rap-
...pi 1845, bears the arms of Besel-Stadt.
...This same shield appears on the lowest
...ue of the 1923 Semi-Postals.
...eneva's stamps also bear a coat of
...ars, that of Geneva. On the Cantonal
...mps the shield is surmounted by the
...lin motto "Post Tenebras Lux" ("Af-
...t Darkness, Light"), which is itself
...s surmounted by the letters "IHS," evi-
...dently the initials of the well known
...nto of the Templars and also of Con-
...ntine's vision: "In hoc signo vinces"
... (this sign (the cross) you will con-
...qr). Both of these seem to have a

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THE IRRESISTIBLE APPEAL

By EDWIN B. HILL.

At the threshold, one might ask, in all simplicity, "What is charm?" It may be described as that indefinable something which grips the personality and makes for restful delight,—that indescribable something which calls each to his own—the fireside fisherman to his Walton,—the booklover to his books,—the collector to his stamps.
He who does not know the charm of stamp collecting has missed one of the greatest joys of life,—perhaps the most restful of all pleasures, considered from the standpoint of self. It is not to be inferred that self by this designation means selfishness. Preferably, it may be termed that part of one's inner consciousness dominant of culture, of which observation is the most direct attribute. Stamp collecting demands a fine appreciation, a tireless endeavor, an acute observation, a persistency and an integrity which make for character.
He who "collects" knows the eagerness with which the new catalogue is awaited,—the anticipated advent of a favorite philatelic paper,—the delight in the altogether unexpected auction catalogue,—

and, greater than the greatest of these, the unsurpassed pleasure of garnering in one's album the gap-filling stamp which has long eluded one's search,—always King Midas permitting. These are all charms indescribable.

Which of us older collectors does not remember most pleasurably and with a thrill living unto this day the first "Cape Triangular" which came to him! The joy,—the well-spring of romance! And who can ever forget rummaging amongst old letters and finding perhaps one or two beautiful gems to add to one's growing hundreds! How the eyes glowed! How the pulses beat! The joy of it,—the rapture! One did not think then what constituted the charm of stamp collecting,—the charm was so much a part of the life that it seemed a bit of the very essence of being,—a cause of and for existence.

The charm of stamp collecting includes also the fellowship of brother collectors and the rare joy of exchanging. Here, perhaps, one garners a needed Newfoundland or New Brunswick, or Canada, giving in its place a duplicate "U. S." or some other equally desirable stamp, never with the bargain idea, but always with that of equity.

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A dissertation on the charm of stamp collecting would be incomplete were one to neglect the pleasure of passing on some of one's accumulations to those who appreciate,—to the more humble collector who perhaps loves his stamps even more than you and I,—loves them and feasts his eyes on them, and feeds his soul! Let us not forget this, our brother, nor be ungenerous with our gifts.

There is also the charm of stamp collecting wholly indefinable. It dwells in the soul-sense,—the spiritual part of one's nature,—that Inner Shrine of which no man speaks but of which each man feels and knows and from which he draws sustenance equal to his daily needs.

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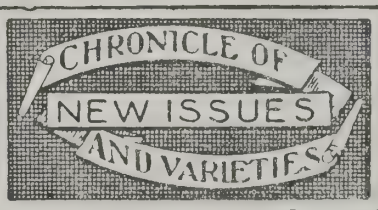
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United States**Proposed Lindbergh Stamp**

In this column last week, mention was made of the fact that Hon. Ernest R. Ackerman, Member of Congress from New Jersey, and a well known collector of United States stamps, wired the Postmaster General suggesting the issuing of a stamp in behalf of the trans-Atlantic flier. Mr. Ackerman favors me with a copy of his communication to the Postmaster General dated May 26th, from which I quote—

"Dear General New:—

I telegraphed you last evening as follows: "Because of Charles Lindbergh's postal service connections and as a fitting tribute to his intrepid courage I respectfully suggest Post Office Department immediately surcharge five hundred millions two-cent postage stamps "Hail Charles Lindbergh" and sell them to the public for three cents each the premium of one-cent on each stamp to be collected for account Red Cross Fund for Southern Flood Sufferers. Five millions of dollars for this worthy cause would thus be secured for those sorely afflicted Southerners

while fittingly commemorating epochal flight instanter. Whole world would become purchasers."

Captain Lindbergh's gracious act in giving the 150,000 francs presented to him to the families of the missing aviators is only an additional evidence of his high character.

Secretary Hoover says the Flood damage will amount to millions. The New York newspapers report interest in direct flood relief subscriptions lagging. Your acceptance of my suggestion would put vigor into the relief work and at the same time the burden upon the people would be "Nil" while the whole population of the U. S. would be glad to have a souvenir of this momentous occurrence. It is fitting to commemorate those who have passed to the great beyond by using their likeness on postage stamps. Why can we not create a precedent and do something for one who lives, in the manner I have indicated, for he has not only greatly strengthened the bonds of friendship between two great nations, but has by his courage, modesty and good sense contributed much to the welfare of the entire world.

With assurances of highest esteem, I am—

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Ernest R. Ackerman."

The Postmaster General was greatly interested in the subject and immediately had his assistants look up the law on the question. It had been decided that the Postmaster General has no authority to issue special stamps in this manner and in this way collect in behalf of the flood sufferers. It is believed that an Act of Congress is necessary to empower the Postmaster General to take such action. Under the circumstances, it is not thought at the present time that anything will be

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The Department regrets exceedingly that it cannot see its way clear to issue a stamp at this time, for never in the history of the Department has so many letters been received suggesting such variety. In fact, the whole country is anxious to see the Department honor young flier.

Revolutionary Commemorative Stamp

Since my report in issue of May 13 no further information is available relative to the stamp issued to commemorate the Battle of Bennington, which the Department will designate as the "Vermont Sesquicentennial Commemorative," the Burgoyne campaign variety. proofs as described are still awaiting formal approval and until this has been granted, the Bureau will not proceed with the making up of the plates.

In view of the fact that battles of importance are being commemorated, writer feels that the famous V. V. Forge campaign is worthy of commemoration. The 150th anniversary will be celebrated next year and I have addressed a communication upon the subject to Governor, Senators and one of the representatives of the State of Pennsylvania.

Senator David A. Reed writes the date of May 24th, "I think your suggestion is a good one," and that he will take it up with the Post Office Department at once.

Hon. George B. Darrow, Member of Congress from the 7th District of Pennsylvania, which includes Germantown, writes that he will be in Washington early in June and will take the matter up with the proper parties.

It is seldom that we have occasion to commemorate events of such importance and it would be an excellent idea if the Department would issue a commemorative series devoted to famous Revolutionary battles. This would answer numerous requests being received almost daily for a stamp to commemorate or that event.

New Rotary Compounds

Under date of May 28th, the last of the compounds was changed, so that from that date on, all of the rotary compounds turned out by the Bureau will be perforated 11x10½. Through error in my chronicle of May 30th, I overlooked mentioning that the 4c, which had previously been issued precancelled, had been placed on sale at the Agency in un-

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Flood Mail

Mr. W. L. Gardner sends me copy of a communication he has received from the Chief Clerk of the Railway Mail Service at Little Rock, upon the subject of mail interruption due to the flood. We are informed that on April 22nd and 24th an aeroplane carried mail from Little Rock to Batesville, one round trip being made on each day. During the three days of April 21st to 23rd inclusive, seven round trips were made between Little Rock and Memphis. On April 22nd only, one round trip was made to Clarksville.

We are informed that mail carried by plane did not receive a backstamp or any other marking to indicate that it was handled in this manner.

Under date of May 25th, the Post Office Department announced that Mr. Glover, the Second Assistant Postmaster General, was in Lafayette, La., viewing flood conditions, and that the Department is endeavoring in every way to keep intact the line of communications between marooned refugees exiled from their homes, and friends and loved ones outside of the flood zone.

The Department is confronted with a complete breakdown in east and west communication across the seventy-five mile lake that was once the Mississippi, leaving Memphis, Tenn., as the farthest south crossing for the transportation of mail between points in the south and those in Texas and further west states.

The Sunset Route has been the only link between these points for several weeks and it is expected that this will be discontinued very soon, leaving New Orleans isolated from the west. The Department has key men scattered all over the flood region with instructions to instantly adopt all possible expedients to keep the mail moving.

Mr. Glover reports that post offices under water are being supplied with mail out of Opelousas, Port Barre, Hazelwood, Leonville and Arnaudville. Postmasters are at refugee camps and supplying patrons by general delivery. The postmaster at Swayze Lake gets all mail by boat from Melville, while Levert is supplied from St. Martinville. Should they be cut off from these supply stations, arrangements have been made for mail to be carried from New Iberia. Boat service from Melville via Simmesport to Hamburg is supplying all intermediate offices. The crevasse break at McCrea will put out of business all post offices in parishes of Pointe Coupe, West Baton Rouge, Iberville and Saint Martin.

Freak Envelope

Mr. George H. Quintard has submitted for inspection a most unusual envelope, namely, a 2c Manila circular die A, size 13, unwatermarked, and in addition to the 2c stamp, we find a 1c oval die on the back partly over-lapping on the front. This envelope would be unusual even without the extra 1c, for it is on a peculiar type of manila paper different from any I have noted heretofore. The envelope bears the privately printed imprint of the Franklin Trust Company, 166 Montague St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

ABYSSINIA.—L'Echo de la Timbro- logie announces the appearance of the 1g on 12g purple and grey.

ALBANIA.—L'Echo de la Timbrologie informs us that they have received the two highest values of the current set with the surcharge Achmed and his Laurel Wreath, thus completing the series. The values are the 3fr brown and violet and the 5fr violet and black.

BULGARIA.—Whitfield King & Co. write that they have sent a new 6 levas stamp in blue and drab on the same design as the recently issued 10 levas. Their correspondent informs them that the 30 stot. and 4 levas stamps recently placed on sale are now obsolete.

Philatelic Bulletin prints the following: "Type 1—Further values are foretold in

the current *L'Exchangiste Universel*, viz., 30 and 50 stot. No further details yet at hand. The same journal states that the Postage Due stamps of the values 6, 10 and 12 leva will be issued shortly for official use. The values will not be sold to the public.

CHILE.—Mr. C. P. Carlson has sent for chronicle a letter carried on the first trip of the Valparaiso-Santiago air-mail service. The cover is franked by the 10c stamp of the Maipu Centenary issue surcharged "Correo Aereo" in a curved line at the top while at the base is "40 Centavos." Also there are two 5c stamps, one 10c, and two 20c stamps of the current issue used as additional postage.

CHINA.—Champion's Bulletin furnishes the information that two new provisionals will soon appear. They are the 9c on 10c and the 14c on 15c.

CUBA.—The Economist Stamp Co. have shown us a copy of a new 25c stamp issued to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Republic of Cuba. The stamp is of oblong format with a central figure of the shield of the Republic with two women, one at each side the one at the left with a trumpet in her left hand and the one at the right with a wreath in her right hand. At the top is the usual name of the country and "1902" in the upper left corner while the upper right has "1927." In each lower corner are the figures of value with the two line inscription "25 Anos de Republica" between. The color is violet.

DENMARK.—We are indebted to Mr. A. E. Pade who is at present in Aalborg for a copy of the new 7 on 200, red provisional. The date mark is May 16th last.

NETHERLANDS.—75th Anniversary Se- ries. The *Echo de la Timbrologie* confirms the report published in our issue of April 16, adding that the date of issue will be October 1st. On the other hand, Mr. P. Gordon, of Rotterdam, writes that nothing is known of the matter in official Dutch postal circles.

Red Cross Series. On March 5th we reported a coming Red Cross series, and on April 2nd we published a denial from Rotterdam. The "Echo," however, now confirms our original information, adding that June 15th will be the date of issue and that the colours and designs will be as under:

2+2c, orange and red (Queen Mother, Emma). 3+2c, yellow-green and red (William III). 5+3c, blue-green and red (Prince Consort). 10+3c, carmine and red (Queen Wilhelmina). 15+5c, blue and red (Red Cross Allegory). The printing will be large, except for the 3+2c, but no figures are stated.

LATER.—We learn that the Red Cross series was authorised by a Royal Decree of March 25th.

New Watermark. Experiments mentioned in our issue of March 5th have led to the adoption of a new watermark of short lines in multiple formation placed vertically, but no stamps on the new paper have yet appeared.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

POLAND.—The Economist Stamp Co. have shown us a new issue of this country in a 20gr value. The stamp is blue on buff paper and shows a youth with a lighted lamp in his hand. The name of the country is at the top and at the bottom within a frame are the words "Na Oswiate gr 5."

ROUMANIA.—Geographical Commemo- ratives. We illustrate the recent commemoratives by courtesy of Bright & Son.

Fiftieth Anniversary of Roumania In- dependence. According to *L'Echo*, a series will be issued during the current month commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of Roumanian Independence. It is understood that this series is being printed in Munich and will consist of twelve values, 25, 30, 50 bani, 1, 2, 3, 4.50, 5, 6, 7.50, 9 and 10 lei. Each stamp will bear the inscription, "(AL) CINCIZECELEA AN DE INDEPENDENTA," meaning "in the 50th year of the Independence."

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L'Echange Universel states that the stamps will probably be issued on May 15th.—Philatelic Magazine.

SOUTH WEST AFRICA.—Mr. R. Roberts sends for chronicle the new issues noted below: On Union of South Africa, transposed surcharges English on Afrikaans and Afrikaans on English overprinted at the Government Printing Works, Pretoria, on the Waterlow printed stamps: 1/2p green and black, 1p carmine and black and 6p orange and black. Also new pictorial issue of Union of South Africa, printed by Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., overprinted locally "South West Africa" and "Suidwes Afrika" vertically in two lines (both reading upwards: 2p brown purple and grey, blue overprint; 3p scarlet and black, blue overprint; 1sh bright blue and pale brown, blue overprint and 5sh deep green and black, blue overprint.

TUNIS.—Whitfield King & Co. send the following:

The ordinary postage stamps of 1925-26 have been overprinted with an aeroplane and the words "Poste Aérienne." 1 franc dark blue and blue; 1f.75c on 75c red; 1f.75c on 5 francs-violet and green; 2 francs green and red on pink. These stamps have been issued in small numbers in consequence of which restrictions have been put on the sale of the stamps and a few sets only are sold to each applicant.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: U. S. OCCUPATION STAMPS

The postal vignettes issued in the Dominican Republic between the years 1916 and 1922 have a particular interest for American philatelists, since they made their debut under the auspices of the United States military government.

American intervention became necessary in 1916 owing to the chaotic state of the country's affairs, and on November 29th of that year U. S. marines were landed at San Domingo and a military administration set up. Subsequent stamp issues were made under authority of the Military Governor, the first to appear being the 1/2c on 1c stamp in the Arms type overprinted "1916" in red.

Ever since the outbreak of the world war the Republic Dominicana had been cut off from its normal source of stamp supplies, i.e., the German Imperial Printing Office, Berlin, but in 1915 a local and provisional issue had been produced by lithography in San Domingo itself, modelled on the Berlin printed stamps of 1911, but with slight modifications of the design. Of the 2 centavos value there are two distinct types, the second being denoted by larger and clearer lettering and the presence of a white dot at the end of the word "DOS."

The practice of overprinting these stamps with the date of issue was adopted as a safeguard against counterfeiting. On the appearance of a new issue stamps bearing the last date were demonetized, but could be exchanged at post offices during a given period.

The first stamps issued under the U. S. Military Government, although dated "1916," were not released until early in the following year, being:—

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 1c yellow-green and black.
 2c olive-green and black.
 5c magenta and black.

The 2 centavos alone is known imperforate. A solitary 2 centavos stamp overprinted "1919" appeared towards the close of that year: printing, 1,670,000. Authority for the printing of an annual supply of postage stamps in seven denominations was contained in an official decree quoted hereunder, but there seems to be some doubt whether the highest value, 50c, was ever issued with the date "1920."

"The Military Governor of Santo Domingo by virtue of the authority vested in him in accordance with Article 84 of the Internal Revenue Act and Paragraph 3 of Article XXX of the Constitution of the Republic, authorizes the impression of 9,110,000 postage stamps of the Arms design as set forth below:—

2,000,000 of Pesos 0.00 1/2 (violet and black).

2,000,000 of Pesos 0.01 (green and black).

4,000,000 of Pesos 0.02 (olive and black).

500,000 of Pesos 0.05 (red and black).

500,000 of Pesos 0.10 (blue and black).

100,000 of Pesos 0.20 (rose and black).

10,000 of Pesos 0.50 (green and black).

(Signed) R. N. FULLER, Brigadier-General U.S.M.C.

Provisional Military Governor of Santo Domingo.

Santo Domingo R.D., July 12th 1919."

A later Decree dated March 10, 1921, and signed by Rear-Admiral Thomas Snowden of the U. S. Navy, as Military Governor of Santo Domingo, authorised the impression of the following postage stamps, bearing the date "1921":—

100,000 of 0.0 1/2c.

2,000,000 of 0.01c (yellow-green and black).

3,000,000 of 0.02c (olive and black).

500,000 of 0.05c.

50,000 of 0.10c (Express Delivery).

Of these the 1 and 2 centavos and 10c Express alone appear to have been issued prior to the establishment of a Provisional Government, to whom the reins of authority were handed over on October 21, 1922.—Stamp Collector.

CANAL ZONE — MORE ERRORS

(Continued from page 345)

Postage due stamps—
 1c, 1924-1925-1926
 2c, 1924-1925-1926
 10c, 1924-1925-1926

| Year ending | Postage | Stamps received | So |
|-------------|------------|-----------------|--------------|
| June 30, | | | |
| 1924, | 3,230,000 | \$109,250.00 | |
| 1925, | 5,780,000 | 218,500.00 | \$110,000.00 |
| 1926, | 2,370,000 | 76,400.00 | 113,000.00 |
| | 11,380,000 | \$404,150.00 | \$223,000.00 |
| Sales, | | 223,671.82 | |

Balance July 1, 1926, \$180,478.18

There were therefore on hand at opening of the fiscal year (1926-27) stamps to the value of \$180,478.18 sufficient for a year and a half's issue.

In October, 1926, the Canal Zone Director of Posts requisitioned 200,000 of the 5c Ericsson commemorative stamp overprinted for Canal Zone use. Post Office Department at Washington, however, refused to fill the order favoring the overprinting of commemorative issues. The request for the printed Liberty Bell stamp was cancelled as it was desirous of giving the widest possible advertisement to the Centennial Exposition, and it was explained that acquiescence was not considered as a precedent.

About May, 1925, a new overprint was brought into use, with letters differently formed, and giving sharper, cleaner cut impressions than the original 1924 overprint plate. The difference most apparent in the letter "A" has a sharp pointed top instead of flat top of the earlier type. This overprint plate was first used for stamps issued June 27, 1925, which is not to be confused with the earlier or flat "A" overprint. That the 14c issued at the same time (June 27, 1925) exists only with the "A" overprint (as do also the 1/2c and 1 1/2c placed on sale April 15, 1925) evidence that the two types of overprint plates (flat "A" and sharp "A") were then being used concurrently.

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"Referring to your letter of May 27, addressed to the Postmaster General and your letters of May 28 and June 4, in regard to the issue of a special postage stamp commemorating the epochal flight of Captain Charles A. Lindbergh, you are advised that the Postmaster General has authorized the issuance of a special 10-cent Air Mail stamp commemorating this event.

The stamp will be of the same size, 75/100 by 184/100 inches as the regular 10c, 15c and 20c Air Mail stamps now in use. It will be printed in the 10c denomination which is the first letter mail rate of air mail postage and the most commonly used. It will displace the regular design now issued to postmasters.

Across the top of the stamp in white Roman letters are the words "United States Postage" with the words "Lindbergh-Air Mail" directly beneath. At the left of the central subject of the stamp appears the coast line of the North American continent; on the right side the coast line of Europe showing Ireland, Great Britain and France. Directly across the stamp from the right appears the words "New York" and a dotted line depicting the course of the flight to France, ending with the word "Paris." Directly in the foreground of the stamp appears the engraving of Lindbergh's famous airplane, "The Spirit of Saint Louis," in flight. At the bottom of the stamp in shaded letters is the word "Cents" and in both lower corners are the white numerals "10." The stamp will be printed in blue, the same color as the 10c Air Mail stamps now issued.

The new stamp will be first offered for sale at Saint Louis on the date of the celebration of Lindbergh Day, which will be on the day of his arrival there. The definite date, however, has not yet been determined and I regret that I cannot give you any information in that regard. The stamp will also be available at the Philatelic Agency on the same date for the benefit of collectors. The first day of sale

of this stamp will be given to the press at the earliest practicable moment.

In regard to your inquiry, you are advised that the stamp will not be available for distribution on June 11. The Department, however, is making every effort to have one impression available at that time in order that it may be presented to Capt. Lindbergh by the Postmaster General.

The Postal Bulletin, as well as special notices sent out by the Department and the daily press, has repeatedly called attention to the fact that arrangements have been made for the delivery of special mail addressed to Captain Lindbergh at Washington. Judging from the publicity that these notices have received, it would not be surprising if ten or fifteen bags of mail will be on hand to greet him.

The Postmaster General announced on June 2nd, that he had detailed Shirley J. Short and Harry G. Smith, air mail pilots formerly associated with Captain Lindbergh, to be on hand to greet the Atlantic flier upon his arrival.

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Pilot Short was recently awarded the Harmon trophy for 1926, presented by (continued on page 362)

Lindbergh Stamps On Sale At 4 Offices June 18

Washington, June 10.—The Lindbergh airmail stamp, the first copy of which is being mounted in a special album for presentation to Colonel Lindbergh, Saturday, by Postmaster General New, will be placed on sale June 18, at four post offices and the Government's philatelic agency here.

The post offices will be at St. Louis, the home port of the Spirit of St. Louis, and a terminus of Lindbergh's old air mail route; Detroit, his birthplace; Little Falls, Minn., his boyhood home, and Washington, where he spent a number of years, while his father was in Congress. The stamps will be issued to other post offices as fast as the Bureau of Engraving and Printing can turn out a sufficient supply.

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| Belgium, SP16: 1.50+25c blue | .08 |
| SP16: 5f+1f rose | .75 |
| Belg. E. Africa, A35: 1.25f blue, RU-ANDA-URUNDI | .35 |
| Br. Honduras, A14: 2c rose, script | .03 |
| Cayman Is., A6: 10sh red on emerald, script | 3.20 |
| Chad, A3: 10f on 5f green | .60 |
| Congo, A35-37-44: 45c, 75c, 1.25f, 1.50f | .20 |
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To MEKEEL'S WEEKLY:

We read in the *Kitchener Stamp Herald* a reprint of the questions you submitted to the Canadian Post Office and their replies concerning the two-cent Canadian Surcharge stamp. While your questions were all correctly answered, it would lead most readers to believe that there was no real object in surcharging these stamps as there were plenty of two-cent stamps left as the reply to your first question states. The reader, after reading your questions and answers would still be under the impression that somehow these stamps were printed without a postal purpose or to satisfy the demand of some speculators or something of that sort. As we are in a position to know that they were printed for quite a real postal purpose and in fact were partly responsible, we believe, for the issue or rather made the suggestion to the Post Office. We believe that we can at least throw some light into the real reason for these stamps.

We had at that time some ten thousand closed letters going into the United States and some to foreign countries. We told the Post Office that we did not like to use the green two-cent stamps on these shut letters as busy executives to whom they were addressed were apt to take one glance at the color of the stamp which, in any other country would imply a circular matter, and discard that letter unread and unopened into the waste basket. No doubt quite a percentage of people would have done so without examining the letter close enough to see whether it was a closed letter and examining the stamp close enough to see that it was really a two-cent stamp.

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NEWS GLEANINGS

—We have received a catalog of the 135th Auction Sale of Vahan Mojian Inc., which will take place Saturday, June 25, and Tuesday, June 28, at 298 Fifth Ave., N. Y. City. The catalog lists over 1,300 lots and contains two full page plates of photographs of some of the gems of the sale. The two Lindbergh covers to be sold June 28 are at present displayed at the corner of 39th St. and Broadway in Clemon's store. The covers were presented by himself to Dr. Radasch of Philadelphia.

—Cincinnati Collectors Club, Branch 2, S. P. A., held its annual election of officers at the Cincinnati Club, Thursday evening, June 2nd. The following were chosen officers for the coming year: Chester E. Wing, Pres.; John H. Cost, Vice Pres.; Clem A. Schmalz, 2021 Auburn Ave., Cincinnati, Sec.-Treasurer for three-year term; Walter F. Gibson, Corresponding Sec.; Leon D. Peaslee, Director for three-year term and H. W. Dunseth, Director for two-year term.

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| MISCELLANEOUS | | | | |
|---------------|------------|-------------------|--------|----------------|
| No. | Stamp. | Town. | Color. | Reported by |
| 1 | 3c 1867 | ? | Black | H. P. A. |
| 2 | 3c Amer. | Spencer, Mass. | " | H. P. A. |
| 3 | 3c 1857 | ? | " | D. H. Stafford |
| 4 | 3c 1861 | ? | " | S. C. Rogers |
| 5 | PC Blk Lib | Whitestown, N. Y. | Purple | H. P. A. |
| 6 | 1c 1870 | Harrisburg, Pa. | Black | H. P. A. |
| 7 | 3c 1861 | ? | " | J. W. Glaz |
| 8 | 3c 1861 | ? | " | D. H. Stafford |
| 9 | 30c War | ? | " | H. C. Brooks |
| 10 | 3c 1861 | Boston, Mass. | " | A. S. Gorham |

The above miscellaneous cancellations are among the more interesting on our early U. S. stamps. The oddities are what catch the eye in cancellation collections, and some of these are very odd, and the majority of these are unusual, some being taken from the only copy I have ever seen. Our No. 1 is the sheep, this is quite unusual. Several tell me that they have seen copies of this cancellation, and that those seen are all on the grilled 3c of 1867.

No. 2 may be common to many towns. The only copy I have seen on cover being from Spencer. It is printed in the "washy" ink prevalent on late 3c greens, black with a little blue in the ink. No. 3 is a very odd little affair, coming always on the 1857's so far as I have seen. It is generally cleanly hit, and often right in the middle of the stamp.

No. 4 is the well known potato or whatever else digger you have. I believe that this comes from somewhere in Connecticut, tho never located the town. No. 5 should come on 3c greens, the copy I had being on the postcard. It is a cleanly hit cancellation and would go well on 3c green. No. 6 is a fairly common cancellation from a good sized city, and I have seen several of these. It is called Baby Doll, etc., etc., and was used on the Nationals.

No. 7 is rather early for a skull and bones, and the P. M. did a pretty good job of it, as the cancellation is clear and easily seen, tho it seldom hits all on the stamp. No. 8 is an early barrel, that is, to cancel a stamp. This is a cleanly hit cancellation too, and very handsome.

No. 9 is a very odd form of the skull and bones. It covered nearly the entire stamp, and one had to look carefully to find that this was a 30c War, rather than the expected 3c War. No. 10 must please a Boston collector when he gets a nice cover with this cancellation. I have seen several of these, and am rather inclined to believe that there was another of the Lady in the Moon cancellations used concurrently with this type from the same town, as the two are a bit different, this may be caused by wear, however.

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While Col. H. S. Redfield is happily
convalescing from an operation, it was
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some of his wonderful collections. The
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in goodly numbers. It is a wonderful
showing of these interesting U. S. cov-
ers. Every onlooker carried away an
eyeful. The more you see, the less you
remember as a rule at these public ex-
hibitions. The one cover which I recall
best is a legal size envelope having in the
top center a beautiful copy of the rare
Wells-Fargo \$4.00 black, this stamp
being "tied on" by the Wells-Fargo can-
cellation in a manner that would suit the
most doubting Thomas of stampdom.
His covers with the odd little fellow that
rushed across the land and water with
the Hartford Mail were there on all
colors of paper that are known with this
Hartford design. The pretty Pomeroy
cancelled in red by the letters "Cd"
found much favor. There were too
many covers to look at in a short time.

Patriotics:—Mr. Olin H. Clark
showed a large collection of these. They
found favor with the collectors. One of
the oddities of these was a cover with
U. S. A. down the center of the cover
in red and blue stars and bars. At left
is a man in an easy chair, wearing a high
nat, high boots, and sitting pretty, read-
ing a newspaper, a carpet bag alongside
the chair. He is reading very intently

from appearances, and as the type is
large, will tell you what he is reading.

"A collection of Union Envelopes in a
few years from now will form a most
valuable and pleasing curiosity, and will
be sold at double the original cost."

This is a very nice cover to put in a
collection as a sort of foreword, or
preface. The cover was printed by Car
Bell, Hartford, Conn.

To many collectors these Patriotics are
fascinating, and some day these may be
made into a list, Flags, Heads, Loyal
States, Cartoons, etc., etc. Each must be
limited in number, and from all collect-
ors this list could be made with time and
patience, if it is worth the time.

Today the collector will find many Pa-
triotics bearing the name of the printer
along the side or bottom margin, or pos-
sibly on the back, as is the custom with
some of the better grade of engravings,
as the Lincoln Cabinet, and various cop-
ies of what are called the "Hand Painted"
series. These may all be classified in a
way by grouping them under the printer's
names. When you gather in all of one
printer's covers that you are able to do,
you will find that there is a certain simi-
larity in his printings, for there will be

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and generally the wording connected
the design is slightly different. T
are even misspelled words to attract
collector.

Some of these cuts were allowed
to printers who did not own the
wished, and then we have unusual co
and wordings. I have just found a c
with the World afloat, you know
one, it is very common. Instead of
ing "One Flag, One Country" or so
thing like that, this says "Exce
Mixed Candies." The design of
World and Flag atop, has been am
by good sized waves, and the Flag
apparently had some stars added,
whole design being enclosed in an or
frame, and printed in red.

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rives, there will always be the ques
of how to mount these covers. Wh
nice Check List of any side line in
lately arrives, it is a very good ide
save it for reference when you get to
point of mounting the items in ques
I always feel that a collector who
spent time and trouble in making
check list deserves more credit for
labor than having it placed before
collectors, only to be glanced at, and
thrown into the waste basket, or lost
conglomeration of incomplete files
all stamp publications.

I once looked at a very fine collec
of unusual cancellations on for
stamps. Some of the stamps I could
see at all. They were covered by lo
papers, some clipped from stamp m
zines, and some in manuscript.
would lift up these loose papers of
kinds and there would be a couple
stamps hidden away under the pile
clippings. Got interested in the clipp
and writing, so made bold enough to
why he covered the stamps up wit
lot of loose paper? Oh, those are
the notes I have been able to find
the stamp, or cancellation which you
looking at on this page. Some da
will be all abbreviated and annotated
the page I was told. So there were
items, and all the dope on them. T
system, and when the items are all
sembled alongside the stamps, that b
will be a veritable Treasure Chest as
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Amuel Hamilton, formerly an assistant state's attorney at Chicago, died a short time ago at the age of fifty-two years and few will recognize in the announcement, a philatelic quality. Mr. Hamilton who had lived in Chicago for many years was buried at his old home, Persburg, Illinois. He lived for a time in Springfield, Illinois, before he went to Chicago and it was in the Illinois capital that he published seventeen numbers of the Springfield Philatelist, in conjunction with an associate or two, during the years, 1894-96. The editor of the WEEKLY was a contributor to this old paper and the contact established between Mr. Hamilton and him continued to the time of Mr. Hamilton's death. He attained some prominence in the philatelic field in Chicago and during his longer days his bent was indicated as he published a little work, entitled, "The Inside History of the Philatelic Sons of Africa campaign" (or similarly), in which he told of the reasons for his defeat as a candidate for the vice-presidency in the 1896 election of that lively society. Mr. Hamilton was an affable exponent of philately, even though he followed it distantly in his later years.

From Mr. Flerlage word comes of the death on May 27, 1927, of Professor Charles H. Lawrance, Lafayette, Indiana. Mr. Lawrance, who was a professor at Purdue University, had collected stamps for many years and his loss is deplored. He was a member of the International Philatelic Association.

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OUR REVIEW

By C. A. HOWES.

We have received a sixty-page brochure entitled "The Stamps of the Treaty Ports of China and of Formosa," being a reprint from the pages of the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* of a series of articles on this subject contributed by Capt. Herbert R. Oldfield, LL.B. This is more or less "news" to present day stamp collectors, for these issues had their vogue from twenty-five to thirty-five years ago, were summarily "sat upon" by the ephemeral "S. S. S." (*Society for the Suppression of Speculative Stamps*), which itself is another echo of a past generation and were finally dropped from most of the "standard" catalogues as being purely "local stamps" and therefore not to be seriously considered with regular governmental issues.

Nevertheless, they had many partisans, notably among those who were interested in the stamps of the Far East and China, especially, for they were a manifestation of postal conditions in that vast Empire which obtained in no other country on the face of the globe. Before the Chinese Imperial Post was organized in 1897 to cover the country officially, the stamps of the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs, which had been issued from 1878 for use between the Treaty Ports where Custom Houses were located, and which service was available to the public in those places, had also been through the same debatable phase as to whether or not they were merely "locals." That phase is long past and their place in the catalogue is secure at the head of the Chinese governmental issues.

The first of the so-called "Treaty Port" issues were the stamps of the Municipal Council of the Foreign Settlement at Shanghai, which appeared about August 1, 1865. As there were no other means available for the local postal needs of a large and important community, the institution of a municipal postal department was natural and necessary, and branches were soon opened in some of the other Treaty Ports, Ningpo being the first and Foochow, Hankow and Amoy being others whose postmarks can be found on the Shanghai stamps used in these branch Agencies. Thus the "Shanghai Local Post" met a real need and its stamps were actually more than merely "local," being used between the Treaty Ports as were the Customs stamps later on, the main difference being merely that a Government department was responsible in the latter case and the Municipal government of the largest and most important "foreign concession" in China in the other. These facts have kept the issues of "Shanghai" in all the leading catalogues down to the present time, although their issue ceased with the other Treaty Port stamps when the Imperial Post was instituted on February 2, 1897.

When we come to the stamps issued by other Treaty Ports (those that have become taboo in the catalogues), we feel that we can agree with Mr. Oldfield when he remarks that "there is no real difference between them [the Shanghai stamps] and those issued by other ports except in degree. The real original reason for these other issues was the fact that the municipality of Shanghai was unable to issue stamps to their agencies in other ports when the subscription system was abolished on 1st January, 1893. . . . The local authorities naturally said, 'Why not supply our own?' Hence the issue of the Treaty Port stamps erroneously called Chinese locals. . . . The stamps of Hankow, Kewkiang, Chinkiang and Amoy were issued by the municipal authorities, those of Chefoo, Ichang, Foochow and Nanking by local committees, and those of Chungking and Wuhu by private individuals; but all of them, in a greater or less degree, and more particularly Hankow, Amoy, Foochow and Chinkiang [and we would add Chefoo] were legitimate and bona fide postal issues actually required and actually used to secure postal services. . . . and they are justly entitled to claim admission to the ranks of collectible and recognized stamps."

Thus does Mr. Oldfield justify his monograph upon these once popular and subsequently despised issues. And he further adds: "Although I can understand the objection to the inclusion of any Locals at all in a postage stamp collection—upon the ground either that they were not issued under the authority of the Governments of the countries concerned or that they only covered a limited area within the country itself, I fail to see how any fair-minded and unprejudiced person who would himself include in his own collection such Locals as the Postmaster's stamps of the United States and of the Confederate states, the Lady McLeod of Trinidad, the municipal stamps of Shanghai, the stamps of the Suez Canal Co., or of the Pacific Steam Navigation Co. of Peru, the Carrier stamps of the United States (all of which are listed in the leading catalogues), and others of a similar nature, can reasonably contend that these Chinese Locals and the stamps of Formosa ought to be excluded from collections and from the catalogues."

Thus it all goes back to that old question, "What is a postage stamp?" To which there have been as many definitions as there are individual tastes in the ones who essay to answer. Where the interest lies, there will be found some justifiable reason for including almost anything that has even the remotest relation to the subject. And why not? Collecting anything is, *per se*, a "hobby," and the greatest delight of the "hobbyist" is to follow his subject out according to his own ideas. In this lies the delight of collecting. Why, then, should any one of us be hide bound or dicta-

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torial about it? All of the stamps mentioned by Mr. Oldfield in the preceding paragraph were used for paying postage on mail matter, regularly carried and delivered, even if most of them were not "regular government issues." The same is true of the Chinese Treaty Port stamps and also of those of Formosa, which are included in the work under review.

Concerning Formosa there are nearly ten pages of interesting information, though much work remains to be done on this subject. The "laundry ticket" stamps, as they have been facetiously called, were issued by the Provincial Government of Formosa in 1888 in place of the engraved "horse and dragon" stamps ordered from England. This post functioned from that time until the Japanese occupied the Island in 1895, and the stamps are in practically the same category as the State issues of the Colombian Republic, which are listed in all the catalogues. The "horse and dragon" stamps *unused* are "stamps prepared for use, but not issued"; with apparent "cancellations" they are railroad tickets, thus converted and used on the Government railway in north Formosa as explained to me personally by Mr. H. B. Morse, formerly Chinese Customs Commissioner in the Island. The British Consulate had nothing to do with them except to order them from London for the Governor, Chang Chih-tung, who organized the Island postal system.

Mr. Oldfield devotes separate chapters to the stamps of Hankow, Kewkiang, Chinkiang, Amoy, Chefoo, Ichang, Foochow, Nanking, Chungking and Wuhu, giving details of the port and the organization of the post office in each case, describing the stamps and their designs, giving a list of the varieties and their dates of issue and the numbers issued where available. Chapters on the Wei-Hai-Wei Courier Post and Formosa make up a most complete and interesting monograph upon these little known (now-a-days) and seldom seen stamp issues of a controversial past.

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EDITORIAL

There is so much of importance to enter into the philatelic records this week that there is no space for preambles. The newspapers as well as the WEEKLY have told of the proposal of Congressman Ackerman to surcharge five hundred million of the current two-cent stamps in honor of Lindbergh, indicating that the stamps are to be sold for three cents each, the premium of one-cent to be allotted to the relief of the flood sufferers. Our correspondent, Mr. Philip H. Ward, Jr., gave early news of the plan and here a word should be interpolated in recognition of the celerity with which this correspondent circulates the important news from Washington. Mr. Ward has shown unusual ability in getting early information on subjects of moment to collectors and in presenting the news in a compact manner that com-

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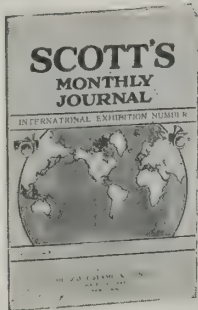
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mends itself to philatelists. While it is true that we have received forecast of the probable action of the post office department at times through the intermediary of an officer in one of the departments, it is Mr. Ward who is relied upon to furnish definite particulars; and he discharges his duty with alacrity and acumen. The plan of the Honorable E. R. Ackerman is one that has struck popular fancy and it is certain that it has received official consideration. The utilization of the post office department as an agency for relief is a drastic departure from routine, but the emergency conditions created by the disaster are such as to over-ride precedent and knock formality out of the picture. The question of the legality of a postal measure of the kind is one that is not easily disposed of and it is possible that the suggestion will be stopped by a stone-wall, but nevertheless the humanity and the ingenuity of the suggestion will be applauded and credit will not be withheld from Congressman Ackerman.

The story of the Associated Press dated June 4th, announcing that a special air mail stamp would be issued on short notice to commemorate the achievement of Captain Lindbergh, has been read by collectors throughout the country; and the intimation that this decision of the department may displace the thought of surcharging the half billion stamps as advised by Congressman Ackerman does not come from us, but from another source. However, the course of Mr. Ackerman is one that may well be registered at headquarters and the information that the postmaster-general was greatly interested in the suggestion is received with attention by those collectors who have been interviewed.

In his confirmation of the issue of the new air mail stamp of ten-cent denomination, the postmaster-general says that the department has no provisions by which it may bestow awards or give decorations to a member of the postal service for distinguished service and that in consequence, the only means for proclaiming extraordinary feats or merit is by the issue of a stamp dedicated to the individual worthy of the palm. Consequently, Mr. New says that it is appropriate that Captain Lindbergh be given

the supreme distinction that a special postage stamp conveys. The new stamp, as collectors would surmise, will not bear the portrait of Captain Lindbergh, but will have as its central design a likeness of his monoplane, the Spirit of St. Louis. The new stamp will displace the one now in use and every effort will be made to have some of the stamps ready when Lindbergh arrives in Washington. The stamps are to be placed on sale in St. Louis on the date of the Lindbergh festivities there and the department recognizes stamp collectors by saying that on the same day at Washington, the stamp will be on sale at the Agency. Later, distribution to other cities will be made. The further description of the stamp is: Across the top of the stamp in white Roman letters, underneath the usual legend will be the three words, "Lindbergh-Air Mail." At the left of the picture of the air plane will be the map showing the route of his flight, with the names of the cities of New York and Paris.

The second story of philatelic kind that has been sent forth by the Associated Press and given wide currency in the newspapers is that involving letters bearing stamps and duly cancelled that were carried by Charles A. Levine on the trip of Chamberlin monoplane, Columbia, on its memorable flight. We read that two hundred and fifty letters bearing air mail stamps were cancelled by the postmaster of Hempstead, Long Island, among others, and delivered to persons without authority to transport United States mail. It seems that this postmaster upon being approached by an interested person with a proposal to prepare covers for a trans-Atlantic flight spoke to a post office inspector who in general did not discourage the plan. Later, a sergeant of the army air force took up the subject with the postmaster who cancelled the covers with the stamps to the number of two hundred and fifty. The action of the government is based upon the declaration that mail matter is to be carried legally by one who is sworn into the service.

The letter that was sent to Mr. W. A. Steiger of the Post Office Department, Springfield, Illinois, by the command of King George, returning the first con-

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Mr. Gordon H. Crouch, Toronto, Ontario, sends the following information: "Latest reports are to the effect that Canada will issue but one stamp for her Diamond Jubilee Celebration Confederation. It will be the first postage stamp outside of the 'Quebec' issue of 1908, to be worded in both English and French, thus indicating the two nations that were the joint source of the present great Dominion. The stamp, according to the Postmaster-General, will be issued primarily, as a part of a nation-wide celebration; and it is intended to be for general use. If it should be the case, the probabilities are that the stamp will be of somewhat restricted use, and therefore, one worth going after for purposes of 'stocking up.' More details are promised by the authorities, by the middle of July, information which is eagerly awaited by collectors, who have endured sufficient disappointments because of last year's fiasco."

In sending a copy of the 5c, 1908 Post Office Centenary, surcharged "G." the first that he has seen, Mr. T. Metcalfe, Rosario, Argentine, writes: "I heard to-day from a dealer in Montevideo that the new set of Artigas stamps that are being printed in London are expected early in June."

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Writing from St. John's, Newfoundland, Mr. Frank F. Wills says: "In reference to the Italian aviator, G. E. He left Trepassy, Newfoundland, for Horta, Azores, at 4:27 A. M., May 23rd, taking four pounds of mail on board. The lot comprised only 225 stamps, and consequently, these covers are scarce."

The Philadelphia Stamp Club requests that the philatelic press support the movement to honor Lindbergh on one or two postage stamps in a letter sent out June 1st; and in it the suggestion was made "that such a stamp or stamps be in form similar to the Government Air Mail stamp, with the photograph of the aviator and the Spirit of St. Louis, and the date of the notable feat." In our opinion, the Philadelphia Stamp Club has turned the trick and may claim the honor of achieving its object: a Lindbergh stamp.

An Associated Press dispatch says that Suzanne Lenglen seems to be off her head since she has found a new hobby. She has been neglecting tennis in favor of stamp collecting and has been known to have bought four thousand dollars' worth of stamps in Paris in four days. We trust that this distinguished athlete will find the pursuit well fitted for one of sensitive temperament.

There is an international philatelic exposition scheduled for the Palais des Beaux-Arts de Monte-Carlo, from February 18th to 26th, 1928. The occasion will be an important one and under the patronage of Prince Louis II of Monaco. The general organizer is M. Theodore Champion of Paris. Particulars will be given later.

With Philadelphia and St. Louis are making plans for the national stamp convention to be held this summer in the two cities—the A. P. S. in St. Louis and the Society of Philatelic Americans in Philadelphia.

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By HARRY M. KONWISER.

The Artists' Co-operative, a recently formed group of well known artists, a few weeks back had its first exhibition in the Altman Department Store, New York City, and the show was well patronized and no doubt the exhibition aided in the development of the liking for paintings, and presumably led to sales.

It is the idea of these artists to reach the masses through department stores and hotels and it may be an idea that can be developed for stamp exhibitions.

After the exhibit week was at an end in New York, the various paintings were sent out of town and it is the intention to show these in various parts of the country.

The idea is to market "art" to the general public which seldom visits the art galleries or the high-priced dealers.

There is hardly a town in the United States without a hotel or a department store that, if properly approached, would not lend its support to an exposition of stamps.

For this purpose it, of course, would be required to have the stamps in frames, with glass tops. The matter of easels or stands could well be left to the local exhibitor and there should be little or no trouble in getting a competent committee (of local collectors) to look after the exhibits and to chat to the interested persons.

If necessary a series of lectures could be arranged for various places and quite a hullabaloo could be raised in each exhibition place.

For such an exhibition there would be no need of very many—or any—gold medal collections. Several countries could be shown; the cancellation folks could have an inning as could the cover collections. Then those who favor stamps of certain colors, or of certain subjects could show their stuff.

All the idea needs, assuming it should meet with a welcome on the part of philatelists, is a central body to create the show places, and nothing loath I suggest the Association For Stamp Expositions put this matter up to Mr. Hugh M. Clark, asking him to do it for the Stamp Show organization.

I am still mindful of the fact that one of the "big lessons" taught by the last New York stamp show was "smaller shows held often."

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These names are added with pleasure to our steadily increasing list of Honor Club members.

GAMBIA AT THE COLLECTORS CLUB

Reported by CHARLES J. PHILLIPS.

Charles M. Ams, who, unfortunately, was not able to be present, sent a portion of his noted collection of Gambia to be shown at the last meeting of the season on Wednesday, June 1st.

Gambia is situated on Islands and on the banks of the Gambia river in West Africa. The capital is Bathurst in the District of St. Mary. Bathurst is on a small island in the mouth of the river connecting with the main land by a bridge. There is no other town of any importance in Gambia, but the leading trading stations are at Georgetown on McCarthy Island, and Abreda, a small port on the north bank of the river. In 1854 the population was only 5,690, but in 1907 this had risen to 163,000. Gambia was discovered in 1447 by Nunez Tristan.

The first note I can find of these stamps is in the *Stamp Collectors' Magazine* for April, 1869.

Mr. Ams' Collection is contained in forty-five volumes, five of them being extra large ones devoted to entire sheets or panes. Of these forty-five volumes, Mr. Ams kindly sent six of the early issues and the most important varieties among which we noted as follows:—

Die proofs in the accepted color of the first 4d and 6d the embossing standing out in high relief like a fine cameo. Die proofs of the Queen's Head on the pale blue oval.

In the issue of January, 1869, no watermark, the collection contains as follows:—4d unused, 74 singles and a pair; 4d used, 21 singles and a pair; 6d unused, 39 singles and a pair; 6d used, 53 singles a pair and a strip of four. There is also a 6d no watermark, with the unofficial pin perforation.

In the August, 1874 issue, wmk. Crown CC, Mr. Ams has uncut sheets of the 4d and 6d, fifteen in each sheet and with full margins. In this issue he also has, 4d unused, 27 singles and 13 pairs and strips; 4d used, 50 singles and a pair; 4d on cover but not used until March, 1882; 6d unused, 60 singles, and 28 unused in pairs and blocks; 6d used, 39 singles, and 3 pairs. From the above list of the imperf. stamps we see some reason why these stamps have become so scarce in the trade.

In the issue of June, 1880, Mr. Ams has practically everything in uncut sheets, all values, all shades and all perforations. Included in these we noted an extremely fine sheet of the 1sh green.

In the Crown CC issue, perforated, he showed all values with "Specimen" in various types, sets being shown with thin tall letters and with thick block letters.

In the 1880 issue the 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, 6d and 1sh are shown with the watermark sideways.

Very interesting stamps are color trials of the 1886 issue, watermarked Crown CA. These are perforated 12, a trial perforation that was never used.

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| France—Charity 1927, 1f+25c claret & maroon | .15 |
| Monaco—1927, 1f 10c dull green | .12 |
| Denmark—1927, 5 ore brown and 10 ore green (se tenant) roll, per pair | .15 |
| 7 ore on 20 ore red | .05 |
| Cuba—(imperf.) 1c green | .03 |
| 2c carmine rose | .05 |
| 5c bright blue | .12 |
| Union of South Africa—(one Dutch, one English) 2p red violet & black, per pair | .20 |
| Union of South Africa—(one Dutch, one English) 3p carmine & black, per pair | .30 |
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Diligencia.—The only inscription, apart from the value, shown upon the stamps forming the first issue for Uruguay.



D. J.—These letters overprinted upon the 5c stamps of the 1892 issue for Obock signify they were intended for use in Djibouti.

Dragons.—These, with a few Oriental characters, form the chief portion of the design of the early stamps of Japan.

Duc. di Parma.—Duchy of Parma.

Eagle.—A double-headed eagle forms the main design on many of the stamps of Austria, Austrian Italy, and Bosnia. In the case of the latter only the numerals of value are given; the stamps for Austria have values in "kreutzer" or "kr"; while those for Austrian Italy have value in "centes" or "soldi." A set for use in the Austrian Post-offices in the Levant can be distinguished by the value which is expressed as "sld" instead of "kr."

Egyptiennes.—Egypt.

Emp. Ottoman.—"Ottoman Empire" or Turkey.

Escuelas.—The only inscription shown on many of the stamps of Venezuela.

Espana.—Spain.

Stamp News for the Juniors

Is there anything you want to know about stamps or stamp collecting? If so, write the editor. What would you like to see in this department? We have no way of knowing unless you tell us. Mr. Senior Collector, can't you give the boy collector about 50 words of encouragement along practical lines? Address your letter to the Beverly office.

Juniors—Please Note

During the absence of the Managing Editor in Europe, this page will be cared for by Editor Charles E. Severn, 713 Oxford Bldg., Chicago, Ill. He will render our Juniors any assistance that may be desired.

Junior Activities

—James R. Walsh says that his father brought him home a used five dollar stamp of the present issue that he got from a friend down town in New York. Lucky lad.

—Mrs. Nettie Tremaine in asking a question about the identity of a Polish stamp for her son, ten years old, says that "she will take away Jack's collection or start one herself."

—An inquirer is told that the *Precancel Gazette* is published by A. F. Gamber, Valley City, North Dakota.

—Charles N. Sterner is informed that if his "first stamp of India" is used, it should not be! This stamp while prepared for service was never postally used, although a quantity was sent to Bombay.

—Donald B. Race is right in thinking that a stamp that shows a watermark is not a counterfeit, as a rule, but watermarks have been counterfeited by the use of fatty substances that trace out the figure of the watermark, for instance.

—Juniors may as well leave the high-priced grills stamps of the U. S. alone until they are more experienced, as bogus grills are not unknown by any means.

—Charles McCabe bought a sheet each of the five-cent and the two Norse-American at face soon after they came out, or, rather his father did so for him; and now he asks if he should sell them to a dealer in his town, Chicago, who has offered him fifteen dollars for them. Excuse us, Charles, we have just thought of an engagement.

—We are pleased to see that the juniors are consumed with an eager curiosity that leads them to think that we can answer questions involving prophecy, judging by some of the questions that come in. This confidence is somewhat touching, but even though we must shatter illusions, it is admitted that we cannot predict the future with certainty. Too, many questions are asked that are answered in our "Stamp Collectors Guide" and not with the idea of pushing the sale of this 35c book, but to save ourselves work, do we recommend it to our young monied collectors.

Lively Los Angeles

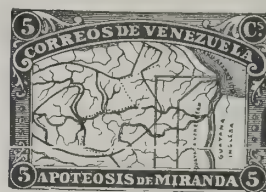
The junior stamp collectors of Los Angeles have done themselves proud by an exhibit that is being held at the Los Angeles Junior Museum during the month of June. That the display is one carefully planned is proved by the rule that each contestant is required to display exactly one hundred stamps in any one of five classes, each based on length of philatelic experience of the exhibitors. Fifty-eight boys and two girls, all of whom are under eighteen years of age qualified as exhibitors on this great occasion, which is in charge of Mr. H. B. Smith and Dr. E. C. Bull of the staff of the museum. The exhibit will be open during the month of June; and we congratulate the sponsors and participants in the big celebration. Judging from the three large illustrations of the young collectors in action in the Los Angeles *Evening Express*, the event was given a decided news value by the discriminating editor and the paper's story of the show is a breezy one. Prizes of ribbons and valuable stamps are to be given deserving entrants. We thank Mr. W. J. Finn of Los Angeles for this information; and we hope that juniors elsewhere will take a leaf from the book of the Los Angeles juniors.

Proved By A Stamp

One of the best stamp stories that has ever been related is that which told of how this country was influenced to build the Panama Canal where it is. The tale is not a new one, but it bears repetition; and inasmuch as W. Edward Haskell of Ybor City, California, has sent in a version, it will be given space again, after a rest of some time. When Roosevelt was president in 1902, he, as well as Congress to a great extent, favored the route through Nicaragua. The question of selection was before Congress, at the time of the great eruption of Mount Pelee, which destroyed the city of St. Pierre on the island of Martinique. To quote Mr. Haskell: "A report was circulated that an old volcano, 'Monotomba,' was again active in Nicaragua. This was denied by officials of the republic. M. Varilla, a Frenchman who wanted to sell the interests and property of the old French Canal Company, which had started its work, years before, to dig across the isthmus of Panama, secured a quantity of the 1900 issue of Nicaragua, showing the volcano in eruption and people in flight! He sent one of the stamps to each senator with the message that here was an official witness of the volcanic activity of Nicaragua. Senators were impressed and even President Roosevelt changed his mind to favor the Panama route." After the revolution in Colombia, the republic of Panama was established and then the Canal Zone came into being.

Apotheosis De Miranda

(Apotheosis of Miranda). An inscription found upon a set of Venezuelan stamps issued in 1896 to commemorate



the eightieth anniversary of the death of General Miranda—a Spanish-American revolutionist who succeeded in getting Venezuela proclaimed a republic.

Precanceled Stamps

Canada's first precanceled stamps came into being in 1888, when complete sheets of the 1, 2, 3 and 5-cent values of the issue then current were obliterated by the handstamp of the Ottawa office, a circle containing fine lines and the center design of figure, "1." These sheets were sold to firms in whole and in part, the government keeping a record of each sale. When the mail was brought in, the list was checked and the weight of one of the articles sent in duplicate determined; and so, all the other pieces of mail were sent without further ceremony. The saving of time due to the fact that each piece of mail did not have to be handled further for cancellation of stamps was considerable.

Helping Hand

Some time ago, we saw an offer in a stamp paper, of a packet of stamps for beginners, by C. R. Gadsden of Chicago. We remembered the name as that of the librarian of the old American Philatelic Association, now Society, in 1887; and as that of a president of the Chicago Philatelic Society at about the same time. Mr. Gadsden will be identified by many of the old boys of that period as a specialist in France and as a student of stamp literature. For many years, Mr. Gadsden has let the philatelic world roll by, but he has again made his entry into the lists with credentials of the finest kind. He is doing much to encourage the beginner by gifts of stamps and he has results to show that he is working to advantage. Recently, in send-

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ing in a subscription to the WEEKLY the Tigerton Stamp Club of Tigerton, Wisconsin, he said that this club started through his stamp offer and now going along well. He sends in occasionally for auction sales, the needs to go for catalogues, subscriptions, etc., and he says that judging from the letters that he has received, "they are a live bunch of schoolboys, ten or fifteen in number, who will likely develop."

Junior Dictionary

Eo. So.—An abbreviation on certain Colombian Republic stamps representing "Estado Soberano" or "Sovereign State."

Estonia.—A former Russian province on the Gulf of Finland, Baltic and Gulf of Riga, with a Republic form of government and a population around two millions. Stamps were issued Nov. 25, 1918.

Eupen.—A German town away from Belgium as a result of the World War. During the first six months of the war, Belgium stamps were used overprinted "Eupen and Malmédy" in recognition of the award.

Exclusas de Gatun.—This inscription is found on Panama, 1915, 5c commemorative and means "Gatun Lock." Note that the Spanish spelling of the word is usually "Exclusas."

Far Eastern Republic.—A portion of eastern Siberia, which in 1920, during the disintegration of Russia, set itself up as a Republic. Its principal city is Vladivostok.

Faroe Islands.—These islands are situated in the North Atlantic Ocean between Iceland and the Shetland Islands. Population 13,000. The islands belong to Denmark, whose stamps are used, but in 1918, in consequence of the arrival of a new supply (conditioned by the allied blockade of the North Sea) a provisional 2 ore stamp was made at Thorshavn, the capital of the islands. The 5 ore Denmark was used for charging and 15,000 were overprinted "2 ore."

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 illustrated page. He says that
 he does not know what paper the page
 was taken from as it was sent in to him
 without identification. The paper in
 it appeared to have been a
 C. A. publication. The words,
 "What They Say" introduces the quota-
 tion from Kipling: "But there is neither
 minor West, Border, nor Breed, nor
 When two strong we stand face
 to face, tho' they come from the ends
 of the earth." Room is made for the
 hemispheres, but the background is
 a mass of stamps each one of which
 is set forth plainly. The stamps shown
 are of the ordinary run, but include
 some desirable ones. The impression
 by the picture is a most pleasing

MEETING OF THE STIGGINS PHILATELIC SOCIETY

(More Candid than Truthful)
 Minutes of a meeting of the Stiggins
 Philatelic Society held at Poloni's Res-
 taurant on Sunday last (as usual in
 reports sent us, the secretary has
 written to give the date.—Ed. P.M.).
 Present: the same old lot, and seven per-
 manent visitors. The purpose of the
 committee was to welcome Mr. Stiggins
 on his return from Karelia, and to in-
 crease his collection of that country's
 stamps. The purpose of those present,
 however, was to play the well-known
 government office game of "Passed to
 please" with the pages shown, so
 that they were able without unduly
 interfering with their animated private
 conversation on other subjects.
 This accomplished, one of the perma-
 nent visitors, Mr. George Grossmith, of
 daily fame, was asked to say a few
 words on the stamps shown. From long
 habit he was unable to comply except
 in verse. Naturally he knew nothing
 about the stamps, but catching the strains
 of a passing barrel-organ, playing the
 tune of twenty years ago, he delivered
 himself as follows, to the air of "Be-
 lieve" his old Gaiety success from "The
 Ord."

As a general collector, there are few stamps I
 care.
 I don't even know the names of more than
 half a score.
 But should I ever specialise I would at once
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 the issue of Karelia—the last you would ex-
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 that's rich and rare,
 I've been in lots of dealers' shops to seek Ka-
 relia fair.
 At present I'm a single man, but should I ever
 wed,
 The country I would favour most would be as
 aforesaid—

Chorus:
 Karelia, I'm going to steal yer. Mid N'Europes
 you are a gem.
 I'll be your Frankie Godden if you'll be my
 Sefi Pem.
 Imperf., or even pin-perf., rarest of all that's
 rare,
 I've raved o'er your condition at the School-
 boys' Exhibition,
 Karelia, my Bargain Square.

Karelia, dear, I do not fear your price will ever
 soar,
 I know quite well when you're sold out they're
 bound to print some more.
 I love your imperf. margins, and more keen
 each day I get.
 So when the new ones come along I'll buy the
 blooming set.

Chorus:
 Karelia, I'll have to steal yer—Karelia, for you
 I'd swing,
 I'll be your Percy Dunbar if you'll be my
 Whitfield King.
 Tell me, my sweet Karelia, when stock is run-
 ning low,
 For then I would support you (if no others
 knew I'd bought you),
 Karelia, I love you so.

The applause having subsided, the
 chairman announced that another visitor,
 Mr. H. A. Lytton, fresh from a success-
 ful tour of the provinces with the D'Oyly
 Carte Operas, would make a few re-
 marks upon the Philatelic Congress which
 he had found in progress at one of the
 towns he had visited. To be in keeping
 with his friend Mr. Grossmith, he craved
 the indulgence of the audience if he, too,
 adopted a familiar rôle, and he therefore
 asked the band (conducted by Mr. W.
 Buckland Edwards) to strike up "No
 Possible Doubt Whatever" from the
 "Gondoliers," which he rendered as
 follows:—

The Congress followed a slow career
 (This statement can't be parried).
 It was highly respectable once a year,
 The rest of the time I very much fear
 Most people thought it very small beer
 For all the weight it carried.

The Executive hadn't got much to do
 (Perchance 'tis more the pity!)
 Whenever they got a bright idea
 They seemed to be seized with a sudden fear
 That it might be completed the very same year
 And appointed a Sub-Committee.

The Congress revelled in Votes of Thanks
 (They fail to have them never!)
 The visitors, too, haven't much to do.
 So they snooze and snore and sleep it through,
 But they have a good time, although they do
 No possible good whatever!

After this the meeting developed into
 a regular sing-song. Mr. Ernest Har-
 mer recited "Rocked in the Cradle of
 the Postage Stamp." That ever-popular
 ballad, "Harris, where are thou?" was
 feelingly rendered by Mr. Vallancey,
 while Mr. Duncuff obliged with "How
 now, brown cow (why do you change to
 green?)" from "R.S.V.P."

As the hour was now getting late, a
 gentleman who had been wriggling in his
 seat the whole evening rose and faced
 his ordeal.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen (he
 said), or Dear Friends, or Fellow Mem-
 bers or whatever else you are, I rise, it
 gives me much pleasure, er, er, I mean
 to say a few words to-night, er, to pro-
 pose a very 'earty vote of thanks to our
 old friends Stiggins for coming 'ere to-
 night to say a few words on the stamps
 of Karelia. Speaking for myself, I for
 one have never seen such a marvellous
 lot of these stamps (applause). It is
 one I can hardly hope to see again, and
 I hope I never shall—(uproar)—I say, I
 hope I shall never forget the beautiful
 pair he showed us with inverted circle
 ('ear, 'ear). That to me was alone
 worth absenting myself from the pub—
 (more uproar)—public health committee,
 of which I am also a member.

We know now why these stamps are
 so scarce—Mr. Stiggins has them all
 (loud and prolonged applause, as always
 for this hoary sentiment). When I see
 his braces—(murmurs)—I should rather
 say his pairs—it is not surprising that
 there are none left for the rest of us. I
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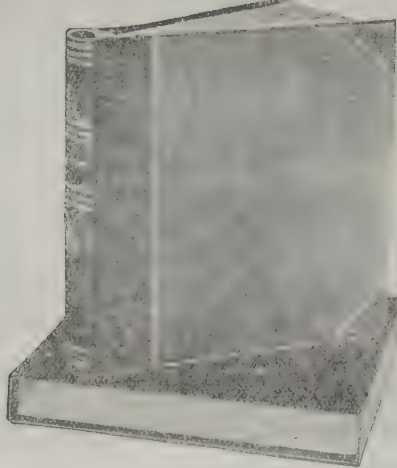
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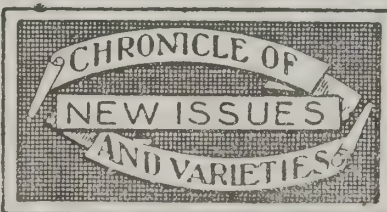
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the American Section of the International League of Aviators, to the air mail pilot who had done most during the year to demonstrate the reliability of the airplane as a means of transportation.

It will be noted from Mr. Regar's letter that it is the intention of the Department to have a copy of the Lindbergh stamp or rather a proof of the stamp ready to present to him on June 11th. The proof has been approved at this writing and the Bureau is making every effort to have the plates ready with as little delay as possible.

It will further be noticed that this new stamp replaces the former variety, which will be discontinued. As the former stamp has been widely distributed, there will be an ample quantity to go around.

Mr. W. J. Prinzing sends me an air mail communication from St. Louis bearing a special mark of one of the local business firms. This shows the Lindbergh

airplane in flight and below in two lines, "THE SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS REACHES EVERYWHERE."

Valley Forge Emission

Mention was made in these notes a few weeks back that the writer had appealed to the Department in behalf of a special postage stamp to commemorate the encampment at Valley Forge. The subject has appealed to the Senators from Pennsylvania and Senators Reed and Vare advise that the subject has been taken up with the Postmaster General. Senator Reed has received the following communication from the Third Assistant Postmaster General:

"The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 26th, enclosing correspondence between Senator Reed and Philip H. Ward, Jr., relative to a special postage stamp commemorating Washington's winter camp at Valley Forge prior to the crossing of his troops to Trenton.

I have taken this matter up with the Postmaster General who has asked me to advise you that the proposition is being given consideration.

Mr. Ward's communication to the Senator is returned herewith for your files."

It is to be hoped that those who are interested in the subject and feel that a special stamp should be issued to commemorate this most important turning point in the Revolution, will also write to the Postmaster General, for if it is shown that the variety will prove to be a popular one, it is quite likely that such a stamp will appear. I am still of the opinion that it would not be a bad idea

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Playing Card Variety

In my chronicle for June 6th, it was made that the 2c blue playing stamp had been surcharged in letters in red, "VIRGIN ISLAND CTS." I am now advised by Mr. Hall, Director of the Bureau of engraving and Printing, that these were overprinted at the Bureau only the former 2c variety, but the 2c stamp known as the "Class A" has received the same overprint. Two stamps are the only two that have record of overprinting for either Virgin Islands or any of the colonies.

Air Mail Notes

The Philadelphia Inquirer in a notice from Washington dated June mentions that Chamberlin and I carried two hundred fifty letters to Lin. These communications, so informed, were cancelled by Postmaster Fred Seeley of Hempstead, L. I. Most of them were addressed to Berlin, Paris and Rome. It is said some of them are also addressed to turn via the regular mail from Germany.

Shortly before the ship sailed, master Seeley went to the Garden Hotel on Long Island. There the presence of State Senator Lockwood cancelled one hundred twenty-five. Later the postmaster was taken to Velt Field and it is said cancelled hundred twenty-five more for himself. Postmaster General Newt that Seeley had no authority to the stamps or receive the mail.

Mr. C. C. Bacon sends a clipping from a Memphis paper dated June wherein mention is made that a mail service will be inaugurated between Memphis and St. Louis. Warren Irving Glover, Second Assistant Postmaster General in charge of Mail, has recently visited Memphis the subject was discussed.

Canal Zone

Mr. Emil J. Rall shows us a copy of the new 1c Canal Zone envelope, right rectangular design showing seal in the center. The 2c variety issued sometime back.

I wish to thank Messrs. Arthur B. Jr., Brandon Beach and A. T. W. for notes of interest.

AUSTRALIA.—Whitfield King send for chronicle a copy of the orange, watermark small multiple and "A."

CANADA.—Mr. Henry A. Kiehl us a clipping from the Hamilton Star regarding the issue of the new Canadian postage stamps to commemorate Diamond Jubilee of the Confederation. Canada which reads: "Postmaster general Veniot is issuing a special series postage stamps to commemorate Diamond Jubilee of Confederation. It will be larger than the normal issue will depict the development of the Dominion, the expansion of its transportation systems and various phases of the nation's industries and resources. It stated the stamps will bring joy not to philatelists, but to the public generally."

CEYLON.—The Crown Agents the following printings: 10c, 15c, 20c, 30c, 1R, plates 19 and 20; 50c plate 16; 1c script, 3c and 6c from 1. Further printings on order at 2c, 3c, 5c, 6c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 50c and colors as before.

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CHINA (British P. O.'s).—The Crown Agents advise they will issue shortly the purple and sage-green, 50c black on gold (first time on script watermarked paper); \$1 purple and blue on gold and \$2 red and black, all current issues of Hong Kong, plate 1, script watermark, overprinted "China" at Somerset House, London.

DUTCH INDIES.—Stamp Collecting reports on the authority of *L'Echo de la Philologie* a new color in the numeral 34c green.

GRATIA.—*La Suisse Philatelique* publishes a report that a new series is in preparation.

LIBERT AND ELLICE.—The Crown Agents announce that the 1p blue-purple on plate 16 is on order. This is a bicolor and the first time on Script paper.

YUGOSLAVIA.—The quantities of the 15c brown was 1,000,000, the 20 din. 1,500,000 and the 50 din straw. 200,000, according to information furnished *Stamp Collecting* by Mr. Eugene Mangelsky. The three values noted are soon to be superseded by a new set.

ANGOLIA.—Mr. M. Champion calls attention to the 40 mungs yellow and black, 20 mungs cinnamon, yellow and black, 20 mungs cinnamon and black, which have just been issued.

NORWAY.—*Ibsen Stamp?* *L'Echangeiste* states that on the occasion of the Ibsen Centenary (he was born on 28th March, 1828), a special stamp was issued bearing his portrait. We have not received this stamp.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

SEAR.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us two more values in the new series: a 15c dark green and 25c blue.

SOUTH WEST AFRICA.—Whitfield King & Co. advise that they have received copies of the 2sh6d brown and green, overprinted emerging from a drift type.

TRANSJORDANIA.—The Crown Agents furnish this information regarding new stamps dispatched:—Current issue of Palestine, but without the trilingual overprint. Plate 1, script watermark. Colors as before. Overprinted "Transjordan" in Arabic, 1m, 2m, 3m, 5m, 6m, 7m, 10m.

WORLD HISTORY IN POSTAGE STAMPS

THE PAGEANT OF CIVILIZATION.

World Romance and Adventure as Told by Postage Stamps. By F. B. Warner. Illustrated. 490 pp. New York: The Century Company. \$6.

Nations have a way of honoring the great men and the great events in their history by picturing them, really or symbolically, on their postage stamps, and Mr. Warner has taken the unique method of looking through and beyond the stamps at the men and the affairs they celebrate in order to describe these heroic figures and dramatic moments as parts of the history of countries and civilization. His sturdy volume ranges widely over the earth and sweeps into its compass some portions of the stories of over a hundred nations. His method is usually to select some one phase, or perhaps several phases, in the history of a nation which is especially well pictured in its postage and tell briefly and dramatically and in swift and vivid style the story of that development, with frequent reference to the postage issues connected with it. Thus, one chapter takes up the development of transportation in America, backgrounding it with some colorful reference to early explorations and the method of dealing with mail before the Government took over its transportation and then carrying the story swiftly down through pony express, railroads and airplane. Interwoven with this are digressions into the stories of historical developments that have influenced postage issues, with occasional turning aside to comment on the reasons why some individual or some event has not been so honored.

In similar way he surveys and narrates important phases of the history of the great nations and gathers into his far-sweeping postage net interesting, astounding, appealing anecdotes of people and events in all the four corners of the earth. The story by postage stamps of the World War begins with the bizarre tale of the Ferrary collection and its romantic dispersal by auctions that ended two years ago. Postage as connected with charitable organizations has a chapter and another is devoted to postal rarities. Throughout there is attention to prices and frequently there is some reference or comment which will especially interest the stamp collector.

Mr. Warner has been ingenious and skilful in thus uniting national and world history with the story of that small but mighty instrument of civilization, the postage stamp. His narrative is always swift and colorful and usually his historical matter is dependable. But in the collection of such an immense quantity of the stuff of which history is made and of such vast numbers of tales and anecdotes it was inevitable that an occasional error should creep in and that in either statement of fact or manner of wording a wrong impression should be given. To cite a single instance, he mentions "the quickly conceived and announced Monroe Doctrine," when, as a matter of fact, the Monroe Doctrine was the outcome of years of discussion on the part of Amer-

Twentieth Century, Mint

Cat. prices given in () are Scott's revised prices.

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| GT. BRITAIN, De La Rue, 5sh, #140a, \$ 3.60 | BARBADOS, 1/4d-6d, #127-34, \$ 1.60 |
| De La Rue, 10sh, #141, 3.20 | 6d, #134, .40 |
| " 20sh, #142, 8.00 | 1sh, #135, 1.00 |
| Somerset, 2s 6d, #139a, 2.40 | 2sh, #136, 1.40 |
| " 5sh, #140, 2.40 | 4d, #138, .20 |
| " 10sh, #141, 3.40 | 1/4d-6d, #140-47, 1.50 |
| " 20sh, #142, 8.00 | 1sh, #148, .90 |
| 1 1/2d, #161 PENCE—pair w. normal | 2sh, #149, 1.20 |
| Waterlow, 2s 6d G., #399, 3.60 | 3sh, #150, 1.70 |
| " 2s 6d, #173a, 1.80 | 1d, #151, .20 |
| " 5sh, #174a, 2.70 | 1/4d-6d, #152-58, .75 |
| " 10sh, #175a, 4.10 | 1sh, #159 (cat. 9.00), 4.25 |
| " 20sh, #176, 19.00 | 2sh, #160, 1.10 |
| De La Rue, 2s 6d shades, #173, from \$1.00 & up. | 3sh, #161, 1.75 |
| " 5sh, #174, 2.00 | 3d, #162, .15 |
| " 10sh, G., #143, 4.00 | 4d, #163, .15 |
| MOROCCO AG., De La Rue, 12pe, #37, 2.40 | 1sh, #164, .65 |
| Waterlow, 2s 6d, #39, 2.40 | BARBUDA, 1/4d-6d (cat. 2.81), 1.10 |
| De La Rue, 2s 6d, #39, 1.25 | 6d, #5 (cat. 1.50), .50 |
| " 2s 6d, #39a, 1.30 | 2sh, #6, 1.10 |
| ANTIGUA, 1d, G., #32a, blued paper, 1.80 | 3sh, #7, 1.85 |
| 5sh, #30, 4.20 | 4sh, #8 (cat. 7.00), 3.30 |
| 5sh, #41, 3.10 | 3d, #9, .20 |
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| 1/4d, 1/2d, #102-03, .10 | 50c, #101, 1.00 |
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| 5sh, #39, 3.00 | 10c, #138, .15 |
| 20sh, #40, 12.50 | 25c, #139, .20 |
| 3sh, #43, 1.50 | 30c, #140, .20 |
| 1/4d-6d, #49-53, .60 | 50c, #141, .40 |
| 1sh, #54, .35 | \$1, #142, .95 |
| 5sh, #55, 1.80 | \$2, #143, 1.80 |
| 20sh, #56 (cat. 13.50), 7.00 | \$5, #144, 4.10 |
| 3d, #58, .90 | 21c, #147, .40 |
| 5d, #59, .15 | 45c, #148, .50 |
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| 3sh, #61, 1.40 | 1sh, #7, .45 |
| 3d, #64, .10 | 1sh, #7a, .45 |
| 1/2d 1sh, #65-69, .55 | 1sh, #9, .60 |
| 1d, #70, .03 | 5sh, #10, 2.25 |
| 5d, #101, 2.70 | 20sh, #11, 8.00 |
| 5d, #102, .50 | 1/4d-6d, #12-15, .65 |
| 5d, #103, .15 | 5sh, #16, 6.25 |
| 1sh, #305, 6.20 | 20sh, #17, 8.75 |
| BARBADOS, 2s 6d, #99 (cat. 7.50), 3.75 | 1d-3d, #18-20, .40 |
| 1/4d-6d, #116-23, 4.00 | 1/4d-6d, #21-26, .45 |
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| 2sh, #125, 5.10 | 5sh, #27, 1.60 |
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| 5sh, #55, 1.60 | ST. KITTS, 1sh, #31, .35 |
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ican statesmen, had been implicit in the public utterances of nearly all of them ever since the birth of the Republic, and had been for several years under consideration by the diplomats of England and the United States.

The illustrations comprise reproductions of great numbers of interesting stamps.

As a copy of the noteworthy volume, "The Pageant of Civilization," has not reached our desk, we present the foregoing review that has appeared in the *New York Times*, which is a readable generalization and no doubt is disposed to do justice to the great work that Mr. Warner has produced. We shall have our comments to make in an early issue.

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All of these wrappers were used in enormous quantities. The total period covered was nineteen and a half years and the total issue was nearly 370,000,000 stamps. The average issue per year amounted to over 18,000,000 and was about ten times as great as the number of adhesive stamps used by this firm during the tax period.

The basic reason for the fact that any match stamps were printed by the American Phototype Company during the period while the Butler & Carpenter contract with the Government was in force lies in the peculiar manner in which nearly all of the Byam, Carlton & Co. matches were wrapped for distribution and sale. Less than 10% of the firm's production was packed in boxes, or small containers to which an adhesive stamp could be affixed quickly and at little expense. Ninety per cent or more of their matches were "card" or "comb" matches. One of these cards before the writer measures 2 1/2 x 1 13/16 inches and is 3/32nd of an inch thick. Eleven saw cuts—probably made by a gang of several saws locked together—run parallel to the grain of the wood and to the longer dimension of the card from one end and stop 3/4 inch short of the other end. This results in twelve matches, each 2 1/8 inches long and about 3/32 inches thick, connected at one end by a strip 3/8 inch wide. This strip corresponds to the base of a comb and each match was like the tooth of a comb. The separated ends were dipped in the composition combining phosphorous and often sulphur. In use a match was broken off the card exactly as one would break the end tooth from a comb.

The central device on the D. F. Hutchinson match stamp is an excellent representation of one card in miniature. Eight cards, each containing twelve matches, would make a package on which the tax was 1c. Evidently it was inconvenient and expensive to wrap these cards in a package and then have to affix an adhesive stamp, and Byam, Carlton & Co., insisted that the Government supply them with "stamped paper" which under the law it was their right to demand.

The following quotation from a letter of Joseph R. Carpenter written to his partner John M. Butler, under date of August 17, 1864, shows the difficulty which confronted Butler & Carpenter and the Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

"It appears that Mr. Carlton, the largest manufacturer in America, puts up his matches in a peculiar wrapper and manner; and he cannot use the Government stamp, save at great expense and trouble. Again, the ordinary private stamps applicable to boxes, etc., do not meet his case. Hence he wants a peculiar stamp: a stamp in the center of his label wrapper. **** Now Mr. Carlton prefers steel-plate engraving as the best protection to himself as well as the government, but the cost would be tremendous."

"For instance, his label is 3 1/2 x 6 in., only nine (9) can go on one of our plates. His demand will be 144,000 per diem. Hence it would require 25 plates worked all the time to supply him; or sixteen thousand (16,000) impressions daily. His plates would have to be retouched every three days, allowing 50,000 impressions before retouching charges. Hence, he would have to pay yearly a sum (this was so badly blotted in copying as to be illegible)—It would cost us \$24,000 at least to print his stamps, besides the engraving, ink, materials, etc. 16,000 imps. at 50c. per hundred is \$80 per day for printer's wages. In other words it would cost him \$30,000 per annum to have a private, steel-plate engraved, stamp. Hence, he cannot entertain the idea, though anxious, nor can we accept his stamp at a penny less under penalty of a ruinous loss."

The problem was solved by an arrangement between Butler & Carpenter and the American Phototype Company, whereby the American Phototype Company paid Butler & Carpenter a bonus and took over the production of the wrapper stamps. Their "beautiful, safe and admirable patent especially applicable to this purpose" seems to have been considerably overrated. Certainly there is nothing very beautiful, safe or admirable about any of the stamps or wrappers which this Company produced. Most of them, if not all, lack the charm and clearness usually obtained in a well executed and well printed wood cut. Their principal merit was that they could be produced quickly and cheaply.

1c Black, First Die.

The only data we have regarding the first wrapper made for Byam, Carlton & Co. by the American Phototype Company is contained in the Boston Book. The die was approved in August, 1864. The wrapper was first issued in September, 1864, and was last issued sometime in 1865. According to the personal recol-

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H. F. COLMAN

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lection of Mr. S. A. Carlton, the junior member of the firm, the total issue was approximately 25,000,000. The writer has never seen or heard of a pair and there is no evidence to show how many were printed on each sheet. The circumstances in connection with their issue, however, would indicate that several were printed at each impression.

The central portion of the design is composed of a rectangle measuring about 3 1/4 x 2 inches divided vertically into three sections. The section at the left is inscribed in five lines of uncolored letters appearing like type on a colorless ground, "BYAM, CARLTON & CO.—MANUFACTURERS OF—Wax Tapers, Water-Proof, Card, Block—Wood, and Paper Box—MATCHES." The second line is in small letters and the whole inscription reads upward.

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The central section is nearly square and measures 1 1/4 x 2 inches. A central disk nearly 3/4 inches in diameter contains the portraits of Messrs. Byam and Carlton facing to the left. This is surrounded by a colored band inscribed in colorless capitals "U. S. INTERNAL REVENUE" above and "PROPRIETARY" below. This is surrounded by another band divided into sixteen sections each of which contains a colorless hand holding a lighted match. This band is surrounded by another band also divided into sixteen sections, each being in line with a section of the inner band. The outer edge of these sections is rounded and each contains a seated figure holding a lighted match. There are small ornaments in the spaces between the points at the outer edge of these sections. This part of the design forms an elaborate disk nearly 1 1/4 inches in diameter. A curved line of capitals above the disk reads "MANUFACTURED BY BYAM, CARLTON & CO." and a similar line below the disk reads "96 FRIEND STREET, BOSTON."

The four corners of the large central section are filled out with shaded scroll work and superimposed on the scroll work is a colorless shaded numeral "1"

placed diagonally in each upper corner with colorless shaded "ONE" at the lower left and "CENT" at the lower right.

This central section of the wrapper is identical with the main portion of the large adhesive stamp printed by the American Phototype Co. for Byam, Carlton & Co. except that on the adhesive the band containing the hands is omitted and the complete disk therefore is smaller. Surrounding the three central sections of the wrapper is a rectangular band 8mm wide, composed of crossed diagonal lines in pairs. This band is in turn surrounded by another ornamental band about 5mm wide, which contains a series of poorly executed ornaments intended to represent fleur-de-lis. The other edge consists of two colored lines, the inner being much heavier, but on many stamps they are poorly printed and merge. The part of the design already described makes a rectangle measuring 4 3/4 x 3 inches. Adjoining the middle of each side of this large rectangle is placed a small rectangle. These four small rectangles are nearly 30mm long and about 10mm wide. Each is inscribed in two curved lines of colored capitals "U. S. INTERNAL REVENUE—PROPRIETARY" on a colorless ground. In each upper corner is a colorless shaded numeral "1" placed diagonally on shaded scroll work and at the bottom is a small colored panel bearing in colorless capitals "ONE CENT." Each of these four small rectangles is so placed that the inscription "ONE CENT" is next to the edge of the large rectangle. The outer and finer line of color surrounding the large rectangle does not pass between the large rectangle and these smaller rectangles, but passes outside the latter, thus connecting them to the main portion of the wrapper. The complete design measures 130mm x 98mm.

In all the realm of philately no stamp properly comparable to this U. S. revenue is so rare in the proportion which the number of specimens known to be in existence bears to the number probably issued and used and certainly no postage stamp in the world of which anything like 25,000,000 specimens were issued is so rare as this stamp. The present writer has seen less than ten different copies and considers this wrapper to be of practically equal rarity with the large Byam & Carlton adhesive. Of the lat-

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stamp as early as 1888, and in his re-
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at \$5.00. Until the 1902 edition the Scott
catalog either did not list this wrapper
stamp or else confused it with the large
thirty-cent or with the second wrapper.
The latter much resembles the first wrap-
per and these two have often been mis-
taken for each other. The 1898 edition
of the Scott catalog listed this, the first
Scott, Carlton & Co. wrapper correctly
and from then until 1900 priced it at
\$15.00, from 1901 until 1909, it was
priced \$25.00. In 1910, the price was
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untie our earlarks and take off our cha-
peaux to the new stamp and its factor.

Which all means that the spirit of St.
Louis may show itself in the coming
philatelic convention next August.

The rotary press compound perfora-
tions are coming out for general postage
in quick fashion, making many first day
covers. Although a few of the stamps
were issued precancelled first, still in all
a first day enthusiast should not neglect
these first class covers.

A local wit assures us that the Turk
who claims to 156 years old, is decidedly
not a stamp collector. There is consolation
in knowing that real collectors don't
have to live that long to get all the real
fun of living.

Meters will soon reach the 6100 mark,
although there has been a gradual slow-
ing up of late. A check list of meter
users is an astounding index of the big-
gest mailers in the United States. The
recent 17c meters have been most popu-
lar and the 4½c the rarest.

Cancels are so standardized today that
it is rare that one finds any deviation
from the machines, number handstamps,
grids and bars on letters and rollers and
ovals on packages. An official envelope
from Washington recently bore a new
cancel, which was entirely experimental.
This machine is a meter town mark with
a set of seven wave lines printed in
black. We can only assume that the
counting of official mail by means of a
meter machine yielded some figures of
portent towards economy.

A French news item objects to "British
Goods Are Best" as a slogan. *Fume*
Tobacco Cubano Que Es El Mejor Del
Mundo doesn't appeal to those who
smoke Melanchrino No. 9's or Camel
20's.

We noted that the coil plate number
on the old flat bed paste ups has found
its way to prominence in recent auctions.

Equally as uncommon is the coil showing
a vertical guide line either to right or
left of the stamp. Then there are those
private perforations which always inter-
est the erudite specialist. Whether it's
booklets, coils, cut squares, entires, rev-
enues, tax paid, or plate numbers, there
always remain a few scarce items we can
search for, and almost get.

Colored cancels are being seen less and
less each day. The magenta machine in
New York for Registry and a few Re-
turn to Sender machines in violet have
at times cancelled, but we have never
seen a colored wave mark. Most colored
cancels are ovals, rollers, and line
stamps, with a handstamp now and then.
Has anyone a checklist of these current
colored cancels?

Comparing current cancels with those
found on the 3c, 1879, we find past can-
cels run approximately as follows:
Smudges, 24%; Corks, 27%; Targets,
22%; Cork Letters, 6%; Duplex Nos.,
5%; Pen Marks, 3%; Cork Grids, 3%;
Towns, 2%; Stars, 1%; Lesser groups,
7%; Total, 100%.

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Texas, via Houston.

There will also be an advertisement
for an Air Mail line from Albany, New
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ctady, Utica, Syracuse, Rochester and
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PNOM-PENK, April 1, 1927. Special Dis-
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layed in transmission.)

Postmaster-Generalissimo Gjon
Pzmaiffe announced today that the cir-
cuniterrestrial flight sponsored by his
administration will start July 14 at 4 A.
M. (daylight-saving time). Pilot Joktan
Yahudi, Vice-Admiral in the Pnom-Pen-
kian navy is now putting the last touches
on the Orc, which he designed and built
himself.

The flight will be the first test of the
new Yahudi motor, using a special fuel,
yahudine, a solution of nitroglycerin in
gasoline with the addition of certain
essential oils whose identity is at present
a secret. The trip will be made in four
hops, the stopping places being the Isle
of Yap; Counani, South America; Stella-
land, South Africa; finishing at Pnom-
Penk, which Admiral Yahudi hopes to
reach about July 28.

Of interest to the stamp collecting
world is the announcement that 447,000
letters will be carried on the trip. Local
stamps will be affixed to these letters at
each halting-place and cancelled with
date and time. During the flight each

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| #154, 2Fcs brown |16 |

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HIS ANGLE

That there are many men of many
minds among the thinking collectors is
proved by the following letter that came
from that political and editorial writer,
Mr. Clinton L. Chalfant, of the *Daily
Times and Indianian*, Warsaw, Indiana.
Mr. Chalfant has been cogitating on the
subject of commemoratives which cannot
come too fast for him but his idea in the
following remarks is that his plan would
dispense with the "dull portrait issue"
and make place for special subjects with-
out the introduction of extra stamps.
Evidently, our national portrait gallery
does not impress Mr. Chalfant as vividly
as it does some other collectors. Clear
the track for him.

"The last general issue of United
States postage stamps was in 1922 and
1923, four to five years ago. It is now
time that the post office department
should change the issue. In doing this
the department would not be 'troubled'
with special issues as there are 23 differ-
ent denominations issued. These special
subjects could be put on the general
issue.

Speaking frankly, some of the present
issue are a disgrace to the Government.
Take for example the 11 cent Hayes—the
picture of the president looks like it was
printed from a wooden cut. Another
thing, why has the department insisted

letter will be further cancelled with the
special "Orc" mark, which is an orc in
flight with the date, hour, minute, lati-
tude and longitude, by means of a special
machine invented and constructed by
Pilot Yahudi, who will also autograph
a limited number.

Admiral Yahudi believes that these
letters can be marketed for \$5,000 each
and has promised that the proceeds will
be turned over to the Scarlet Swastika
Society, of which he is president and
treasurer.

GENEVA, June 10, 1927. (A.P.)

The Director of the Universal Postal
Union announces that the Postmasters-
General of Liberia, Liechtenstein and
Barbuda have ordered special sets of
postage stamps to be issued to commem-
orate the Pnom-Penk-Pnom-Penk flight.

BIG BUG, ARIZONA, June 4, 1927 (A.P.)

G. W. P. Hunter, representative from
the Third Congressional district of Ari-
zona, announces that he will use his in-
fluence to have a special postage stamp
issued to commemorate the Pnom-Penk
around-the-world flight.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 5, 1927 (A.P.)

Postmaster-General New, when inter-
viewed today, refused to make any state-
ment about the proposed Pnom-Penk
flight stamp.

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| Cat. No. | Description. | List Price. | My Price | Cat. No. | Description. | List Price. | My Price |
|----------|------------------------------|-------------|----------|----------|-------------------------------------|-------------|----------|
| 14 | 1859, 1c rose | .75 | .30 | 47 | 1892-93, 50c blue, unused | 2.00 | 1.00 |
| 15 | " 5c vermilion | .40 | .20 | 47 | " 50c blue, used | .50 | .20 |
| 18 | " 2c rose | 6.00 | 3.50 | 50 | 1897, 1/2c Jubilee, unused or used | 1.00 | .50 |
| 19 | " 12 1/2c green | 1.00 | .35 | 51 | " 1c Jubilee, unused | .15 | .06 |
| 21 | 1868, 1/2c black, Thick | 3.50 | 1.75 | 52 | " 2c Jubilee, unused | .15 | .07 |
| 22b | " 1c brown-red, Thin | 2.00 | 1.25 | 53 | " 3c rose, Jubilee, unused | .15 | .08 |
| 22 | " 1c brown-red, Thick | 2.00 | 1.25 | 54 | " 5c blue, Jubilee, unused | .60 | .25 |
| 23c | " 2c green, Thin | 1.25 | .65 | 55 | " 6c brown, Jubilee, un- | 2.00 | .85 |
| 23 | " 2c green, Thick | 1.25 | .65 | | used | | |
| 24c | " 3c red, Thin | 1.00 | .50 | 56 | " 8c violet, Jubilee, un- | 1.00 | .40 |
| 24 | " 3c red, Thick | 1.25 | .75 | | used | | |
| 25a | " 6c brown, Thick | 1.50 | 1.00 | 57 | " 10c brown violet, un- | 1.25 | .50 |
| 26 | " 12 1/2c blue, Thick | 1.25 | .50 | | used | | |
| 27 | " 15c grey-violet, Thick | 1.50 | .60 | 251 | Registered, 2c orange, unused | .35 | .25 |
| 39a | " 15c slate-blue, Thick | 1.50 | .60 | 251a | " 2c vermilion, un- | .75 | .50 |
| 31a | 1869, 1c yellow | 2.50 | 1.25 | | used | | |
| 37 | 1875, 5c olive-green (Large) | 3.50 | 2.00 | 253 | " 5c yellow-green, un- | .35 | .25 |
| 43a | 1882-90, 5c gray, Imperf. | 17.00 | 9.00 | 254 | " 8c blue, unused | 6.00 | 4.00 |
| 48d | 1892-93, 8c gray blue, Im- | 17.00 | 9.00 | 254 | " 8c blue, used | 7.50 | 5.00 |
| 46 | " 20c vermilion, unused | 1.75 | 1.00 | | 1912, 2c carmine, Hairlines, unused | | .75 |
| 46 | " 20c vermilion, used | .30 | .20 | | | | |

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Getting now to the meat of this
article, the writer has collected of
on since 1898; mostly on. In fac-
coming disgusted with the catalo-
as major varieties the various pe-
tions, which are now legion, as
issues' (probably the taste of the
sweet or sour, will be next), the
is confining himself only to major
of the U. S. and has turned his att-
to pictorial issues and odd design
Latvia and Lithuania. The write
no quarrel with the specialist, but
ing perforations as new issues doe
seem a good way to encourage oth-
take up the hobby.

Now let the United States break
from the portrait issues as was st-
to do in 1922 when the 20, 25, 30, a-
cent stamps and \$1 and \$2 were is-
and issue all pictorials. By doing
various historic events of interest
be shown and a beautiful and attr-
series printed.

Incidentally here are a few st-
tions. Washington's home at Mt.
non, Jefferson's at Monticello; Old
at St. Augustine, Fla.; Catskill M-
tains; scenes in Yellowstone Na-
Park; and many other subjects to
merous to mention in this small ar-

FIUME FORGERIES

Through the courtesy of the ge-
manager of the Cosmopol Bureau
Ciampolini, New York, we have
ceived the translation of a letter
Oliva Brothers, editors of *La R-
Filatelica d'Italia*, Genoa, Italy, as
lows: "The enclosed very dangero-
of forgeries of the Fiume D'Ann-
issue was discovered in Italy a few
ago. The stamps were recently ma-
Milan principally for 'export' pur-
The counterfeits are well produced
gauge 11 1/2 as to perforation, the sa-
the originals; and a careful study of
details of design and colors is need-
to prove their character. We as-
that a large quantity of these for-
has been sent to America and we
the Cosmopol Bureau, which repre-
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that received an award at the New
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By HARRY E. HUBER.

Col. Francesco de Pinedo started on his four-continent flight at Cagliari, Italy, on February 13th last and flew to Africa and South America; thence to the United States via Haiti and Cuba. At Roosevelt Lake, Arizona, his plane was burned, and another craft was sent out to replace it. In this, the "Santa Maria II," he flew over eastern and southern United States, and across Canada to Quebec, leaving there on Wednesday morning May 18, 1927, for Shippegan, New Brunswick.

In the St. John's, Newfoundland, daily papers of May 18th, there appeared the following Post Office Notice relative to a limited air mail which it was planned to dispatch to Italy and the neighboring countries, by Col. de Pinedo's plane.

"Royal Arms

Post Office Notice.

Air Mail Per De Pinedo via Trepassey, Newfoundland.

A limited number of letters, not exceeding 1 ounce in weight, prepaid with a sixty-cent Newfoundland postage stamp, endorsed "Via Air Mail," will be accepted at the General Post Office, and forwarded to Trepassey, for transmission by Air Mail to Italy, up to 5 p. m. Thursday, 19th. inst.

Letters for this despatch should be handed into the Minister of Posts' Office (Upper Flat, G. P. O.) between the hours of 10 a. m. and 5 p. m. It would be advisable for senders to have their address noted on back of letter.

The despatch of this mail is subject to consent and courtesy of Commander Francesco de Pinedo.

Signed, W. J. WOODFORD,
Minister, Post and Telegraphs.
G. P. O. May 18, 1927.
May 18. li. (news)."

For the prepayment of postage on this air mail, the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs, authorized the overprinting, in red, of 300 of the 60c black, Cabot series of 1897, in three lines:—

"AIR MAIL
De Pinedo
1927."

These stamps were sold only to those presenting letters for inclusion in the air mail and as the mail was limited in weight (approximately 3 lbs.), many were disappointed. Most of the stamps were purchased on the 18th May, and the few remaining were sold the next morning.

The 60c Cabot was considered most appropriate for overprinting, as the stamp

portrays King Henry VII, by whom letters patent were granted on March 5, 1497, to John Cabot (a native of Genoa), and his three sons, to take possession on behalf of England of any new lands which they might discover.

In the mail was an official communication from the Prime Minister, Hon. W. S. Monroe, addressed to H. E. Benito Mussolini, of Italy—

"Prime Minister's Office,
St. John's, NEWFOUNDLAND,
May 19, 1927.

Your Excellency:—

Your great country, already associated with Newfoundland, through the discovery of our Island by John Cabot, of Genoa, in 1497, is again linked with Newfoundland by the glorious air flight of Commander Pinedo.

I take advantage of this first and historic Air Mail between Newfoundland and Italy to extend to your Excellency, and through you to Their Majesties and the people of Italy, cordial greetings and sentiments of friendship and goodwill, from the people of Newfoundland.

Commander Pinedo carries with him our sincere concern for his safety, and the hope that he may successfully finish his historic journey.

Signed, W. S. MONROE,
Prime Minister.

His Excellency
Benito Mussolini,
Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs,
Rome, Italy."

The mail was sent down to Trepassey, by rail, on the morning of Friday, May 20th, and at 6 o'clock that afternoon, just a few hours before Capt. Chas. A. Lindbergh passed over Newfoundland on his historic non-stop flight of 33½ hours, from New York to Paris, the "Santa Maria II" arrived at Trepassey Bay, on the southern coast of the Avalon peninsula, about 80 miles south of St. John's, having flown from Shippegan, N. B., in five hours.

At 2.58 a. m. Eastern daylight saving time, on Monday, May 23, 1927, they took off for Rome, via the Azores, passing over St. John's, at 3.12 a. m. But later in the day, unable to make headway against the strong winds, and gas running low, it was necessary to alight on the ocean about 200 miles north of their objective. Near the landing spot was the three-masted Portuguese fishing schooner "Infanta Sagres", bound for the Grand Banks, which rescued the aviators and took the plane in tow. On the 26th, the

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| 202 | 1862 | 2c green | 6.00 | 2.50 |
| 203 | 1862 | 5c blue | 3.50 | 2.50 |
| 205 | 1862 | 5c lt. blue | .20 | .30 |
| 206 | 1862 | 5c blue | .40 | .. |
| 207 | 1863 | 2c brown red | .65 | .. |
| 210 | 1863 | 10c blue | .15 | .25 |
| 211 | 1863 | 10c blue | .15 | .25 |
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schooner was relieved by the Italian s. s. "Superga", and the machine and crew were brought into port at Horta, in the Azores, Monday morning, May 30th.

Repairs were there made, and on June 10th the flight was continued; first flying from Horta to the place where the plane was forced down, and then to Ponta Delgada, so as to retain the continuity of the flight. Leaving Ponta Delgada on the 11th, they arrived at Lisbon that afternoon; at Barcelona, on the 13th; and the final leg to Italy was accomplished on the 16th.

The Cabot series of postage stamps, issued June 24, 1897, to commemorate the 60th year of Queen Victoria's reign, and the 400th anniversary of the discovery of the island, by John Cabot, comprised 14 denominations, 1c to 60c inclusive, line engraved and printed by the American Bank Note Co. of New York, in sheets of 100, on unwatermarked paper, and perforated 12 single line. Of these, a small stock of the 15c, 24c, 30c and 60c still remains.

Of the 60c, 100,000 were printed, and 55,000 were in stock September 10, 1897. In December, 1918, during a shortage of low denomination stamps, and awaiting receipt of the Caribou series (issued January 2nd, 1919), consideration was given to surcharging these down to 2c. A sheet of 100 of the 60c black was overprinted in red in 3 lines "TWO—2—CENTS", but it was so indistinct that the scheme was abandoned.

May 18, 1927. King Henry VII, Cabot series of 1897. Line engraved and printed by American Bank Note Co. of New York, and overprinted at the office of the Daily News, St. John's, Nfld., in 3 lines, in red, "AIR MAIL—De Pinedo—1927." Unwatermarked—perf. 12 single line. 60c black (300 issued).

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 THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL

We were told that Lindbergh carried a few letters on his flight to Paris with the expectation of sending them back to friends in America by mail; and now confirmation is made of the report by the *Illinois State Register* of Springfield, Illinois, dated June 8th, which tells the story in these words: "Carried from Lambert Field, St. Louis to New York and then across the Atlantic ocean on his epochal flight by Captain Charles A. Lindbergh, a letter, valued at more than \$1,000, was received by Postmaster William H. Conkling of Springfield this morning. Postmaster Conkling refused an offer of \$1,000 for the letter half an hour after he received it. 'Lindbergh remembers his friends,' was the declaration of Postmaster Conkling this morning when he received the letter by registered mail. As the in-

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ON

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The April issue carries the first of these articles. Subscription to Scott's Monthly Journal is \$1.00 a year, and we urge immediate subscription in order not to miss any of this new series. Be sure to have your subscription start with the April issue. [t]

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trepid flyer prepared to drive his plane from Los Angeles to New York a few weeks ago, Postmaster Conkling prepared the letter and sent it by air mail to Lambert field. When Lindbergh arrived there on the first leg of his record-breaking cross-country dash, it was delivered to him. With a few other letters and cards which he had received, Lindbergh placed Mr. Conkling's communication in his flying suit to be carried across the Atlantic. The letter was mailed by Lindbergh in an envelope bearing the return of the 'Embassy of the United States' at Paris. It was placed in the French mails on May 28th, reaching here today. The envelope bore Lindbergh's signature, with the notation 'This letter carried by Captain Charles A. Lindbergh in his monoplane, Ortege Contest, New York to Paris, and mailed by him at Paris, France.' Here, indeed, is a souvenir that is of unparalleled interest and the fruit of Mr. Conkling's enterprise is sweet.

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In the foregoing story it will be noticed that Lindbergh was accommodating enough to take a few other letters and cards which, no doubt, have been returned to those addressees who were fortunate enough to be on Lindbergh's list. It was natural that the amiable airman, quiet and unassuming as he is, made friends while in the Chicago-St. Louis service and we have had particulars about the indomitable flyer from one collector who had established a friendship with him before his name electrified all nations. The several philatelists who have Springfield covers bearing the name of Lindbergh, autographed by himself as a pilot have reason to thank their lucky stars that fortune has found them out.

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Mr. Max Golding of Chicago possesses one of these Lindbergh covers that is unique. It was sent to President Hindenburg of Germany as a memento of the first Springfield flight and with the intimation that if it was not of interest to him in a philatelic sense, the sender would appreciate the return of it. President Hindenburg was considerate enough to act upon the suggestion with the result that this envelope is now in Mr. Golding's possession. The letter that accompanied the envelope is one of interest and a translation is promised to us.

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From Mr. S. Tanner Green, we have received the following account of Canada's new issue which is expected to appear prior to July 1st. The six denominations of this new historical set are now being printed and the values and designs are as follows: one-cent orange, head of Sir John A. MacDonald; two-cent green, picture of the fathers of confederation; three-cent red, picture of the central block of the Parliament Buildings; five-cent purple, head of Sir Wilfrid Laurier; twelve-cent blue, map of Canada, 1867-1927, and a twenty-cent, special delivery, red, showing five stages of mail transportation in Canada.

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The following notice from the post office department is descriptive of the new Lindbergh stamp and is reduced to its essentials. The stamp will be placed on sale on June 18, 1927, in four different cities, "named especially because of their connection with the lives of either Col. Lindbergh or his mother, Mrs. Evangeline Lodge Lindbergh. They are St. Louis, Missouri; Detroit, Michigan; Little Falls, Minnesota, and Washington, D. C." On the same day the stamps will be on sale at the Philatelic Agency and other offices will be supplied as soon as possible.

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The Philadelphia Stamp Club, which was early in the field with its suggestion that a Lindbergh stamp be issued has received a letter from R. S. Regar, third assistant postmaster general, with a description of the new air mail stamp, which will displace the regular design now issued to postmasters and be printed in blue. The Philadelphia Stamp Club loaned its influence to a good cause and may rightfully claim credit for starting the Lindbergh stamp, which will have made its appearance by the time these words are in print.

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Mr. Paul R. Gardella, San Francisco, says that he has been collecting stamps since 1862, when he began operations in London. He was seven years old at the time and he has dim recollections of buying stamps, "in company with his mother at a shop in that city at a penny a stamp." Mr. Gardella is all too brief in his letter, which he ends by asking if there is any

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From Mr. Vance L. Smith, Boston, we have received a vivid description of the hours that he spent recently at the stamp bourse, which were attended with pleasure, but little real philatelic. He observes that his French was understood better by the patrons of the change than by Parisians generally. He thinks that the bargains are few far between although there are a stories afloat of wonderful opportunities that have been seized to the advantage of the watchful customer. From his experiences in many of the stamp camps of Europe, we gather that the earlies are a dwindling factor and when they are found in good condition the prices asked are a check on the collector's enthusiasm.

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"Die Postmarke," Vienna, for publishes a review of the first German stamp catalog which was published years ago in Leipzig, in the course of which a most revealing compilation made of prices now and in 1867. Of the advances stagger the imagination and as may be supposed, many of the German states that have been had for almost nothing are now so much more today as to tax credit. Then, there were about 1,550 stamps available for collecting purposes. Africa brought up in the rear of the seventy stamps. In the instance of S. stamps, the 5-cent of 1851 is priced at 80 marks, instead of one mark and the ninety-cent, 1857-60, 200 marks, was 2 marks.

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We thank Mr. George G. B. New York, for two pages from *American Stamp Mercury*, Boston, containing an article by J. K. Tiffan, "A Few Hints on the Arrangement of a Collection and the Selection of Stamps," which was a wonderfully advanced study for its day and well worth one of America's greatest experts of philately, John Kerr Tiffany.

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who gave a large group of members and
visitors an interesting talk upon the
stamps of 1851 and 1857. Dr. Chase is
an outstanding specialist and writer on
the stamps, and in his talk used two
of his Reference Collection albums.
If there is a limit to 'variations' in a
stamp, it is possible to believe
there are any beyond those discovered by
Dr. Chase. A visitor of no mean phil-
atelic ability asked that query, addressing
the Secretary of The Collectors Club.
The visitor was told that, one might see
so that Dr. Chase had evolved the ulti-
mate in study of a stamp.

His meeting was apprised, through
Charles J. Phillips, that Charles Lathrop
Pak was donating a collection of Brazil
stamps to the club. This collection
received stellar honors in England and
is twenty volumes or so. Mr. Pak's
gift to the club was acknowledged by
telegram, the thanks of the body being
sent. The eminent philatelist and forestry
expert.

TESTIMONIAL

The Manila, P. I., Daily Bulletin,
April 27th, contained a cut of the di-
ploma that was given to Jose Castañer,
for its stamp embellishments somewhat
colored in the picture. We read:
"Jose Castañer has been complimented
by Director Jose Topacio of the bureau
of posts with commemorative stamps of
the legislative hall, as a token of grati-
tude for his initiative and disinterested
work in connection with the impression
of the legislative stamps. Mr. Castañer
was the instigator of the surcharges
made by the bureau of posts on the ar-
rival of the Spanish aviators, Gallarza and
Lliga in Manila. He is also the author
of the post mark used by the bureau,
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Grill or Grid

Another stamp-collecting expression requiring explanation is grill. This is a pattern of small embossed dots usually arranged in the shape of a square or rectangle and occasionally covering the whole of the stamp. It is found upon some of the stamps of the United States and Peru. The postal authorities had this grill (or "grid" as it is sometimes called) applied to make the cleaning of used stamps impossible. The embossing or grill effected a weakening of the substance of the paper and made it highly absorbent. Thus when the stamps were cancelled a fair amount of the postmarking ink was absorbed by the paper so that any attempt at removing the cancellation simply resulted in the destruction of the stamp.

Stamp News for the Juniors

Is there anything you want to know about stamps or stamp collecting? If so, write the editor. What would you like to see in this department? We have no way of knowing unless you tell us. Mr. Senior Collector, can't you give the boy collector about 50 words of encouragement along practical lines? Address your letter to the Beverly office.

Juniors—Please Note

During the absence of the Managing Editor in Europe, this page will be cared for by Editor Charles E. Severn, 713 Oxford Bldg., Chicago, Ill. He will render our Juniors any assistance that may be desired.

Color Charts

Juniors sometimes ask how they are to be trained in discriminating between colors as applied to stamps and without going into details, it is plain that they are confronted with a problem, since it is a question whether they may depend wholly on such aids in the form of charts that are available. Nearly thirty years ago Mr. B. W. Warhurst on behalf of a London firm of dealers published a color guide that was well conceived but it did not receive at the time the circulation that it deserved, as then more than now, collectors were disinclined to pay money for anything except stamps, themselves. Various color charts have made their appearance since then and some of them were very pretentious, even though they were issued only for the use of philatelists. One ingenious attempt was to identify colors by the stamps, themselves, common stamps being used to illustrate red-brown, live grey, etc. None of these productions attained general circulation among collectors. Five or six years ago, Stanley Gibbons Color Guide was offered to the philatelic public and since then, it has been improved. It lists one hundred shades; and by comparing the stamp colors with those on the chart, the collector may arrive at a true estimate of them. The price is about 75 cents (or 2s6d., net).

Junior Dictionary

Federal Republic of Central America.—The initial step for the formation of this republic was taken Jan. 19, 1921, when a treaty looking towards this end was signed by representatives of Guatemala, Honduras, Salvador and Costa Rica. This treaty became effective April 8, 1921, when Guatemala was the third state to ratify. The capital city is Tegucigalpa, the Honduran capital.

Festas da Cidade.—This legend appears upon two "Charity" stamps issued in Lisbon ("Lisboa") in 1913. It means "Festival of the City." The use of the stamps was compulsory, in addition to the regular fees, upon all correspondence (1c) from June 10-15 inclusive and upon all telephones (2c) for the same period.

Fez-Sefro.—Fake stamps were printed presumably for a mail service between these two Moroccan cities. They never performed any postal duty.

Freie Stadt Danzig.—This inscription is found on certain stamps of the former German port of Danzig, "Free City of Danzig."

Gl. O. Z. 7 Fev. 1914.—This overprint is found on Hayti stamps and is an abbreviation for Gen. Oreste Zamor with the date of his accession to the presidency. His success as a revolutionist was short-lived, for he was massacred in 1915 with two hundred other political prisoners, this act resulting in American intervention.

Future Delivery.—This overprint on U. S. documentary stamps indicate the purpose for which the stamps were used, viz., a tax on sales of stock for future delivery.

Gorny Slask.—This is the Polish name for Upper Silesia and is found on certain stamps issued for the towns of Beuthen, Kattowitz and Gleiwitz.

Control Marks

Control marks are overprints of more or less meaningless devices applied to certain stamps either as an additional safeguard against forgery or to prevent stamps of similar design, but without the overprints, which have been stolen from being brought into use. The 1899 issue for Persia will serve as an example.

Cabled Anchor

An incorrect term sometimes used in place of "foul anchor," that is, an anchor with which the cable has become entangled or "fouled." It is a watermark shown in all the stamps of the Cape of Good Hope.



Junior Glossary

Estero.—This overprint on Italian stamps shows they were for use in the Post-office maintained in the Turkish Empire.

Estensi.—The inscription identifying the stamps of Modena.

Figures.—None of the stamps of Brazil issued prior to 1866 bear any indication of their origin. The designs consist of large figures only (denoting the facial values) on an engraved background.

Franco.—This word, meaning "free," is the only inscription (other than the value) shown on some of the stamps of Switzerland.

Franco-Scrisorei.—An inscription shown on the early stamps of Roumania.

G.—This letter, overprinted on certain stamps of the Cape of Good Hope signifies they were for use in Griqualand.

G. & D.—These letters, overprinted on certain French Colonial postage due stamps, show they were for use in Guadeloupe and Dependencies.

G. F. B.—These letters were overprinted on some of the stamps of Tonga to convert them into Official labels.

G. P. E.—These letters were overprinted on certain French Colonial stamps for use in the colony of Guadeloupe.

Granadina.—This name appears on the 1859-60 stamps of Colombia.

Guyane Francaise.—French Guiana.

Guinée Francaise.—French Guinea.

Guy. Franc.—An overprint applied to certain French Colonial stamps intended for use in French Guiana.

Helvetia.—Switzerland.

H. H. Nawab Shah Jahan Begam.—The only English inscription on many of the stamps of Bhopal.

H. I. & U. S.—Hawaiian Islands and United States. This inscription appears on one of the rare 13c Missionary stamps of Hawaii.



H R Z G L.—Shown on the 1864 stamps for Holstein.

Marginal Markings

Reference to Marginal plate numbers or inscriptions is frequently made in stamp articles nowadays. The meaning of these expressions is obvious for, of course, they simply relate to anything engraved on the margin of a plate and thus printed at the same time and in the same color as the stamps. Any sheet of United States stamps will serve as an example, for the number of the plate is engraved, the imprint of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing is shown and there are generally initials of the plate-men who have had something or other to do with that particular plate. Marginal varieties are chiefly of interest to the specialist and their study alone is an interesting occupation.

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Tete-Bêche

Tête-bêche is another familiar expression and one that often puzzles the novice. When a stamp on a sheet appears upside down in relation to its neighbor it is said to be tête-bêche as regards the surrounding it. Usually such varieties are due to an error in preparing the plate either a cliché being inserted wrong way up or one of the impressions roll on to the plate upside down. In the case of the 1883 stamps of Grenada, however, the tête-bêche arrangement of the horizontal rows was intentional, each alternate row being inverted. A vertical pair of stamps from any part of the sheets of this issue is, therefore, tête-bêche. These varieties must obviously be shown in pairs, as the stamps when separated show no peculiarities.

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 ple and will show the head of Sir Wil-
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 be blue, illustrating a map of Canada.
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THE FIRST U. S. POSTMASTER-GENERAL
 By HARRY M. KONWISER.

Almost every schoolboy "knows" that
 Benjamin Franklin was the first Post-
 master General of the United States, and
 most stamp collectors (including the
 philatelic group) believe that the first
 stamps of our country, the 1847 issue,
 carry the picture of Benjamin Franklin
 because that efficient man was the first to
 take charge of the post office of the
 United States.

What are the facts in the case?
 The American colonies struggled along
 with an indifferent postal service ("con-
 veyance of the mails"—is what it was
 called) and various arrangements were
 made at different times, in several of the
 Colonies, until 1710 when the British
 Parliament passed an act authorizing the
 British Postmaster General to "keep one
 Chief letter office in New York, and
 other Chief letter offices in each of her
 Majesty's provinces or colonies in
 America."

Deputy Postmaster Generals for North
 America were subsequently appointed,
 from time to time, from London, Ben-
 jamin Franklin receiving such appoint-
 ment in 1755. He was removed in 1774.

The Continental Congress, on July 26,
 1775, appointed Benjamin Franklin "Post-
 master-General for the United Colonies,"
 allowing him "a salary of one thousand
 dollars per annum for himself and three
 hundred and fifty dollars per annum for
 a secretary and comptroller."

The Articles of Confederation of 1778
 gave the "United States in Congress
 assembled the sole right to establish and
 operate post offices, from one state to
 another."

The first congress assembled, approved

of the establishment of post-offices, Sep-
 tember 22, 1789, and by this act President
 George Washington appointed Samuel
 Osgood, of Massachusetts, Postmaster-
 General of the United States.

As Washington was the first President
 of the United States, so was Samuel
 Osgood the first chief of the postal
 system.

All of the above facts are gleaned
 from the report of Postmaster-General
 N. K. Hall, dated Dec. 2, 1851, this
 report having been made to Congress.

According to Mr. Hall "a John Hay-
 wood, scrivener, was appointed by the
 Court (Boston) to take and convey let-
 ters according to their direction." This
 was in 1667 and was done on the petition
 of several Boston merchants.

There are no earlier records of postal
 activities in America. The United
 States was then a part of what was just
 "America" to the rest of the world. So,
 until more definite data is available to
 "John Haywood, scrivener," goes the
 honor of first operating a letter-carrying
 service in the New World.

And, shall we say, that philatelic study
 has developed the fact that the study of
 American history is not quite correct in
 saying that Benjamin Franklin was the
 first Postmaster-General of the United
 States?

History, as a rule, contains a lot of
 bunk. Just why it should teach the
 young errors of fact is one of the mys-
 teries of modern thought. Insofar as
 Franklin is concerned, he had served "his
 Majesty" as Postmaster-General, had
 joined the rebellion, was discharged—so
 doing his duty to this country. History
 tells us nothing much about Samuel
 Osgood, who no doubt was a genuine
 patriot—perhaps helped at the Boston
 Tea Party.

At any rate, the postal system, beyond
 this report, available in a few libraries,
 has made no mention of THE first post-
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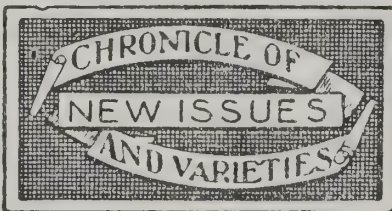
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United States

Lindbergh Air Mail Stamp

The Post Office Department has formally announced that the new 10c Lindbergh air mail stamp described in this column last week, will be placed on sale for the first time on Saturday, June 18th, at Detroit, Michigan, his birthplace, at Little Falls, Minnesota, his boyhood home, at Washington, where he spent a number of years while his father was a member of Congress representing Minnesota, and at St. Louis, Missouri, the home port of the "Spirit of St. Louis," and a terminus of Lindbergh's old air mail route.

The proof of this variety has been approved by the Postmaster General, and a die proof was presented to Colonel Lindbergh on his arrival in Washington on June 11th. Plates are completed, and the supply will soon go forward to the several offices mentioned. I know of no stamp in recent years that has been pre-

pared by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, upon such short notice. The decision of the Postmaster General to issue such a variety was made just about ten days to two weeks before the appearance of the finished stamp. I overlooked mentioning that the 18th was selected as the day of issue, for it is at this time that Lindbergh will be welcomed by the city of St. Louis.

Lindbergh Special Flight

Under date of June 9th, Postmaster General announced that, because of the necessity for providing additional planes with which to bring to Washington the enormous amount of air mail being received at air concentration points for Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, and in response to numerous requests, that one of the planes will be made available for dispatch back to New York in time to make connection at Hadley Field with a special air mail dispatch which will attempt to reach San Francisco the following day by sundown.

The plane is expected to carry from Washington a considerable quantity of photographic and moving picture films and philatelic mail. It will leave Bolling Field at 4.30 P. M., arriving at Hadley Field, the eastern terminus of the transcontinental route about 6.30 Eastern Standard Time. The mail will be transferred to another plane which will take off immediately for Chicago where the program will be repeated early Sunday morning and another plane will be on the way to the Pacific coast.

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SURINAM.—The Economist Stamp have shown us a set of new stamps use in this colony. They have for central portrait the likeness shown the issue of 1923 and the dates at top of that issue have been removed the figures of value are in each of lower corners with the name of the country between. Denominations and sh are 10c carmine, 12 1/2c orange, 15c dingo, 20c slate, 25c purple, 30c g 35c sepia.

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I read everything that you publish in your paper relative to cancellations, air mail notes, etc. Recently you have been publishing some good notes on United States stamps used abroad, used in France, and used on steamship and battle-ship mail. I take this opportunity to write you a few notes from examples in my own collection.

Mr. Douglas Armstrong states that he is not familiar with the type of postmark used on covers bearing U. S. stamps from U. S. Virgin Islands. I have one cover from Christiansted, Saint Croix, dated October 16, 1926. The postmark is the ordinary circular one with Christiansted and Saint Croix in circular form immediately inside of the circle line of the postmark. The month, hour, and year date are inside the town name in three horizontal lines like similar cancellations in this country. To the right of the postmark and extending across the 2c U. S. stamp are seven wavy lines. I also have a cover dated October 26, 1926, with a U. S. 2c stamp on it, from Pago Pago, Samoa. Our small city or town flag machine cancellation is used.

He also states that U. S. postage stamps are not uncommonly met with bearing postmarks of different foreign ports, these being ship letters, and that "their philatelic interest is small." I think that this point is worthy of discussion, and I am not inclined to agree with him. Personally I fancy collecting samples of United States covers, modern, current, or old, as the case may be, from every state in the union, from its outlying possessions (Hawaii, Porto Rico, Canal Zone, etc.), from Trans-Atlantic and Trans-Pacific mail steamship lines, from battleships, from railway mail lines, and from air mail lines. If Mr. Armstrong considers covers from most of these classifications as rubbish, then I partly agree with him on the question of the value of ship letters.

On the other hand, I consider that modern U. S. covers are worth collecting, and that many of them will have a

good value in later years for study purposes. Every collector to his own taste and ideas is my view. If relative scarcity of a type of covers in a collection means anything, I believe that ship letters are a long ways from being common, even far less so than current railway mail cancellations on covers, and what present day collector would turn down any good modern railway mail cancellation. Personally I have a collection of U. S. covers of I suppose many thousands carefully filed away according to my own ideas of classification, but my total accumulation of ship letters totals just 25. Of these I think that I purchased two or three, obtained a few in trade, and got the rest either sent to me direct from a friend whose business causes him to do a lot of steamship traveling during any one year or from friends who received them from relatives who were traveling. The point I am getting at is that a great part of my regular covers, railway mail covers, and ship letters were collected at no expense, and that a large part of the balance did not cost very many cents per cover, being purchased in fairly large odd lots or procured by exchange. I have not made any attempt to go into the market and buy a collection of ship letters and do not know what the market price per cover would be, but judging from the relatively small number I have under these conditions of collecting in proportion to other covers, and even to railway mail covers, I should say that they are uncommon modern covers. Of course 24 out of the 25 covers in this special section of covers have United States stamps on them.

Some further notes on this lot may be of interest. I have only one cover in the lot that was mailed on the Atlantic Ocean. It was mailed in May of this year on board the Clyde S. S. Algonquin and bears a "Mailed on High Seas, etc." cancellation in green, which ties the stamp to the cover, and the Hudson Terminal New York cancellation (machine) of May 16th. One piece of cover with 10c in U. S. (not Canal Zone) stamps on it bears the following handstamp cancellation on it five times, "Balboa, C.Z. Paquet Jan 31 w 30 PM" "1925" "1". One cover with a 10 centimos Costa Rica stamp, addressed to a man at Cartagena, Colombia, S.A., has the stamp tied on with a cancellation like the last one mentioned from Cristobal, C.Z., of October 18, 1926. The cover was not cancelled at Costa Rica, but has a Cartagena, Colombia, back stamp. Ten covers of various dates in 1924 and 1925 have U. S. Trans-Pacific Sea Post cancellations on them with various San Francisco Postal Clerk numbers. Six covers have U. S. T. P. Sea Post, East or West, cancella-

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Algeria, A2-3; 10 on 35c, 25 on 30c, 30 on 25c, 150 on 1.25f, 4 var.15
Belgium, A58; 1.75f on 1.50f blue07
Canal Zone on U. S. 2c, 3c, 10c rotary, perf. 10, 3 var.20
Costa Rica, A79, #126, 1 col. olive green60
Cuba, new 25c deep violet35
Ecuador, A106-7-8; 1c, 2c, 20c "POSTAL"20
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Regarding U. S. postage stamps used abroad, I have a 2c Pilgrim on cover cancelled from the U. S. Pos. Service Shanghai, China, in 1922. I also have the top part of a 3c envelope bearing a Censored cancellation and manuscript notation, a U. S. Army Postal Service cancellation, and a cancellation reading "Recd From Army, Bordeaux Jan 1919," and a piece of cover with two 3c purple stamps on it bearing a censored cancellation and a machine cancellation "Recd From Army Bordeaux Dec 7 6 PM 1918." These covers are mentioned for the benefit of the discussion of U. S. stamps used in France during and following the World War. I have a few "Soldiers Mail" without stamps covers from France.

I have covers with Canadian and U. S. stamps on them for air mail purposes, although a few never flew for certain reasons. I have a Christmas Island local stamp used with U. S. air mail stamps in connection with a cover mailed on that island that flew from San Francisco last year to New York. I have a cover used in war times from London to New York with both British and U. S. stamps on it, but this was entirely accidental and, although cancelled, the U. S. stamps had nothing to do with paying the postage.

I have about 40 battleship covers that are interesting, but they are more com-

mon, I should say, than ship letters.

This letter is much longer than I thought it would be, but I hope that it is of some interest to you and that it may add a little bit to the discussion. I believe that all the discussion and stamp paper articles on modern covers help to place the collecting of them on a better basis. I am acquainted with a number of collectors, and several of them save current U. S. covers.

Regarding commemorative stamps, I am inclined to think that the issuing of just one stamp to celebrate an important national anniversary is a good thing in this country, even though during this period a number come through. It adds variety to a first day cover collection, it gives us a chance to increase that section of our air mail collections for first day covers of special stamps by air mail, and it gives us a new stamp or stamps to use in combination on future first flight air mail covers. That may be a new idea on the subject. Also, why not have a charity stamp of some sort to raise money to relieve and rebuild the flood sections?

ON THE SIDE

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"Relative to the forthcoming issue of a two-cent stamp to commemorate the battle at Fort Stanwix where the Stars and Stripes were first flown and received their baptism of fire, I have recently come across an interesting statement in the book, Joshua Barney, by the late Ralph D. Paine. This is a biography of that active old sea dog who played an unsung but important part in our embryo navy of the revolution.

At one point in Barney's career, early in the revolution, he was in Baltimore for the purpose of recruiting a crew for the ten gun sloop *Hornet*. After making considerable racket with fife and drum, Master's Mate Barney kept open house all day at the tavern where the rebels of Baltimore trooped to sign shipping articles. Let me quote the next paragraph as Mr. Paine has set it down.

They saw a sight that thrilled their hearts. In front of the rendezvous was displayed a flag that they beheld for the first time. It consisted of thirteen stripes, alternately red and white, with the combined crosses of St. George and St. Andrew in the corner. This, the first American ensign, was known as the Grand Union flag. The field of stars supplanted the crosses later in the war, but the glorious stripes were thus emblazoned to signify that the thirteen colonies were one and indivisible. Commo-

dore Ezek Hopkins had ordered this flag sent from Philadelphia to be flown on the *Hornet*. Perhaps it had been sewn by Betsy Ross, but the fame of this industrious dame is beclouded in legend and contradiction. It is certainly known that there was a flag-maker of that name in Philadelphia.

At any rate, there is convincing evidence that Joshua Barney unfurled the flag as a recruiting officer and that it was mightily effective in arousing enthusiasm.

Mr. Paine was noted for his stories of the sea and for his veracity in describing the incidents and customs of the times. To obtain his information he has delved into every available source and in the author's note at the beginning of this book he states as follows: The material for this book was assembled from several sources. By far the most helpful of these was the Biographical Memoir of the late Commodore Joshua Barney, from Autobiographical Notes and Journals in Possession of his Family, edited by his daughter-in-law, Mary Barney, and printed in 1830. This memoir, prepared almost a century ago, and long out of print, has been freely used. The library and documentary records of the Navy Department were also of much assistance.

This incident took place either in late November or early December of 1775. In October, Joshua Barney had returned from a foreign cruise in a merchantman to learn for the first time of the open rebellion of the colonies. In December the *Hornet* set sail with its new crew and joined the other vessels of the squadron at Philadelphia. The flagship *Alfred* also flew the Grand Union flag as did the rest of the fleet, and all ships of the United Colonies until the adoption in June, 1777, of the Stars and Stripes."

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During the summer season, the northern route coastal steamers from St. John's, make Battle Harbour, bringing passengers, freight and mails, and there connection is made with a smaller steamer serving the settlements to the north. After the close of navigation, mails are dispatched fortnightly from St. John's, overland, via Quebec.

In 1922 and 1923, when Major F. S. Cotton, the Australian aviator, was trying to secure from the Newfoundland Government an air mail contract, he carried a number of local mails to the northern settlements of Newfoundland (St. Anthony, Fogo, etc.), and several to the Labrador. No special stamps were is-

sued, and only the inland letter rate of 3c was charged.

The Newfoundland Government owns a chain of wireless stations along the Labrador Coast, which are operated under an agreement with the Marconi Wireless Co., Ltd., of Canada, on a royalty basis. The business exchanged passes through the Marconi wireless office at Fogo, northern Newfoundland.

In the new series of postage stamps, which the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs announced on February 10, 1927, would be issued "as needed," the 1c will show a map of Newfoundland and its territory on the Labrador. Newfoundland proper is displayed on the short-lived 2c Map stamp of September, 1908, but the new stamp is to show as well Newfoundland's territory on the North American mainland (120,000 sq. miles), which has almost three times the area of Newfoundland proper (40,200 sq. miles). The border design of this stamp will incorporate the rose, the thistle, and the shamrock as representative of the early settlers of Newfoundland, who came from England, Scotland and Ireland, and which emblems form the design of the first issue of Newfoundland postage stamps (January 1, 1857), following in a measure the designs of the postage stamps of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick issued some six years earlier. Inasmuch as 1927 marks the 70th year

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| Cat. No. | Description. | List Price. | My Price. | Cat. No. | Description. | List Price. | My Price. |
|----------|---|-------------|-----------|----------|-------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| 14 | 1850, 1c rose | .75 | .30 | 47 | 1892-93, 50c blue, unused | 2.00 | 1.00 |
| 15 | " 5c vermilion | .40 | .20 | 47 | " 50c blue, used | .50 | .20 |
| 18 | " 2c rose | 6.00 | 3.50 | 50 | 1897, 1/2c Jubilee, unused or used | 1.00 | .50 |
| 19 | " 12 1/2c green | 1.50 | .75 | 51 | " 1c Jubilee, unused | .15 | .06 |
| 21 | 1868, 1/2c black, Thick | 1.00 | .35 | 52 | " 2c Jubilee, unused | .15 | .07 |
| 22b | " 1c brown-red, Thin | 3.50 | 1.75 | 53 | " 3c rose, Jubilee, unused | .15 | .08 |
| 22 | " 1c brown-red, Thick | 2.00 | 1.25 | 54 | " 5c blue, Jubilee, unused | .60 | .25 |
| 23c | " 2c green, Thin | 2.00 | 1.25 | 55 | " 6c brown, Jubilee, unused | 2.00 | .85 |
| 23 | " 2c green, Thick | 1.25 | .65 | 56 | " 8c violet, Jubilee, unused | 1.00 | .40 |
| 24c | " 3c red, Thin | 1.00 | .50 | 57 | " 10c brown violet, unused | 1.25 | .50 |
| 24 | " 3c red, Thick | .50 | .25 | 251 | Registered, 2c orange, unused | .35 | .25 |
| 25a | " 6c brown, Thick | 1.25 | .75 | 251a | " 2c vermilion, unused | .75 | .50 |
| 26 | " 12 1/2c blue, Thick | 1.50 | 1.00 | 253 | " 5c yellow-green, unused | .35 | .25 |
| 27 | " 15c grey-violet, Thick | 1.25 | .60 | 254 | " 8c blue, unused | 6.00 | 4.00 |
| 30a | " 15c slate-blue, Thick | 1.50 | .60 | 254 | " 8c blue, used | 7.50 | 5.00 |
| 31a | 1869, 1c yellow | 2.50 | 1.25 | | 1912, 2c carmine, Hairlines, unused | | .75 |
| 37 | 1875, 5c olive-green (Large) | 3.50 | 2.00 | | | | |
| 43a | 1882-90, 5c gray, Imperf. pair, unused | 17.00 | 9.00 | | | | |
| 48d | 1892-93, 8c gray blue, Imperf. pair, unused | 17.00 | 9.00 | | | | |
| 46 | " 20c vermilion, unused | 1.75 | 1.00 | | | | |
| 46 | " 20c vermilion, used | .30 | .20 | | | | |

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since postage stamps were introduced
Newfoundland, it had been suggested
that one of the early designs, with
dates "1857-1927" incorporated, be
signed a place in the new series.

Another stamp of the new series
30c, representing the insurance rat
parcels valued at \$100 for the U. S.
and Canada, will picture the Grand
of Labrador (or as they are some-
called MacLean Falls, after their
coverer) on the Hamilton River, a
250 miles from its mouth in Han
inlet. These Falls, which were disco
in 1839, by John MacLean, a Scot
in the employ of the Hudson Bay
pany, have a sheer drop of 302
against Niagara's 165 feet. In the
river, about 22 miles from its m
are the Muskrat Falls. Both falls
capable of great power gener
possibilities.

PRICES ON UNUSUAL FRENCH

By H. BEDFORD JONES.

The year's most interesting sale
French stamps, in Paris, ended Ju
with some fascinating results. The
terest of the sale depended not on
its rarities, but upon items of very
price—i.e., covers, *cachets*, essays,
and the prices will probably set the
for some years to come, particularly
many of the items were bought
dealers.

The items practically all came fr
huge and very fine collection, many
ex Ferrari. The cataloging fol
French lines—where there was any
the doubt was non-existent! Th
20c Bordeaux, catalogued as ultram
was patently nothing of the sort.
ever, one expects this sort of th
Paris.

The outstanding item of the sa
interest if not in price attained, wa
5 F. Empire lacking the "5 F" and
called in red, a defective copy ex
rari; three only are said to exist.
was surprisingly little bidding, and
to Champion for 3,000 francs. As a
this, the 20c black, obliterated in
Jan. 1, 1849, on cover, brought a bi
6,000fs., although not in superb con

The covers with the early "*cach*
fortune" made good prices, from
up. The Cross of La Rochelle wa
500fs.; the Grille de Lille, 2,150fs.
Cross of Paris, 1,350fs., and les
tablished *cachets* accordingly. Th
mous circular of Dec. 1, 1849, re
the 1f. vermilion, and showing
of the stamps, is priced in Yve
5,000fs., but brought only 1,250 he
Tete-beche and blocks, although
defective, brought good prices. Th
1849 on letter, with both red and
grill, made 600fs. while the same
tete-beche, defective, brought 1,5
and a fair block of seven went fo
The later tete-beche of 1870-75, t
nearly all good, went fairly cheap.

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at 300fs., the 10c bistre at the same,
the 15c bistre at 850fs., and the 10c
the 15c bistre on rose, at 1,300fs.
Another item comparable in rarity to
the 5 F. Empire was 25c ultramarine,
1827, types I and II *se tenant*, obliterated.
Very few are known to exist, yet this
one found little competition and went
for 1,560fs. The 20c blue Type I, not
issued, made 3,600.

Essays in general went very high,
links to the collectors present, although
the highest prices for these were paid by
dealers, few went under 150fs. each. A
series of Bordeaux essays in black
fetched 1,450fs., while the essays of the
4c and 5c *se tenant* made 1,250. Letters
showing *cachets* of the Commune went
for 200 and up each. The red *cachet*
of the Special Bureau of the Emperor
made nearly 1,500, whereas a much finer
one, Palace of Fontainebleau brought only
11. An imperforate 20c 1863, on cover
addressed to the Sucrierie Lebaudy, made
50 francs, while a price of twenty-five
cents each was established for Corps
d'expeditionnaire letters from Mexico,
Italy, Crimea and the orient. A block
of four, 5 F. Empire, brought only 1,000,
while a pair and a single with blue *cachet*
went for 200, which was cheap enough.
As might be expected, the Bordeaux
essays went for very large prices, as these
stamps are highly favored here. The
condition in general was not superb by a
good deal, but the pace was set by
dealers. The 2c in used block of 10,
it too good, made 550fs., but a good
block of four 10c brought 720, and a
slightly defective block of the 80c went
for 1,100fs. A band of five 80c, with
four good copies, made 600. A defective
block of four, 10c bistre of 1852, fetched
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THE QUESTION OF STAMP IL- LUSTRATIONS

One of the questions that suggests
itself is that involving the legality of the
distribution of foreign catalogues that
do not comply with regulations as they
are understood by the American cata-
loguers. It is doubtful whether the
subject has been properly interpreted and
published heretofore and through the in-
terest of Mr. J. J. Klemann, Jr., we are
enabled to provide particulars covering
the case. A London publisher wrote to
the Nassau Stamp Company for a report
and in order that an official opinion
might be had, the Treasury Department
was written to; and a copy of the letter
from the Deputy Commissioner of Cus-
toms follows. A perusal of it allows
of definite deductions as it tells clearly
what restrictions are placed upon the
importation of works, with stamp illus-
trations, into this country; and it is well
that publicity be given to the statements.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
Bureau of Customs
WASHINGTON

June 8, 1927.

Mr. J. J. Klemann, Jr., Sec'y and Treas.,
Nassau Stamp Company,
70 Nassau Street,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:
Receipt is acknowledged of your letter
in which you state that a publisher of a
stamp catalog in Europe has written you
for information in reference to the law
regarding stamp illustrations and the in-
terpretation of that law by customs offi-
cials; that according to legal advice
given by an American lawyer in London,
the law covers only the making and use
of stamp illustration blocks produced in
America and should not be enforced
against publications coming in from for-
eign countries.

The Department has been advised by
the Postmaster General that the Post
Office Department has always held that
the reproduction of postage stamps,
either cancelled or uncanceled by photo-
graphing, printing, lithographing, or
otherwise, is prohibited by Sections 147,
150 and 177 of the Criminal Code; and
that to support the opinion that these
sections are intended to prevent the re-
production of United States postage
stamps for any purpose whatever, even
when no fraud is intended, an Act of
Congress (42 Stat. 1437) was approved
March 3, 1923, in favor of philatelic
publishers, defining the existing laws and
making it permissible to reproduce as
illustrations in stamp catalogs, sections

of borders of U. S. stamps at least four
times the size of such stamps, as well as
the reproduction of complete foreign
stamps for the same purpose, the latter
to be printed from defaced plates in
black and white only. In view of the
foregoing the Post Office Department
has caused the recall and destruction of
all printing plates used in preparing
reproductions of complete U. S. stamps,
either cancelled or uncanceled.

Under Sections 150 and 161 of the
Criminal Code, it is unlawful to bring
into the United States from foreign
countries reproductions of foreign or
domestic postage stamps unless such re-
productions are executed in the manner
provided by the Act of March 3, 1923,
above described. The importation of re-
productions not so executed, subjects the
importer to a fine of not more than
\$5,000 or imprisonment of not more than
15 years, or both, in the case of U. S.
stamps, and a similar fine and imprison-
ment of not more than 5 years, or both,
in the case of foreign stamps. The re-
productions would be subject to seizure
and forfeiture.

It will be seen therefore that repro-
ductions of foreign or domestic postage
stamps unless executed in accordance
with the requirements of the laws and
regulations heretofore referred to are
unlawful reproductions, and consequently
would be prohibited importation into the
United States.

Respectfully,
(Signed) J. D. NEVIUS,
Deputy Commissioner of Customs.

FURTHER BALLON MONTE NOTES

By H. BEDFORD-JONES.

The first sale of single Ballon Monté
items in Paris was held today, with some
interesting results for air mail collectors.
Usually these first air mails are lumped;
ordinary letters have always been sold in
groups.

Your French collector, who some years
ago could buy them at five francs each,
shrieks in horror at now finding them
catalogued at thirty francs—so, it is
whispered, that they may be bought near
that price—but on the actual market they
fetch much more. In England, the ad-
vertised price of Bigsby is \$7.50.

Today's sale held a few rare items
and a nearly complete file of Gazettes,
and it was an eye-opener. No more will
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on the bourse at two dollars each. The
prices for ordinary letters jumped a hun-
dred per cent over prevailing market

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prices, and for Gazettes about twenty-five
per cent. The pigeon post photostats,
on the contrary, fell heavily, because
one dealer here is said to manufacture
them, and it is practically impossible to
tell genuine from fakes.

The rare items went cheap, surprisingly
so. Two years ago the owner paid \$6
for a letter bearing four five-centime
stamps. An Irish collector sent in a
limit bid of \$30 for this item, but se-
cured it for \$16. Gazette No. 1, for
which the owner paid \$75 two years ago,
sold today for \$70—partly because the
cachet was illegible. A Christmas letter
bearing a combination affranchisement,
on the other hand, went to five times the
usual price, and passed across the sea to
Ireland.

It was in the ordinary letters and Ga-
zettes that the steep advance was made,
thus marking a milepost in Continental
sales. This, to be fair, was largely be-
cause the rare items were in some cases
wrongly described—imagination helped
the expert in charge, who knew all about
books but nothing about stamps. A com-
plete file of unused and bound Gazettes,
which should have gone for a very high
price, was in reality incomplete and in
sorry condition, and fetched only \$25.
A file of the Gazette reprints, on vellum,
an item far rarer than the originals,
started at eighty cents and went for \$6
to a collector who was prepared to pay
three or four times the price.

Gazette No. 32, equally rare with the
first number, was listed as having flown.
Before the sale three of us informed the
expert that its *cachet* showed it had not
departed by balloon at all, but by the
post. He shrugged, said it did not mat-
ter, and sold it as catalogued. That is
the ethics of the Paris auction room—
sometimes. American collectors should
always watch out for No. 32, because a
great number of them are on the market
with the proper date cancellation, but a
reading of the *cachet* shows that they
were obliterated after the last balloon
departed, 6 a. m., Jan. 28, 1871.

Ireland

We read in the press that, at last, the three high values are
to appear in pictorial form—which will obsolete those overprinted
on Great Britain. Again 'twould be well to take time by the
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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL

The new Lindbergh air mail ten-cent was available on June 18th at the cities named as distributing points on the first day of issue and by June 20th, collectors whose orders had been sent to the Philatelic Agency, Washington, had received the stamps, if they were not too far from that city. St. Louis used a special cancellation, "Lindbergh Celebration—Spirit of St. Louis—(Picture of the plane) St. Louis, Mo., June 18, 1927—Use Air Mail—It Saves Time," which gave the envelopes that bore it a special touch. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing has reason to feel satisfied that its resources were such that it was able to produce the first order of fifteen million of the stamps at the appointed time; and it thus established a record for celerity that is creditable. The postmaster general says: "The Post Office Department is being

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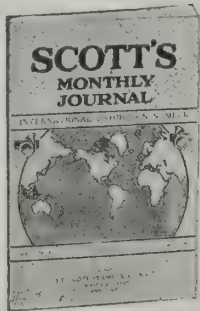
A New Department

IN

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ON

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In order to meet the growing need for accurate information regarding United States postage, we have instituted a new Department in Scott's Monthly Journal, devoted exclusively to Specialized U. S.

This will be a regular feature of the Journal, in addition to our many other features and noteworthy articles. Mr. Herman Toasperi has agreed to take over this Department, and all additions and corrections affecting the Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps will appear monthly. The importance of this to collectors of U. S. is readily apparent. All basic designs from which cancellation listings are made, will be illustrated. In cases of varieties, etc., same will be illustrated as far as possible and accurately described.

The April issue carries the first of these articles. Subscription to Scott's Monthly Journal is \$1.00 a year, and we urge immediate subscription in order not to miss any of this new series. Be sure to have your subscription start with the April issue. [tf

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overwhelmed with demands from postmasters throughout the country for supplies of the new Lindbergh Air Mail stamp. This demand far exceeds that received by the Department for any previous issue of a commemorative stamp. Heretofore, commemorative stamps were sought in only those sections of the country affected by the event for which the stamp was intended. In the case of the Lindbergh stamp, however, the demand for it is universal. There is not a post office in the country that is not clamoring for them." It was predicted that by the 22nd or 23rd of June, all the large offices from coast to coast would be supplied with the stamps, sufficient for their needs. Here we have an example of expeditious accomplishment that may be without parallel. The finished product came so soon after the inception of the idea of issue that the romance possessed by the stamp is heightened by the facility of its execution.

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The cities that got their supply of stamps for sale on the 18th of June were notified by wire from Washington that the Lindbergh stamp packages were not to be opened until 7 A. M. on that date and then, in the presence of a government inspector. Consequently, none of the stamps were sold officially until that time. We have a story that came to us from a substantial source to the effect that Henry Ford sent twenty letters bearing the Lindbergh stamps by special messenger to Chicago with instructions that they were to be returned to Detroit by the 8:30 flight from Chicago. Thus, Mr. Ford has twenty letters flown from Chicago to Detroit on June 18th, or two days before the Lindbergh stamps were on sale in Chicago. The Lindbergh stamps were sold in Chicago on June 20th and the rush for the stamps on the part of the public as well as collectors was unprecedented and the clerks from different windows were impressed into service to sell to customers whose queues made the post office a scene of activity.

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Mr. M. A. Vogel, Chicago, has shown us one of the Springfield covers, 4:30 P. M., April 15, 1926, sent from that city to Peoria, Illinois, and signed by Lindbergh as Pilot and Mr. Conkling as postmaster that was received in Peoria

at 5:30 P. M. Perhaps, this envelope was the first one autographed as it bears two of the red Springfield flight cancellations. (one over the stamps and one under) as well as one in black, flanking the picture of Lincoln on the envelope. It is possible that the postmark was being "tried out." Too, Mr. Vogel's envelope bears a pair of the 5c Norse American stamps and in view of the fact that Lindbergh is being called the Viking Flyer, these stamps may be said to lend themselves to the picture in a happy manner. Mr. G. W. Angers, the air mail cover king of Springfield, Mass., has a Lindbergh envelope that is illustrated in the Springfield Union and which was sent him from Peoria, on the 5:30 P. M. flight of April 15, 1926. The text that accompanies the cut tells of other rare pieces in Mr. Angers' collection which is known to be an exceptionally good one. It seems that Mr. Angers did not remember that he owned this envelope until he saw in a Washington newspaper, a reproduction of a Lindbergh that Walter Johnson, the famous pitcher, had received; and then he found that he had been entertaining an angel unawares.

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It is certain that the concentration of the public mind on a single stamp will have direct influence on collecting. Those who have pondered stamps with the idea of attracting the eye of outsiders in the hope of interesting them in stamps as objects of collection realize that it is difficult to include a wide audience, as it were. Here, we have succeeded through a series of circumstances that shaped themselves suddenly in securing the consideration of outsiders for a stamp. We know that the Lindbergh stamp will be the cynosure of all eyes for the time being. Many specimens will be kept by those who ordinarily feel no appeal to save a stamp. Here and there, individuals will be swayed to philately by them. The single stamp may provide the incentive to obtain other specimens. Every person who has sentiment enough to keep the Lindbergh issue as a souvenir has the nucleus of a collection.

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The reviews of that excellent work by Mr. F. B. Warren, "The Pageant of Civilization," appearing in the press of the country certainly are favorable in



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tenor to the incomparable work. H we have criticisms on the book pages scores of publications that present lately in a most attractive frame. S eral of these reviews have been seen one is so searching in its understand of collecting that it must be given a p atelic airing. In his "Periscope," in Chicago Daily News of June 15, Mr. Keith Preston makes his notice the work the feature of his departm Mr. Preston has shown that he is stranger to the thrall of philately by telligent comments on it, at different times in his column. He, like Briggs, cartoonist, knows his Perus and Qu manes. It is in this manner that P on begins his criticism, heading it, "Postal Hall of Fame:" "Those of us v once collected postage stamps know t we learned more geography, history, zoology out of the so-called past than we did at school. As a commer course, also, stamp collecting was to boys of our day what horse trading to adults. We dare say that many big business man today owes to what learned swapping stamps or selling 'proval sheets.'" For a tribute to p lately unqualified by any ifs or ar this appreciation is about the most di and deserved that we have ever read the outside press. Then, Keith (our familiarity does not breed contem proceeds to tell of the wealth of "eclectic aggregation" comprising postal hall of fame in the way of assayer who can recognize values. I concluding sentence hits the person whom stamp collecting is a thing at right between the optics: "We cordia recommend 'The Pageant of Civiliz tion' not only as an outline of histo but as an introduction to a fascinat pastime. (The Century Company If there is a philatelic halo lying arou fit it on this critic's crown.

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The Strassburg philatelic exposit which received so much attention in newspapers of that city was attended Mr. W. T. Wilson, Birmingham, E land, and Dr. Emilio Diena, Ro Italy, among other distinguished phil elists. Mr. Wilson sent a card bear the special exposition cancellation a Dr. Diena remembered us with ne papers which tell of the success of occasion, in all of its different phas The official banquet of the congress v an imposing one and we are able understand how the meeting made first page of the papers.

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COLONIAL NOTES

By "CALABAR."

New Zealand and Dependencies.—New for the 2s and 3s duties are expected to arrive shortly in the Dominion of London, when the current values of the much-criticized "Admiral" type will be superseded by printings of the new plates. To date, the "Admiral" type stamps have been overprinted in several of the N. Z. Dependencies, viz., Rarotonga (2s); Samoa (2s); and Niue (2s). These items, together with an unoverprinted copy of value, are well worth laying aside for the future, as they will very likely be superseded as soon as printings from new plates are ready. The Niue stamps, in particular, seems a good buy, it being issued only a short time ago.

Islands.—According to the latest Crown Agents Bulletin, new printings of the 2 1/2d and 3d are "on order," but the type, etc., as before; so that prices of these two duties in excess of the current issue rates are not at all warranted. A new printing of the 1d (in colour, etc.) is also on order. Making of the latest Crown Agents Bulletin, I note the following new printings, in addition to those mentioned above, which may interest those who collect the West India Colonies. **Barbados** (New printings) 1/4d, 1/2d, 1d, 2 1/2d, 3d, 6d. **Bermuda** (Booklet printings) 1c green (Plate 1) and 2c "blue-purple" (Plates 1 and 2), made up into booklets containing twelve 1c and twelve 2c. **Grenada** (New printings) 1c green (Plate 3 1/2d, 1d, 3d, 3s. **Leeward Islands** (New printings) 1/4d, 1/2d, 1d, 2 1/2d, 3d, 6d. **Plate 16** 1d "blue-purple," 3d purple on yellow (change of colour and type script wmk. on yellow paper). **Lucia** (New printing) 1/2d Plate 16. **St. Vincent** (New printings) 1d red, 1s brown.

(In all cases, types, colours, etc., are as before, except where otherwise noted.)

Bermuda.—The 1s "ship" type, olive green, has turned out quite well. Recent, mint copies were quoted at more than eight times face, 8s6d to be exact. What this is the first time I have seen the stamp offered for quite some time, and it seems little reason for questioning its value; and one may safely take it as presenting the approximate market value of this scarce little stamp today.

Ascension.—Rumor has it that the current 3d blue of this Island is obsolete, and already several British dealers are offering copies at figures slightly in advance of those obtaining for other current 3d duties. At any rate, one cannot lose anything by picking up a block of this stamp; and in this connexion, I might add that a block of the 1s is also being bought. Its present colours (black and brown) may be changed, one of these days, as they do not conform to the given in the Crown Agents Colour Scheme for the s. duties, viz., black on green.

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—Our first copy of the new Lindbergh stamp was received on a cover mailed in Plainfield, N. J., by Hon. E. R. Ackerman, and postmarked with the date of issue. Five subscribers favored us with first day covers from St. Louis, Mo., Harry Ioor, H. A. Diamant, Fred Slack, Harry Shacklett and H. H. Griffin. These covers all bore the new Lindbergh stamp with the "Air Mail Saves Time" cancellation, and also the special circular Lindbergh celebration rubber stamp. A first day cover was sent from Washington, D. C., by Albert E. Gorham, also from Minneapolis, Minn., by Leonard F. Hartman and G. E. Tisdale. We thank these friends for their kindness in remembering the WEEKLY office.

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Junior Dictionary

Gueudecourt.—This word on the Newfoundland 3c Caribou stamp issued in 1918, indicates a World War action in which Newfoundland troops took part.

Hamburg American Packet Co.—The headquarters of the West Indian Line of this company was at St. Thomas. A stamp with the inscription given above, value 10c, blue and yellow, was used on mail despatched on the steamers of this company to various points in the West Indies prior to the entrance of the several countries into the International Postal Union.

Hic Manebimus Optime.—This inscription is found on the stamps of Fiume bearing the head of d'Annunzio and means:—"We cannot do better than remain here." Subsequent events demonstrated that there were those who thought differently.

Hivatalos.—This word found on the official stamps of Hungary means "Official."

Hochwasser, 1920.—This overprint on a set of Austrian Charity stamps means, "High Water." The stamps were issued for the benefit of flood sufferers and sold for three times their face value.

Karnten-Abstimmung.—A surcharge applied to the Austrian stamps used in the plebiscite zone in Carinthia. The words are German for "Carinthia-Plebiscite." They were in use from September 16th to October 10th, 1920.

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Juniors—Please Note

During the absence of the Managing Editor in Europe, this page will be cared for by Editor Charles E. Severn, 713 Oxford Bldg., Chicago, Ill. He will render our Juniors any assistance that may be desired.

Suggestions for the Junior

Mr. Charles E. Roe made some interesting comments in the March 14 issue, referring to cancellation and literature.

Here, however, is a suggestion leading towards specialization—and even the juniors are nowadays confining their attempts somewhat more than we did 30 odd years ago. I found it most interesting, way back in the '90's, to hunt for stamps cancelled from the capital city of the country of their origin. The cancellation should be clear, and dated if possible.

We prate often about the educational value of philately—and nobody nowadays denies this—but the best way to scare a youngster is to stress this very point.

My method, I maintain, accomplishes this, and at the same time, proves most interesting, beside the fact that it also aids the collector to study cancellations rather more than he would otherwise do.

Briefly the idea is to hunt for stamps of any denomination cancelled clearly, and dated plainly from the capital cities of as many countries as possible; keep them as separate collection, and label each stamp on the sheet with the name of country, capital city and the year, etc.

Norway for instance requires two stamps. Russia is intriguing, but not so undecipherable as it looks. After Russia, Greece is easy.

I might say I still have my own little side collection of stamps as above commenced some 35 years ago, and it is not complete yet.—EDGAR SCHOLES.

Paper No. 1—Wove

This is the ordinary paper of commerce and the sort upon which the vast majority of stamps are printed. In making wove paper the "dandy-roll" is covered with a fine wire gauze similar to the bed upon which the pulp was distributed in the first stage of its manufacture. It varies greatly in substance and quality but its general characteristics are the same—it is a plain paper showing no watermarked lines other than the lines of the device of crown, letters, star, etc., intended to be shown. The coarser sorts appear to be watermarked with innumerable tiny dots. The WEEKLY is printed on wove paper and as examples the current stamps of the United States will serve.

O. G.

Sometimes the letters o. g. follow the description of an unused stamp, and the uninitiated may be puzzled as to their meaning. The letters are a contraction of the term original gum, which refers to the fact that a stamp has the full gum with which it was originally supplied when issued.

Millimetre

Millimetre is a familiar term in connection with all sorts of stamp measurements and one that is now universally adopted by philatelists. It is, of course, a measure in the metric system signifying the thousandth part of a metre. Perforations are gauged by the number of teeth or holes that may be counted in the space of 2 centimetres—i.e., 20 millimetres. Measurements of stamps and of surcharges are always expressed in millimetres, so that a collector will find a millimetre gauge a very useful item in his collecting equipment.

Cabo

An overprint found on many of the stamps of Nicaragua issued since 1904. These stamps are used at Cabo Gracias á Dios, in the province of Zelaya, on the eastern coast, and the reason given for the overprinting is that the currency in this district is on a silver basis worth 42c to the peso, while elsewhere in Nicaragua paper money worth only 25c to the peso is generally used.

Junior Glossary

Imper. Reg. Posta Austr.—Austrian Levant.

Instruccione.—The only inscription on some of the stamps of Venezuela.

IONIKON.—Ionian Islands.

Island.—Iceland.

Jeend.—Jhind.

K G L Post Frm.—On the early stamps of Denmark (value in skilling) or Danish West Indies (value in cents).

Kamerun.—Cameroons.

Karolinen.—Caroline Islands.

Kais. Konigl. Oesterr. Post.—On many of the stamps of Austria.

K. K. Post-stempel.—On the early stamps of Austria (values in "kr") and Austrian Italy (values in "centes").

Korea.—Corea.



KPHTH.—Crete.

Kr. (or "Kreutzer").—Shown on many of the stamps of Austria.

Land-Post.—On some of the local stamps of Baden.

Lion.—The most prominent feature in the design of the early Persian stamps.

Magyar kir. Posta.—Hungary.



Marianen.—Marianna Islands.

Maroc.—Morocco (French offices).

Marruecos.—Morocco (Spanish offices).

Marschell-Inseln.—Marshall Islands.

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COLUMBIA (British).—The southern portion of this territory lies in the mouth of the Columbia River, nearly one thousand miles in length, and named after the ship "Columbia" by Captain Robert Gray, supplanting the old name "Oregon." Columbia, Columbus, &c., are all derived from Latin *columba*="a dove" *Stamp Collecting*.

Jubilee Pane Lines

Around each pane (or the block of stamps if the sheet is not divided into panes) of most of the British and other Colonial stamps printed by De Rue & Co. since 1887 what is known as a Jubilee line is shown. This is in the same color of the stamp—or color of one or both sections of the stamp if the stamps happen to be bi-colored—which is placed about one-eighth inch from the outside margin of the outer stamps, so as to prevent pressure occurring on the edges of the plates. At first the lines were continuous, but for the last eight years or so lines have been cut into lengths corresponding with the height of the stamps on the side margins, and with the height of the labels on the upper and lower margins. They are known as Jubilee lines from the fact that they were first shown in 1887—the Jubilee year of the reign of Queen Victoria.

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AUSTRALIA.—We have received from Mr. Frank Halloran a first day cover of the new 1½p Commemorative stamp. It was issued at all Post Offices throughout the Commonwealth simultaneously on the 9th of last May with a total printing of 20,000,000. The sheets are of 80 stamps.

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BELGIUM.—Stanley Gibbons' *Monthly Journal* publishes the following "We shall soon have to pay in 'belgas' for stamps of Belgium and the Congo State. Stamps with values expressed in the new currency are expected very shortly."

BULGARIA.—The recently issued 30 stotinki and 4 levas stamps are now obsolete. A new 6 levas stamp printed in blue and pale green has been issued and is of the same design as the recent 10 levas stamp.—*Whitfield King & Co's Philatelic Bulletin*.

BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown us the 1p purple, 4p black and carmine on yellow and the 2sh

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CHINA.—During the General Strike in Shanghai the Municipality established an emergency post for the reception and despatch of letters destined for foreign countries only. The stamps used were the current British; the first day 2½d stamps were used; the second day, Saturday, these were sold out and 1½d stamps were on sale and every letter had to be prepaid by two of these stamps. On the following Monday the Chinese Post Office resumed work and this emergency post was discontinued.—*Whitfield King & Co's Philatelic Bulletin*.

CUBA.—We are informed that a new 25c stamp was to be issued on May 20th to commemorate the opening day, twenty-five years ago, of the First Independent Cuban Parliament. The stamps are of large oblong shape and two million copies have been printed by the Canadian Bank Note Company. We are distributing this month the 2c rose-red Postage Due stamp; this is really not a new issue, but an error of colour, and our agent informs us that the stamps were printed some considerable time ago. They are likely to be quite scarce and are selling at high prices in Habana.—*Whitfield King & Co's Philatelic Bulletin*.

FRANCE.—Two new stamps will be issued in connection with the International Philatelic Exhibition to be held at Strasbourg, 5 francs blue and 10 francs red, both of the Sower type of France. These stamps are to be printed in small sheets showing one of each denomination on a sheet with the word

"Strasbourg, 1927" between the two stamps. Only one sheet, that is, one each of the stamps, will be supplied to each purchaser of a ticket of admission to the Exhibition. We understand that 50,000 copies are to be printed. The Exhibition is to be open from June 4th to June 12th.—*Whitfield King & Co's Philatelic Bulletin*.

FRENCH COLONIES.—Stanley Gibbons' *Monthly Journal* announces that the *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* states that a new series with values in annas (2 annas = 1 fanon) will be issued shortly for the Indian Settlements. Also that new stamps are on order for Madagascar and Dependencies one of which will bear a portrait of General Gallieni. On the others some native ladies will appear.

ITALY.—Whitfield King & Co. inform us that they have received copies of the 4 lire grey, same design as the recently issued 3 lire (value on white ground).

MEXICO.—Whitfield King & Co. advise that they have received the 20c blue, watermarked and rouletted.

NEW ZEALAND.—*Admiral Type*.—It is reported that new plates for the 2sh and 3sh Georgians are on their way to the Dominion from England. An improvement on the present ones is hoped for.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

NICARAGUA.—The Metropolitan Stamp Co. send for chronicle the following values of type A24 and A25 surcharged "Resello, 1927" in two lines: 1c violet, with the surcharge "R. de C." in blue (R); ½c green (B); 1c violet (R); 2c carmine-rose (B); 3c olive-grey (B);

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NORWAY.—Messrs. Stanley Gibbons Ltd., inform us that the 45 öre, Lion and possibly the same value in the Spitzbergen type, are to be charged 30 öre in black. There will be about 4,000,000 of the former, but quantity available of the latter is about 500,000. A 50 öre air post stamp is expected.—*Stamp Collecting*.

PARAGUAY.—In calling our attention to the 50c on 75c blue Official stamp recently issued, Whitfield King & Co. advise that 200,000 were surcharged.

POLAND.—Whitfield King & Co. report the 20 groszy red, head of President Moscicki.

SAAR.—Whitfield King & Co. call attention to two more values in the new set. The 3 francs olive and the 5 francs brown have both been placed on sale at the post offices.

ST. HELENA.—1s6d, 2s6d, 5sh. See foretold in our issue of January 2d, are now reported by Oswald Mayall, 1s6d, green on emerald; 2s6d, red on pale yellow; 5sh, green on pale yellow.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

ST. KITTS-NEVIS.—Stanley Gibbons' *Monthly Journal* states that Continente journals forecast a new pictorial set which is said to be in preparation.

SPAIN.—In the course of an interesting resumé on the philatelic portrait of King Alphonso, Mr. Fred J. Melville tells us, in his *Daily Telegraph* article last week, that the new Jubilee portrait stamps have been engraved by Enrique Vaquer, who has lately been elected to the Royal Academy of Arts, at San Fernando, and who has long been known in bank-note printing circles as one of the best *taille-douce* engravers of our time, his name not being familiar to the collecting public, however, as most of his stamp engravings until recently, had been done for engravers in England which rarely disclose the names of their engravers. A few years ago Señor Vaquer became Chief Engraver to the Mint at Madrid, devoting his talent to engraving for security printing. He did the excellent portrait of King Alphonso on the stamps of 1901 and 1924. At present only one value has appeared with the newest portrait, viz., 25 centimos, this having been placed on sale in time for the recent celebration in Spain, but other denominations will follow in due course.

At the same time (says Mr. Melville) a new stamp for use on express letters has been produced by another prominent Spanish artist, Camilo Delhom, who has not hitherto been associated with stamps. The large oblong format for these "Correspondencia Urgente" stamps is recommended for labels of normal stamp size. The design shows the winged horse of Greek legend.

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| 1861, 3c scarlet, well cent. o. g., but one perf. missing, fine copy | 18.50 |
| 1867, 3c rose, o. g., off center as usual | 22.50 |
| 1894, 2c dark blue, well centered | 7.75 |
| 1895, 2c crimson, nice used copy | 5.50 |
| 5c black, slight imperfection, but fine appearing copy | 4.50 |
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| Austria 1861, 50kr light brown | 1.00 |
| 1861, 18kr rose | 8.00 |
| Bangkok 1882, 10c slate | 8.25 |
| 1882, 5c yellow orange | 1.10 |
| 1883, 4c brown | 1.10 |
| 1883, 4c blue | 1.50 |
| 8c Barbados 1897, 5p, 10p, the three | 3.25 |
| Bechuanaland 1888, 1sh green | 2.40 |
| 1892, 1sh green | 1.50 |
| 1899, 2p lilac | 1.20 |
| 1898, 4p green & brown | 1.60 |
| Belgium 1861, 40c carin. rose | 1.00 |
| Brazil 1841, 10r black, block of 4 | 5.00 |
| 1850, 30r black, block of 4 | 2.00 |
| 1861, 280r red, very fine | 5.50 |
| 450r yellow, very fine | 8.00 |
| Br. E. Africa 1895, 4a olive green | 1.50 |
| 1895, 8a red violet | 1.70 |
| 12a violet on red | 1.70 |
| 1 rupee gray, one perf. missing | 1.00 |
| 1896, 5 rupees dark brown | 2.40 |
| Br. Guiana 1862, 12c lilac | 1.50 |
| 1875, 12c lilac | 2.40 |
| 1866, 6c blue | 1.80 |
| 48c rose red | 1.50 |
| 1881, 2 on 12c lilac | 1.75 |
| Br. Honduras 1882, 1p blue | 1.00 |
| 1888, 10c on 4p violet | 1.20 |
| 20c on 6p yellow | 1.80 |
| Bulgaria 1884, 3 on 10s rose | 1.75 |
| 1884, 15 on 25s blue | 1.60 |
| 15 on 25s blue | 1.20 |
| Cameroon 1900, 1m carmine | 2.00 |
| Canada 1859, 2c rose | 3.00 |
| 1875, 15c blue gray, well centered, full o. g. | 1.00 |
| 1882, 3c carmine red, same description | 3.00 |
| 6c red brown, very fine, o. g. | 1.75 |
| Cape of G. Hope, 1p red, fine pair | 18.00 |
| 1p on 1 p. o. g. | 1.60 |
| Ceylon 1863, 1p lilac | 1.50 |
| 1863, 4p rose | 1.40 |
| 1883, 2c pale brown, full o. g. | 1.20 |
| 1885, 1r 12c on 2r 50. o. g. | 2.75 |
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| 1859, 2s red | 3.00 |
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| 1859, 3g orange yellow | 2.00 |
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| Hayti 1881, 20c red brown | 4.50 |
| Hong Kong 1876, 16 on 18c lilac | 3.00 |
| 1890, 81 on 96c violet on red | 1.60 |
| 1898, 81 on 96c black, o. g. | 1.50 |
| 1890, 2g gray green, o. g. | 1.20 |
| Hungary 1871, 3k light green, few perfs. rubbed | 7.50 |
| Iceland 1873, 2s ultramarine | 3.75 |
| 1873, 8s brown | 1.20 |
| 1876, 5a blue | 2.00 |
| 1897, 3 on 5a green | 3.50 |
| India 1895, 3r green & brown, mint | 1.25 |
| 1895, 5r violet & ultramarine, mint | 2.10 |
| Ivory Coast 1900, 25c blue, o. g. | 1.10 |
| Jamaica 1883 1p blue, o. g. | 2.80 |
| 1897, 2sh red brown, well centered, o. g. | 1.60 |
| Lagos 1875, 1p lilac | 1.10 |
| 1875, 2p blue | 1.10 |
| 1882 1p lilac | 1.10 |
| Leeward I-L. 1890, 5sh green & ultram., o. g. | 1.50 |
| Lubeck 1863, 2 1/4s ultramarine | 1.20 |
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| 1863, 3p vermilion | 1.70 |
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| Newfoundland 1857, 1p brown violet | 2.80 |
| 1857, 5p violet brown | 2.00 |
| 1862, 8p rose, off center but lightly cane. | 2.40 |
| 1866, 2c green | 1.00 |
| 10c black | 1.40 |
| 1868, 1c brown lilac | 1.40 |
| 5c black | 6.00 |
| 1876, 1c brown lilac | 1.60 |
| 1897, 60c black | 1.75 |
| New So. Wales 1850, 2p blue on gray | 10.00 |
| 1851, 6p brown | 9.25 |
| 1860, Registration, 6p orange & blue, one straight edge | 2.50 |
| New Zealand 1856, 6p yellow brown | 4.00 |
| 1864, 2p blue | 2.10 |
| 1878, 2sh rose, off center but lightly cane. | 1.20 |
| 1898, 5p violet brown, o. g. | 1.40 |
| Norway 1863, 3sk gray lilac, off center | 2.20 |
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| 1867, 20r bistre | 1.60 |
| Prince Edward 1870, 4 1/2p brown | 1.80 |
| Roumania, Off. in Turkey, 10pa to 1pi | 2.80 |
| St. Lucia 1881, 2 1/2p scarlet | 2.00 |
| 1884, 4p yellow | 3.00 |
| 1886, 5sh lilac & orange | 1.75 |
| 10sh lilac & black, slight crease | 2.75 |
| St. Vincent 1883, 4p dull blue | 1.75 |
| 1883, 5sh carin. lake | 1.75 |
| Schlesw.-Holstein 1865, 2s ultramarine | 1.60 |
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| 1865, 1 1/4s gray lilac | 1.20 |
| same stamp unused, no gum | 6.00 |
| 1864, 1 1/4s blue & gray | 2.25 |
| 1865, 2s blue | 1.60 |
| Seychelles 1893, 45 on 48c ochre & green | 1.20 |
| 1893, 15c brown & rose | 1.40 |
| 1897, 1r violet & red | 1.20 |
| 1896, 36 on 45c brown & rose | 1.75 |
| Sierra Leone 1859, 6p dull violet | 1.80 |
| 1872, 6p dull violet | 2.20 |
| 1876, 6p mint block of 4 | 4.00 |
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| 1867, 2 on 1a brown | 2.00 |
| 3 on 1a brown | 2.00 |
| 4 on 1a brown | 2.75 |
| 1885, 10 on 2 1/2c green | 1.25 |
| Surinam 1886, Dues, 20c lilac | 1.10 |
| 1886, Dues, 25c lilac | 1.40 |
| Dues, 50c lilac | 1.80 |
| Sweden 1855, 6s gray brown, slight thin spot, but very fine otherwise | 6.50 |
| 1858, 9s violet | 2.40 |
| 1862, 17s red violet | 2.40 |
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| 1851, 1p blue | 1.20 |
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| 1858, 6kr green | 1.20 |
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| 1925, Dues, 1c green, mint | 3.00 |
| Dues, 2c carmine, mint | 2.00 |
| Dues, 10c orange, mint | 2.50 |
| China 1923, \$20 br. viol. & blue (now cat. 75.00) | 33.50 |
| 1915, 82 blue & black | 1.50 |
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| 1921, 90c olive green & black | 1.15 |
| Colombian Rep. 1917, 2 pes. orange | 1.40 |
| 1914, Registration, 10c red & black | 1.50 |
| Danzig 1910, 2m on 35pf red brown | 4.50 |
| Denmark 1919, Parcel Post, 1kr yellow brown | 1.20 |
| 1907, Newspaper, 10kr bistre & blue | 3.50 |
| Georgia 1922, 15.000 on 15k red br & blue | 1.00 |
| Germ. E. Afr. 1906, 60b lake & black | 1.75 |
| Greece 1916, 10dr deep blue | 1.80 |
| Hayti 1915, 7c de p orange & black | 1.35 |
| 1911, Dues, 50c slate | 1.40 |
| Dues, 50c olive gray | 2.20 |
| Iceland 1907, 5kr brown & slate | 1.50 |
| Ital. Somaliland 1907, Dues, 11 blue & magenta | 5.00 |
| 1907, Dues, 21 blue & magenta | 3.75 |
| Honduras 1923, 1p on 5c lilac rose | 1.75 |
| 1923, 50c on 2c carmine | 1.80 |
| Lithuania 1924, 60c rose | 2.90 |
| Luxemburg 1923, 10fr black | 1.75 |
| 1923, Off. 10fr black | 1.75 |
| Madagascar 1921, 25 on 35c red & black | 1.00 |
| Maritonic 1924, 15 on 30c dull red & brown | 1.80 |
| Mexico 1910, 5p carm. & black | 1.10 |
| 1913, 1p orange, pen cane, with coupon | 3.50 |
| 1916, 5p carm. & black | 2.40 |
| 1916, 5s green & black | 3.50 |
| Monaco 1925, Dues, 1fr on 50c | 1.80 |
| Panama 1903, 1 peso lake | 2.00 |

| Scott No. | Price |
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| Paraguay 1907, 10n olive green & black | 1.60 |
| 1908, 20p violet & black | 1.40 |
| 20p yellow & black | 1.50 |
| 20 on 5c blue | 1.60 |
| Persia 1918, 10k on 5k | 1.50 |
| Russia 1919, 1r brown & orange | 1.25 |
| 1919, 5r blue, green & pale blue | 1.65 |
| 1922, 10.000r blue | 1.40 |
| 1922, 10r (error) in block of 25 of 10kr | 1.40 |
| Off. in China, 1904, 3 1/2r black & gray | 1.80 |
| 1904, 5r, no gum | 1.10 |
| 1r black & yellow | 1.80 |
| 1917, 8r on 7 rbls. blk. & yell. | 1.90 |
| Off. in Turkey, 1913, 160pi on 10r | 1.20 |
| San Marino 1923, 11 dark brown | 1.20 |
| 1924, 21 on 31 red br. & blk. | 1.80 |
| Siam 1908, 20r gray & red brown | 3.30 |
| 1912, 20b slate blue & red br. | 3.20 |
| Switzerland 1914, 5fr at face | 1.00 |
| 1914, 10fr at face | 2.00 |
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| Upper Silesia 1926, 5 on 15pf violet | 3.75 |
| France 1925, 5fr carm., mint or used | 1.65 |
| Off. in Crete, 1902, 1pi on 1fr | 2.00 |
| 1902, 8pi on 2fr | 3.00 |
| Alexandria, 1921, 15m on 50c | 1.75 |
| 1921, 30m on 1fr | 1.75 |
| 60m on 2fr | 1.20 |
| Port Said, 1921, 30m on 1fr | 1.75 |
| Tanger, 50c bistre br. & lavender | 1.10 |
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| Fr. Guiana 1902, 2fr violet on rose | 1.60 |
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| 1904, 25c blue | 1.00 |
| Fr. Oceania 1921, 5 on 2c brown & blk. | 1.80 |
| 1921, 10 on 5c orange & red | 1.80 |
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| 1917, 3sh green & black | 1.00 |
| 1921, 3sh green & black | 1.80 |
| 5sh violet & ultram. | 1.25 |
| Barbados 1912, 4p black & scarlet | 1.85 |
| 1912, 6p viol. & red | 1.90 |
| 1sh green | 2.25 |
| Br. Centr. Afr. 1907, 6p orange & br. blk. | 3.50 |
| Ceylon 1903, 1r 50c gray | 3.25 |
| Cook Isl. 1919, 3p viol. brown | 1.50 |
| 1921, 5sh green | 1.45 |
| Fiji 1922, 2sh 6p blk. & red | 1.75 |
| Grenada 1902, 2p, 2 1/2p, 3p, the 3 | 1.40 |
| 1913, 3p to 5sh | 2.90 |
| Jamaica 1906 1p black on yellow | 1.75 |
| Leeward I-L. 1902, 1p on 1 to 1p on 7 | 1.25 |
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| 1921, 2sh viol. & ultr. | 1.00 |
| Mauritius 1902, 2r 50c, off center | 2.40 |
| 1912, 2r 50c blk. & red | 1.25 |
| Montserrat 1923, 5sh green & red | 1.45 |
| Niue 1917, 5sh green | 1.45 |
| Queensland 1907, 2sh 6p orange | 1.85 |
| 1907, 5sh rose | 1.90 |
| St. Helena 1912, 1p & 6p | 1.45 |
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| 1923, 2 on 10p | 1.25 |
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| 176-83 Zanzibar 1922, 3c to 20c | 1.50 |

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| 1925, 1q to 2fr, compl. | 1.25 |
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| Azerbaijan 1922 25,000 to 500,000r | 6.00 |
| Azores 1925, 2c to 3.20c, compl. | 2.10 |
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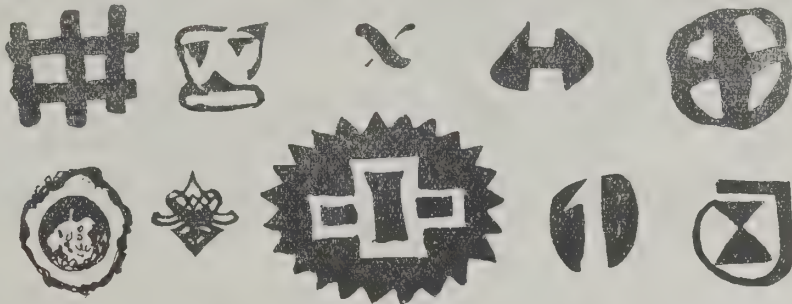
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| 2. | 3c 1861 | ? | " | E. R. Ryder |
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| 4. | 3c 1873 | ? | " | M. C. Howe |
| 5. | 3c 1867 | ? | Blue | S. C. Rogers |
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| 7. | 2c 1883 | ? | " | E. R. Ryder |
| 8. | 3c Amer. | ? | " | H. P. A. |
| 9. | 3c 1870 | New Bedford, Mass. | " | W. S. Eager |
| 10. | 2c 1887 | ? | " | J. H. Preston |

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issues later than the 1869s; but this was
begun long ago, before the later than
1869 issues were divided into another
group under the care of Dr. Wm. Evans.

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some of these odd looking things are.
No. 1 looks like it might represent a
part of a rail fence, am in the country
now, and that looks very familiar to me.
No. 9 is undoubtedly what Mr. Eager
names it—a Harpoon, this showing the
metal barbed shaft. If you will look
closely you will see a bit of the rope at
the right of the head on the harpoon.
No. 3 looks like an "X," for 10c maybe;
but why a small town should employ an
X is more than I know, for 3c rate was
probably their most used rate in the
sixties. As for the rest of these can-
cellations, your guess is better than mine.
"I never can see a shift"—this is a
sad saying handed me orally, or in writ-
ing, every once in a while. Some say it
with pathetic finality, others with wist-
ful hopefulness. There is much hope for
these of the latter class, and some hope
for the former of course.

First you must have a microscope. By
this I do not mean a powerless discarded
monocle or some reading glass without
power to magnify. Get a glass that truly
magnifies, this will give you a fair
chance for a critical examination, and
shifts require all of that.

Now comes the important part of hunt-
ing for shifts. You must know your
stamp in normal condition. Get a clearly
printed unused copy if possible, not a
smudgy printing; but a clear one. Then
study every line of that stamp. Become
familiar with it in all of its details.

Let's consider that 2c U. S. 1863. If
you have no mint copy, take one can-
celled in color, for the black cancelling

marks might be taken for a part of the
design, while blue would readily be seen
not to be a portion of the design. Now,
providing we have a little mess of dupli-
cates at hand, we are all set for our
lesson.

First we study the stamp without
using any glass. We note that the meda-
llion is very large. We look at the odd
corners, those at the top being circles
with pure white figures in them. Now
see the lower "circles" enclosing the
large "U" and "S." They are not cir-
cles; but rather oddly shaped things,
they are not ellipses or ovals, maybe
spliced hyperbolas, or what have you.

You now have a good mental image of
the design of this stamp—a large meda-
llion with lumps at the corners, a few
sprigs of leafage to fill in the awkward
junctions of the small curves with the
big ones at sides and top and bottom of
the medallion. Add the lettering to top
and bottom curved panels, and the head
with its bushy white hair, and you have
a striking stamp. All the above must be
studied in order that you may know your
stamp.

Now take your microscope. Examine
all the outer curved lines around the
perimeter of the stamp. These lines are
double. Examine the large letters "U"
and "S." Imagine how odd they would
look if isolated on a sheet of paper all
alone in their present positions. Each
letter is made of a decently heavy sil-
houette line, and the letters are not solid;
but made to appear gray-black by closely
drawn vertical lines, which might be
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we look for shifts principally, as the extra, or shifted, lines show most noticeably at these points. We do not look in the head of Jackson as these shift lines would be so small that we could make almost no use of them in a written description or otherwise.

If in looking at your double line under the U or S, you see three or four lines in the curve, you have found a shift. Same at sides, or top, or bottom. If the "S" for example has the vertical shading lines running through the silhouette line downward, you have a shift. If any of the white letters in the inscriptions show tiny black lines, they are shifts. These are always in the color of the stamp—black in our case. Always compare it with your normal copy which is to be kept right alongside of the stamp you are studying. Any deviation is a shift, if it is not a flaw in printing, or a double strike, and the latter are rare.

All of these tiny shifts are caused by the transfer roll being lowered into an incorrect position on the plate while the plate is soft. This roll is raised up, and lowered into its correct position, and then rocked into the soft plate, passed by the workman as OK, for he has ignored these tiny marks which we are "trying" our eyes on, and which we call Shifts for brevity, instead of Double Transfers.

I picked the Black Jackson for several reasons—easy to see as it is black. There is a big percentage of shifts on the stamp. I have possibly 150 different shifts, and there are seven plates of 200 stamps each, total of 1,400, over 10% of these are shifted.

Some plates had few shifts. Other plates had many shifts. The gray-black stamps show the most shifts. The plates which were used the most, apparently, had the most shifts, so if you look over ten copies, you should find at least one copy that is shifted at some point. A white spot cannot be a shift, as only the parts of the plate which are indented show printing ink, and a white spot would be the reverse on a steel plate. These white spots are merely lifted off places where the ink was too thick and stuck to the other sheet in printing as it dried. They are nothing to wonder at.

The upper right "2" has a small black dot in the thinnest part of the white stem as it comes down to join the lower stroke making the tail of that 2. It may be the exact center of the circle enclosing the numeral, and caused by a center dot on the transfer roll. If all of the other parts of each 2 are not white, look sharp, it should be a shift.

The white letters in the labels often show little markings. The "G" of Postage and the "W" of Two, and many of the letters in "Cents" (not all on one

stamp of course) show small black lines—they are shifts.

This idea holds with any engraved stamp. The color, if blue, will show the shifted lines in blue, etc. When you know where the lines ought to go, you will recognize that you have a shift if you see lines going where they ought not to go.

Try this on 1c, 1851s, there are many on this stamp. 3c, 1851s have many shifts too. The 1861 issue, aside from our Black Jack, are uninteresting as to the majority of their shifts, and are hardly worth trying to find. A little practice will make you proficient.

IN BRIEF

In his next mail auction sale, Mr. A. Hippchen, Chicago, has included one of the Lindbergh autographed first flights, Springfield contract mail inaugural, which has had the benefit of wide-spread publicity in his home city and throughout the country.

The Precancel Stamp Society has given a charter to the Chicago Precancel Stamp Club, recognizing it as Section 3 of the parent organization. The Chicago club already has fifty-three members. Meeting place: Hotel Sherman.

The Detroit News of June 18th has a breezy account of the scenes attending the sale of the Lindbergh stamps on the first day at the Detroit post office. A number of the local collectors receive attention and Fred E. Farnham of Chicago is cited as one of those in line.

Mr. Ralph Eilers informs us that a stamp exhibition will be held in the St. Louis Art Museum during and after the A. P. S. convention; the building is fire proof and is visited by thousands daily.

A new book, the Junk Snapper by C. R. Clifford, has been published by the Macmillan Company, March, 1927, in which there are a number of observations made about stamps and collectors.

Mr. B. L. Voorhees, Chicago, has been away for ten days on a trip up north and is now attacking accumulated correspondence.

The Los Angeles club that was organized recently in that city is composed of selected members, as it were, and has already made an impressive showing.

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"I got a line on a man who ran a transfer and storage business," the traveler said. "I thought it possible that he might know of some old stamps, so I went to see him. He listened politely to my importunities. Then he said: 'Yes, I've run across quite a lot of old letters and papers in the last few years. Folks moving out of old houses often have an accumulation of such stuff in their attics. Boxes and trunks full of it, sometimes. As boxes are always handy around a storage house, we usually ask for them and people give them to us, contents and all. We had a dozen boxes and ancient trunks full of old letters—dating back to 1840, some of them, bundles tied up, and loose masses. The stuff was just cluttering up space in the warehouse, and the boxes were all we wanted, so about a week ago, we carried the letters and papers out and burnt the whole lot of it.'"

Think, oh, think, what treasures probably went up in the smoke of that bonfire!

The other story has a happier ending. In a small Illinois town, there is a physician who is something of a stamp collector. A superannuated lawyer in the town passed away. The brother of the dead man remarked one day to the doctor: "You're a stamp collector, aren't you, Doc?" Receiving an affirmative answer, he continued: "Why don't you go over and look through the attic of my brother's old home. There's a mass of old letters and papers up there. Take a look. If you find any old stamps, you're welcome to them."

The doctor took him at his word. He spent the leisure time of a week going through the accumulation of musty papers and letters. The old lawyer had

preserved every bit of correspondence, in the original envelopes, back to the early years of the Nineteenth Century. The lucky delver found, among other lesser rarities, the following: Thirty-three copies of U. S. 5-cent, 1847 issue, and fifteen copies of the 10-cent, 1847 issue. There were even half-a-dozen or so New York provisionals in the old attic. And stamps of the 1851, 1857, 1860, 1866, 1869, and later issues too numerous to count.

All real dyed-in-the-wool stamp monomaniacs will heave a sigh at the thought of such a find. The writer can hear them sighing now. Has life anything greater to offer a human being than the supreme ecstasy of such an experience? No, there could be no greater thrill possible to mortal man.

NEWS GLEANINGS

—We have received from the Frank P. Brown Co., 5 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass., their new price list of United States stamps from 1847 to 1926. This is a very complete list and prices in both used and unused condition. This firm is the representative of Harry Wennberg of Sweden, and they also send us a price list of the stamps of Sweden which is very comprehensive and well illustrated. Either of these lists may be secured upon application to the Boston firm.

—Postcard greetings have been sent to the office of the WEEKLY by our former advertiser, M. J. Fenster, from the city of Jerusalem.

—The Holden Stamp Co., formerly of Detroit, Mich., announce in this issue their removal to 1988 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, Cal., where they will be pleased to serve both new and former patrons.

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—Our Canadian subscribers have been very kind in sending first day covers bearing the new Jubilee stamps. V. Ruggeri sent one from Montreal, Gordon H. Crouch one from Toronto and George Eppstadt from Toronto. The latter cover was printed with a design in color showing a border of maple leaves and the seal of the Dominion of Canada and all three bore special cancellations.

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State of Maine, met at the Augusta
House, June 25, and organized the Maine
Association of Philatelic Clubs with John
B. Thomes of Portland as the first presi-
dent. Ruel Smith of Auburn was elected
vice president, A. B. Craig of Water-
ville, secretary, and Mrs. Roger North
of Augusta, treasurer of the association.

Four clubs in the State are charter
organizations of the Philatelic group.
They are the Collectors Club of Port-
land, the Androscoggin Stamp Club of
Auburn, the Kennebec Philatelic Club of
Waterville and the Penobscot Collectors
Club of Bangor. These clubs are all
active and reported a very progressive
year.

J. W. Sampson, noted philatelic writer
of New York City, and W. B. O'Connor
of Bangor, United States specialists,
were at the meeting and spoke. At the
close of the business session and banquet
stamps were auctioned off.

FINDS ERROR ON NEW STAMP

The new Lindbergh stamp issued by
the United States Post Office Depart-
ment in honor of Colonel Charles A.
Lindbergh's non-stop flight to Paris de-
picts the map of Newfoundland incor-
rectly, according to Herman Toasperi,
philatelist, of 51 West 48th Street, N. Y.
City.

"Take a look at the map of Newfound-
land, at the left of the center of the
stamp," he said, "and you will find that
the designer has cut Newfoundland up
to resemble three islands, instead of a
solid piece of land with a few small
lakes. This is rather hard on New-
foundland and I hope the country won't
take it up with the League of Nations."

The Postoffice very seldom makes such
errors in its designs of stamps. The
Norse American Centennial stamp issued
in 1925, however, showed the viking ves-
sel of Lief Ericson with an American
flag floating from its rigging; and in
1893, in honor of the Columbian Exposi-
tion in Chicago, it issued a 1-cent stamp
depicting Columbus as clean shaven and
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Dyck beard.—*New York Times*, Sun-
day, June 26.

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CANAL ZONE ROTARIES, 1927

By HARRY E. HUBER.

Late in 1926, a requisition was re-
ceived by the Bureau of Engraving and
Printing, Washington, D. C., from the
Canal Zone Director of Posts, C. H.
Calhoun, for a quantity of 2c (sheet and
booklet form), 3c and 10c stamps, and
these "Canal Zone" overprinted, (sharp
"A") in 2 lines, horizontally, were re-
ceived on the 1st of December about 1st Decem-
ber. Both flat and curved plate printed
stamps were used for the 2c sheets and
booklets, but curved plate only for the
3c and 10c. The flat plate printed stamps
are perforated 11 single line, and those
from curved plates, single line 10.

| Postage | Sheets | Stamps | Value |
|-------------------------------|----------|---------|----------|
| Series of 1922-23. | | | |
| 2c Washington | | | |
| (flat plate) | 1,100 | 110,000 | \$ 2,200 |
| do. (rotary) | 8,900 | 890,000 | 17,800 |
| do. in books | | | |
| 6,000—25c (12-
2c) flat | 200* | 72,000 | 1,440 |
| 19,000—25c (12-
2c) rotary | 633 1/3* | 228,000 | 4,560 |
| 5,000—49c (24-
2c) rotary | 333 1/3* | 120,000 | 2,400 |
| 3c Lincoln | | | |
| (rotary) | 2,000 | 200,000 | 6,000 |
| 10c Monroe | | | |
| (rotary) | 1,000 | 100,000 | 10,000 |

14,166 2/3 1,720,000 \$42,200
*Booklet stamps are printed in sheets
of 360; the others in sheets of 400.

The 2c was issued in January, 1927,
and the 3c and 10c at the Philatelic
Stamp Agency, Balboa Heights, on May
9, 1927. (In unoverprinted form, these
curved plate varieties were issued: 2c
in April, 1924, 3c on August 1, 1925, and
10c on June 8, 1925. Booklet stamps,
rotary printed, did not appear until Au-
gust 27, 1926. In most cases curved
plate printed stamps were issued pre-
cancelled before being distributed to the
Post Offices without the special marking.)

The flat "A" overprinted 2c and 10c
were issued July 1, 1924, and the sharp
"A" varieties, from flat plates, in Sep-
tember, 1926, and August, 1925 respec-
tively. The 3c flat plate does not exist
with the flat "A" overprint, but with
the sharp "A" was issued June 27, 1925.

In his report for the year ending
June 30, 1926, the Director of Posts of
the Canal Zone, stated that—"As soon
as funds are available for obtaining the
required dies for printing of a distinc-
tive series of Canal Zone postage stamps
and other stamped paper, it is proposed
to discontinue the use of surcharged U.
S. stamps." It does not appear likely
that this change will be introduced dur-
ing the coming year.

1927. Contemporary postage stamps of
U. S. A., overprinted by the Bureau
of Engraving and Printing, Washing-
ton, D. C., "CANAL ZONE," sharp "A,"
in 2 horizontal lines, in black. Perio-
rated 10, unwatermarked. Rotary
press printed.

2c carmine (Washington) January, 1927
3c violet (Lincoln) May 9, 1927
10c orange (Monroe) May 9, 1927
Stamp booklets—overprinted same as
above. Rotary press printed. Perio-
rated 10, unwatermarked.
2c (25c) carmine.
2c (49) carmine.

Since July 1, 1926, all postage stamps
of the regular series of the U. S. A., 1c
to 10c inclusive, have been printed by the
Bureau of Engraving and Printing, on
rotary presses, exclusively, although
prior to that date, these denominations
were being printed on rotary presses,
though not exclusively, as some flat plates
were still in use. Flat plate printing is
now reserved for stamps of denomina-
tions above 10 cents and those of special
character, such as commemoratives, post-
age dues, special delivery, air mail, etc.

The plates from which rotary press
stamps are printed are of 400 subjects
(the same as the flat plates), two of
these plates being curved to fit around
a cylinder. The same die is used for
both the flat and curved plates, and both
are recess engraved. Although stamps
from the curved plates are from 3/4 to
1mm longer (higher) than those from
flat plates, (i.e. 23mm as compared with
22 1/4mm) this difference is due to the
plate being curved to fit the cylinder
which holds it.

Although rotary presses permit of
speedier printing, at about 60% of the
cost (5 1/2c per thousand as compared
with 8 1/2c for flat plate work), the stamps
are not as fine in appearance as those
from flat plates.

The printing is done on long rolls of
paper, which is cut into 400 stamp sheets,
as it comes from the press; perforated,
and then cut again into Post Office
sheets of 100. These Post Office sheets
of 100 have a narrow margin on
all four sides, and none of the stamps
have straight edges. The plate number
is in the side margins, opposite the first
stamp of the upper left pane (of the
400 stamp sheet), 10th stamp of the
upper right, 91st stamp of the lower left,
and 100th of the lower right pane, read-
ing up in the left margin, and down in
the right.

A characteristic of rotary press
printed stamps is the colorless horizontal
lines, or ridges, about 1/4mm apart, in
the gum, right across the sheet, which

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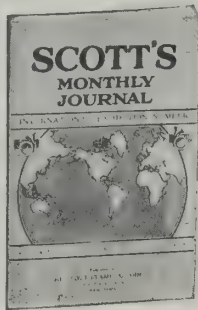
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Lindbergh stamp has made one collector. A business man took the trouble to call at one office where stamps were sold and said that he had received one of the new air mails and that he thought that inasmuch as he was interested in the flying mail, he would like to obtain all the preceding air mail issues that had been issued, as "curiosities."

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Two readers have asked for news about the Levine packet of letters that was carried by Chamberlain and Levine across the Atlantic and which was the subject of inquiry by the post office department. The story was played up variously in the newspapers and the reference that was made in the WEEKLY to it seems to have covered the incident. The Associated Press disposed of the circumstances by saying that the Hempstead, Long Island, postmaster was very sorry that unwittingly, he committed a breach of the regulations and we can understand his statement that he just wanted to be obliging and favor a personal friend in postmarking the envelopes. One of the officers of the Levine corporation dismisses the assertion that has been made that the envelopes would bring a thousand dollars each by saying that it was the intention to deliver the envelopes that came back to the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences with the gracious offer that the Institute could keep what it wanted and use the others as traders with other museums. The institution that was selected for this distinction was well chosen, at any rate, since the Brooklyn Institute was the first educational organization to recognize philately and install a section of philately in 1899.

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A reader says that he knows that there are others who feel as he does in opposing the elevation of the U. S. perforation varieties that are being issued to the class of major varieties. He wishes that something could be done to put the minor varieties in their place, so that they would not intrude themselves in select stamp society. There are collectors who share his opinion and a few words on the subject may not be amiss. First off all, it should be known that the battle for the right to collect what the collector pleased was won some decades ago and since that time, there has been

no general disposition to dictate what the collector should or should not interest himself in. As a matter of fact, there are many collectors who are glad enough to give attention to these perforation and impression varieties, in the case of the issues of their own country, where if they were foreign products they would look askance at them. The knowledge that these varieties are not being made as a consequence of philatelic demand is enough to make them fair game to those who attend closely to stamps. It may be said that they are the results of experiment that is based upon a desire to improve the production of stamps in a practical sense and the circulating of them with the speed that is a requirement of today. We are afraid that the wishes of collectors in this regard will have to give way to the department's idea of the general good of the order.

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The ruling passion that the one tangible foundation on which to build for the advancement of collecting through notices of it in the outside press does not blind us to the fact that some of the stamp pabulum that is dished up to innocent readers is rather raw. Unquestionably, the literary aspirant, who is uncertain in his understanding of philately, thinks that he has discovered an almost uncultivated field, when by chance he learns of the existence of the stamp world; and he dresses up a stamp story in clothes that are not of the fashion of the day, to put it mildly. Howlers sometimes characterize the attempts of these writers to assume an easy attitude in shaping the stamp theme and one need refer to a story that appeared recently in a leading Chicago newspaper to prove the point. A young man and Clarissa Jewell were traveling in a parlor car, on their several missions. Evidently, each had an attraction for the other, but conventionality held its sway and no words were spoken. In the diner they happened to be seated at the same table, but even so, silence still reigned. The window was open and suddenly a little bit of paper blew and settled on the table and they grabbed for it. The girl got it and then her pent-up eloquence gushed forth and the following enchanting dialogue ensued:

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est has become excited, too.
 as it got the secret watermark?"
 ted. She held it up to the window.
 aned over to look.

ere it is," she cried, "A perfect
 en. "It's priceless. Here. It's"
 He took the bit of engraved

ell have to advertise it," he said.
 ust have blown out of somebody's
 Have you—" the shyness faded
 of his eyes—"have you been collect-
 amps long?"

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ssrs. Gallardo & Agresar, San
 Porto Rico, write under date of
 17th: "The Government of the
 ican Republic has just issued a
 two stamps, 2- and 5-cent denomi-
 ns, to commemorate the exposition
 Santiago de los Caballeros, recently
 The stamps, we understand, were
 d locally. The 2-cent is in red and
 e, in blue. We believe that the
 ty issued is very limited, judging
 the handicaps that we had to over-
 in securing a stock of the stamps."

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correspondent in Honolulu says
 interest in the stamp issue that has
 proposed as a feature of the Ses-
 centennial of the discovery of the
 ian Islands, next year, is mani-
 there and that a local artist has
 entrusted with the work of prepar-
 etches of historic scenes that will
 appropriate for stamp subjects. In
 newspaper, the name of Miss May
 is given as that of the artist,
 s to submit designs for the one-,
 and three-cent stamps.

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AIR MAIL NEWSPAPERS

By H. BEDFORD-JONES.

Little is known in America regarding
 the news letter-sheets produced in Paris
 during the siege of 1870 for balloon
 mail; yet abroad, these have a most care-
 fully differentiated value, and the distinc-
 tions will certainly be of use to Air Mail
 collectors here, as the tremendous jump
 in prices during the past two months has
 brought a good many of these pieces on
 the market, which are being rapidly ab-
 sorbed at the new high rates, and some
 of which are now en route to America.

The best known of these letter-news-
 papers—half newspaper, half letter—is
 the *Letter Journal*, or *Gazette* of the
Absent. Of these, 32 numbers were is-
 sued during the siege, others later. It is
 possible to get 32 flown numbers, then.
 Some contained supplementary sheets;
 others, supplementary illustrations and
 pictures, which are very rare. Any of
 the supplements are rare, but that of No.
 4 is worth several times the price of an
 ordinary *Gazette*. The chief Paris
 dealer tells me he has seen just two in
 the past four years.

Rarest of the *Gazettes* is No. 1, worth
 from \$60 upward, according to *cachet*
 and stamp. No. 6 is worth half as
 much; No. 11 is very scarce; and No. 32
 rivals the first—provided it bears a date
 of Jan. 27, 1871, or previous. If dated
 Jan. 28 or after, it is not flown. These
 are the rare numbers, yet any number
 may be a great rarity, depending on the
cachet.

During the siege, eleven letter-news-
 papers were produced, and sixteen pure

newspapers. All, except the *Gazettes*,
 are extremely rare. The only one apt
 to come on the home market is the
Depeche - Ballon, a letter-newspaper,
 worth from \$30 upward. Any of the
 others that appear on the market are due
 for French collections, huge prices being
 paid for nearly all.

One complete file of flown *Gazettes*
 was recently offered in Paris at \$400, but
 I understand that the price has now
 nearly doubled. Unused single items
 are practically of no value, but a com-
 plete unused file commands a high price,
 and the reprint, made after the siege, is
 still more rare.

Paris being the home of forgeries, it
 is needless to say that these abound.
 They fall into two categories. First,
 pure forgeries—unused *Gazettes* or other
 sheets provided with stamps, letters, and
cachets. I have not seen any which
 would deceive a collector of any ex-
 perience—but many Air Mail collectors
 lack experience in this particular line.
 Second come genuine flown sheets from
 which stamps have in other days been
 cut or removed. Two Paris dealers
 make specialties of these—I do not say
 why, but I have my suspicions. Some
 beautiful repair work is done in Europe.

In a previous article, I believe I made
 some disparaging remarks about Bal-
 lons Montés from captured balloons.
 Well, we live and learn—if there were
 nothing to be learned every day, collect-
 ing would have no value. These items
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Antique Type

A variety of printer's type sometimes used in surcharging postage stamps in making provisionals. Examples of "lower case" letters may be found upon some of the stamps of Siam from the 1895

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issue onwards while antique capitals are shown on some of the Canal Zone stamps. The letters in this type are, generally speaking, broad, with short serifs of the same thickness as the body of the letter.

Junior Glossary

Mocambique.—Mozambique.
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M. O. E.—These letters overprinted on certain French Colonial stamps signify they were intended for use in Martinique.
Multiple Watermark.—A multiple watermark is a repetition of the same design, so arranged that several portions of the design show on a stamp in place of one complete design (single watermark).
Napoletona.—Naples. (See under "Two Sicilies" in Scott's catalogue.)
N. C. E.—These letters overprinted on French Colonial stamps indicate they were intended for use in New Caledonia.
Nederland.—Netherlands (Holland).
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Junior Activities

—Barton L. Keller says that he had a meeting of boys at his home in Chicago that was attended by nine collectors ranging in age from ten to fourteen years, at which stamp games were played. The Senn Stamp Club of the Senn High School, Chicago, which is rated A1 among organizations of the kind, recently held its Soiree at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, and it is needless to say the fun was fast and furious; and some of the philatelic diversions showed that their sponsors had a lively wit.

—The *Junior Stamp Echo* has been combined with *Sunshine Stamp News* and is now sailing forth as the *Stamp Echo*, says the editor, F. L. Wilson, who seems at home in his work.

—A Palmyra, N. J., reader sends the following staple for the column: "The usefulness of a postage stamp depends upon its ability to stick to one thing until it gets there." This serves as an introductory to a few remarks on removing paper from stamps. When the stamps are line-engraved, they will stand water. Typographed stamps do not have the same fixity of color, and aniline inks, chalky papers and early Russians are spoiled by immersion. Never pull the stamp from the paper, but the paper from the stamp. Elsewhere, we shall have complete details on this subject that some of the younger collectors are interested in.

—We have heard that remark on the 2c and 5c Norse-American that appeared in the issue of June 20th has puzzled several readers. Charles McCabe asked if he should sell a sheet of each of these stamps that his father bought at face, for fifteen dollars, the amount offered by a dealer in Chicago. We dodged the question intentionally and it is just as well that we refrain from circulating market news. Suffice it to say, just after the paragraph appeared, we were told of an offer of \$20 for a sheet of 5c, alone.

—Jack R. Robbins says that his father thinks that the commemorative stamps are without an equal in bringing historic events to the eyes of boys and girls and that as pictures, they are worth their price and more. All fathers are not as wise as Jack's.

Paper No. 2—Laid

In manufacturing this paper the "dandy roll" is covered with longitudinal wires separated by a space equal to the width of one of the wires. These are held in position by small wire rings placed at regular intervals and in the finished article the paper appears to be watermarked with parallel lines. When the watermarked lines run from top to bottom of the stamps the paper is called vertically laid, and when the lines run across the stamp the paper is known as horizontally laid. If the lines run in a slanting direction then the paper is diagonally laid. Practically all the stamps of Russia issued between 1868 and 1905 are on laid paper.

Corner Letters

Arthur L. Stanwood asks where he can get an explanation of the duty that was done by the letters in the corners of some of the early stamps of Great Britain and he inquires whether the "different letters make them different stamps" in a collecting sense. While it is argued that these letter variations make as many collectible varieties as there are letter combinations, only specialists collect them all and then when they want to reconstruct sheets. Here is what Mr. Bertram W. H. Poole answered on this subject:

"When adhesive postage stamps were first introduced into Great Britain in 1840 the great fear of the authorities was that they might be successfully counterfeited, which would, of course, mean a great loss to the revenue. To guard against forgery a special watermarked paper was used, and as an additional safeguard it was decided that letters should be placed in the lower angles, these differing on each stamp in the sheet. The sheets consisted of 240 stamps arranged in twenty horizontal rows of twelve each. The stamps in the top row were lettered AA, AB, AC, etc., to AL; those in the second row BA, BB, BC, etc., to BL; and so on to the twentieth row which was lettered TA to TL. Thus by these letters the position occupied by any particular stamp on the sheet can be readily ascertained. The letter in the left-hand corner denotes the row and that in the right-hand corner the number of the stamp in the row. By these means we can tell that a stamp lettered, say, EG was the seventh specimen on the fifth row of the sheet.

Later on, in 1858, letters were added in all four corners, those in the upper angles being the same as those in the bottom corners but in reverse order. That is, if the letters at the bottom were GB, they would be BG in the top corners. This system was retained for all values issued from 1858 to 1887 with the exception of a few denominations of the 1881 set."

Care In Collecting

The tendency of the young collector is to be none too critical in selecting stamps for his book and even after he has them in place, he does not always treat them as gently as he should. In fact, a pair of tongs is indispensable in handling stamps and an investment in that useful tool is well-advised. Clean stamps, well-centered and not disfigured by cancelling ink are a joy to behold even though they are of the commonest kind. Better a blank space than a torn or heavily canceled stamp or one with the perforations partly clipped off or otherwise damaged. In some cases of great rarities this rule will not hold good because one is glad to get some of them in any condition, but this class is small, and with the great majority of stamps, and particularly the low-priced ones, there is absolutely no necessity for any but fine specimens, and if the collector takes pride in his stamps, which means he will be careful in collecting, he will find it pays in the end. Care should also be used in removing paper

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from the backs of specimens mounting them, pulling off hinges often damaging the stamp. Most can be soaked, preferably in hot and dried on blotting paper, but like Russians, early Bulgarians, United States due stamps, 1835, China, recent British and British stamps having green in their ing, and stamps printed on "chall faced" paper are affected by water should not be immersed in it. A of wet blotting paper against the until the paper is damp enough to is the best way to treat them. Of mounting is only to be done with h and care should be used not to soil or page when it is done.

Great Barrier Island

A junior has a Great Barrier showing a carrier pigeon in flight told that the stamp is one that was in 1898-99 when Great Barrier which is about seventy miles from Zealand, used this novel means of communication with Auckland, Zealand. The homer pigeons were from the Island by boat to Auckland then released, each one with five sages, a fee of one shilling being for each letter; and the stamp was dence of payment. They are stamps were popular at one time because romantic conditions under which were used and forgeries were made them. The stamps are private local the use of them was suppressed by Zealand as an infringement on its monopoly.

At the time this Pigeon Post wstituted the island was only visited a week by a small vessel so that the habitants did not enjoy very extensive postal facilities. As a rule, too, the made such a short stay it was generally impossible to reply to important communications by the same boat.

Junior Dictionary

Hungarian American Messenger Postage.—This so-called stamps fake pure and simple. It bears picture of Kossuth and Washington and Hungarian origin. The promoter of this "post" had in mind the establishment of a private mail route between Hungary and the U. S. at the time of the Romanian occupation of the former country.

Kenya.—A colony of Great Britain in East Africa extending from the Juba Rivers and inland to Uganda. It comprises what was formerly the E. Africa protectorate and some of the Sultan of Zanzibar and became "Crown Colony" July 23, 1920. Stamps were first issued in 1920.

K. G. C. A.—These letters surcharged on stamps of Jugoslavija stand for "Koranska Glasovna Cona A" and in English "Carinthian Plebiscite, 1920." They were issued October 10, 1920 and were sold for three times the actual value.

La Semeuse (The Sower).—A stamp applied to the design of certain French



stamps, the work of M. Roty, used in 1903.

Latvijska (Latvian) Pasta or Latvian Pasts.—An inscription on the stamp of Latvia or Lettland meaning "Latvian Post" or "Posts."

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 No. 47 @ 2.85, No. 48 @ .85, No. 54* @ .28,
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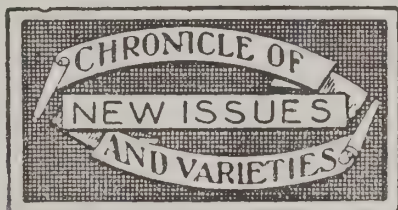
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United States

Air Mail Notes

The Post Office Department has announced, that under date of July 1, that portion of the transcontinental route lying between Chicago and San Francisco, will be taken over by private contractors. Arrangements have been made for the use of a special postmark at each of the dispatching post offices along the route. These are: Chicago, Ill, Iowa City, Iowa, Omaha, and North Platte, Neb., Cheyenne, and Rock Springs, Wyo., Salt Lake City, Utah, Elko and Reno, Nevada, Sacramento and San Francisco, California.

It is expected that the remainder of this route from Chicago to New York, will go under private contract on August 1st, but this date has not, as yet, been definitely decided upon. Dispatching offices in this case will be, New York, N. Y., Cleveland, Ohio, Chicago, Ill.

In a circular sent out by the postmaster of Springfield, Ill., under date of June 10th, announcement was made that Monday, June 20th, would be Lindbergh Day, and that a special cancellation would be used. It was hoped that Colo-

nel Lindbergh would be present in person, and dedicate the air mail field to be named after him. As the covers have not, as yet, come to hand at this writing, there is no doubt that the special dedication has been postponed.

Under date of June 28th, the postal bulletin calls the attention of postmasters to the fact that numerous requisitions are being received for 2c Lindbergh stamps, and that no such variety has ever been issued. No doubt, the rumor relative to the overprinting of our current 2c stamps received wide publicity, and many of the smaller offices are under the impression that such a stamp exists.

Special Delivery Imperforate

Mr. Henry C. DeWitt, Jr., has shown me a cover to which is attached one of the current 10c blue Special Delivery Stamps, in an imperforate condition. This was used on business mail, and it is to be regretted that it is not in a pair of larger, so that it might be recognized for what it possibly is. Mr. De Witt endeavored to have further copies located in the office that sent it, but unfortunately without success. It was used by one of the Westinghouse subsidiaries, in San Francisco.

Philippines

Mr. M. C. Comfort has kindly submitted for inspection one of the new locally prepared two centavos, green, envelopes. It is printed on white, and shows a portrait of the Philippine Patriot, Rizal. The envelope is lithographed, and is indeed a poor piece of work. It is oval in shape, with "Philippine Island, U. S. A." around the top, with the figure of value enclosed within a square at the bottom.

Local Stamps

I recently ran across an express label upon a cover, and submitted it to Mr.

Recent Novelties

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 *Ceylon—2c orange & 5c violet with
 script watermark05
 *Costa Rica—New Official Design, 2, 3,
 4, 5, 6, 10, 20, 30 & 45c, 9 vars.60
 *Costa Rica—Same, 1 colon50
 *French Soudan—10fr & 20fr provi-
 sionally surcharged on 5fr. Both for . . .1.75
 *Hungary—New Postage Due, 1, 2, 3, 5,
 10, 30, 50 & 80fr, 8 vars.55
 *Iraq—1 Rupee, new Shiek design50
 *Iraq—Same stamp surch. Service50
 *It. Somaliland—70c on 30b & L2.50 on
 60b. prov. Special Delivery25
 *Mauritania—1fr & 20fr provisionally
 surcharged on 5fr. Both for 1.75
 *Netherlands—35c, 40c & 50c with new
 mult. rings watermark75
 *Nyasaland—1d script watermark11
 *Russia—20k blue Child's Welfare with
 and without wmk. Both for30
 *Russia—8+2 & 18+2 Child's Welfare . . .25
 *Samoa—On New Zealand Admiral type,
 2sh & 3sh. Both for 1.60
 *Switzerland—5, 10 & 20c Franchise on
 white paper instead of grey12
 *Tripoli—Exhibition set, 8 vars. cplt. . .75
 *Tunis—New Parcel Post, 5, 10, 20, 25,
 40, 50, 60, 75, 80c, 1, 2, 4 & 5fr cplt. .95
 *Tunis—Same, 10fr & 20fr 1.75
 *Ubangi—10fr & 20fr provisionally sur-
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 *Uruguay—New Imperforate Officials,
 2, 3, 5, 9 on 10, 12, 15 & 20c 1.00
 *Uruguay—New Parcel Post Issue, 1,
 2, 4, 5, 10 & 20c cplt.65
 *Virgin Islands—1d violet & 1 1/2d red. . . .08
 *Wallis & Futuna Is.—10fr & 20fr on
 5fr Provisionals 1.75

THE TIME TO BUY NEW ISSUES IS WHILE THEY ARE NEW!

MAXWELL KRAUSE, Lebanon, Pa.

Henry C. Needham, our foremost author-
 ity on Local stamps, and asked him if
 he considered it a local or a label, and
 how he distinguished between the two.

Mr. Needham writes under date of
 June 27th as follows:

"Broadly speaking, every stamp, im-
 pression or seal, used to indicate pre-
 payment of postage, express or revenue
 rate, is a Frank. For the purpose of in-
 dicating to a collector the point at which
 a certain Stamp or Frank might be ac-
 cumulated, within the lines of his spe-
 cialty, I would suggest as follows:

1. LOCAL STAMPS. An adhesive or
 envelope stamp, indicating value on its
 face, issued by a company or individual
 delivering or collecting, or both, letters
 or packages within the prescribed limits
 of a restricted area such as a city or
 town, and also those companies issuing
 stamps for local, state and interstate
 business; all of which stamps are sold to
 the general public and recognized by
 the issuing company, its correspondents,
 agents, and connections.

2. FRANKS. Any impression, other
 than a stamp as above described, placed,
 printed or impressed upon an envelope
 or wrapper, generally addressed to and
 destined for other than the local point
 of origin, and always so applied under
 authority of the individual or company
 engaged in collecting and delivering such
 matter, and used by such individual or
 company in the transaction of its busi-
 ness or sold or presented to its custom-
 ers or friends, and always used to in-
 dicate prepayment of carrying charge. Pre-
 payment may or may not be indicated by
 the impression Free, Paid or the words
 or figures of value; such indications,
 however, usually appearing.

Now, as to these definitions, there are,
 of course, certain exceptions; Some Lo-
 cal Stamps do not bear on their face
 an expression of value, but nevertheless
 were sold to the public, the reason being
 that occasionally the rate varied for dif-
 ferent purposes or distances. This ex-
 ception applies to a case similar to Bar-
 nard's, Fisk & Rice, &c.

As a matter of fact, Barnard's is a
 British Columbia rather than a United
 States Local, but probably was included
 in the Catalogue for the reason that the
 stamp was used in combination with
 United States or British Columbia, or
 both."

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| 127-34.....1.50 | 149.....1.25 | 140.....2.50 | 174.....2.00 | 31.....75 | 55.....2.25 |
| 137.....6.50 | 150.....75 | 141.....3.50 | 175.....4.00 | 33.....1.25 | 56.....4.50 |
| 139.....4.50 | 152-58.....75 | 176 (cat. now 30.00).....20.00 | | 35.....2.00 | 57.....5.50 |
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| 54.....1.25 | | 89.....11.00 | 118.....4.50 | do. block four.....3.00 | |
| 49 obsolete.....1.00 | | 90-6.....1.75 | 119.....50 | ST. VINCENT, MINT | |
| do. block four.....4.00 | | 97 used.....3.00 | 124.....50 | #48.....1.25 | #96.....1.25 |
| 53 obsolete.....75 | | SIERRA LEONE, MINT | | 55.....1.00 | 97.....1.00 |
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I have just purchased three small, but choice lots of pre-stamp covers, showing postmarks previous to the issuing of stamps. It will be recalled that in the old days, the letter was folded, and the postmarks bearing the date and name of city, were usually applied, in addition to such words as, "10", "5", "Paid", "Mis-sent", and the like. The value of postage payment at times, appears in manuscript.

In this lot, I notice covers from Baltimore bearing the well known figure "5" in an oval, the stamper later being used to make the famous Postmaster Provisional. The cover just described is identical with the Provisional Envelope, with the exception of the fact that, the Buchanan signature is lacking. There are also some covers from Chicago, containing the numeral "10", with fluting around the edge like the old-fashioned home made pie. There are some from New Orleans, showing back printed figures about one inch high. Numerous covers from smaller cities are to be found. I will gladly send 10 different varieties including the three especially described above, at \$1.00. If you want two or three lots I will endeavor to pick out as many different kinds as possible. A page or two of these covers should be mounted in every United States collection.

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| | 646 to 654 Complete | | 1.74 | | 1.00 |

W. W. BETTS, County National Bank Bldg. Clearfield, Pa.

Mr. Needham especially mentions the Barnard's, because I took exception to this being listed as a local, feeling that it is nothing more than a label.

AUSTRIA.—Whitfield King & Co. reports the appearance of the 4gr turquoise, and in the postage due series the 14gr blue.

BELGIAN EAST AFRICA.—Mr. Henry Hooreman reports that he has received the 1fr50c stamp of Congo surcharged for use in this colony with the added overprint of "1.75" in black. Two parallel lines are surcharged across the original value.

CHILE.—Air Mail Stamps. Further to our note of April 2, we now learn from L'Echo that 5 different values will be surcharged on the (unissued) Maipu Commemorative as follows:—40c on 10c, 50,000; 80c on 10c, 20,000; \$1.20 on 10c, 20,000; \$1.60 on 10c, 20,000; \$2 on 10c, 20,000. Each value will also bear the overprint, "CORREO AEREO."—Philatelic Magazine.

CONGO.—Mr. Henry Hooreman has shown us the 1fr50c, pale blue, surcharged "1.75" in black beneath the figures of former value. Two parallel bars obliterate the original value.

CUBA.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the 10c brown, watermark star.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA.—Whitfield King & Co. send copies of the 1k20 mauve, with a view of Strahov in the centre and the

5k green, in the larger size stamp with a country scene in the central part.

FEDERATED MALAY STATES.—Mr. R. Roberts and Whitfield King & Co. send for chronicle the 3c brown, script watermark.

FRANCE.—Strasbourg Exhibition Stamps. We have now received an illustration of these stamps, which shows the millésime to be "STRASBOURG 1927." 50,000 sheets have been printed.

Postal Changes. The following changes will be made in the current stamps:

- Postage Stamps.
- (a) New values: 45c, 65c, 90c, 1fr10 and 1fr50 (all in the small format).
 - (b) Pasteur new values: *30c, green; 90c, red; 1fr50, blue.
 - (c) Semeur new values: 25c, "chamois"; *45c mauve; 65c, bronze green; 75c, "iris"; 1fr10, red currant.
 - (d) Change of colour: 40c to violet, 50c to geranium red.
 - (e) Suppression of the following values: 35c, 60c, 1fr25, 1fr40, and 3 francs.

The current series of stamps will, therefore, be composed of the following values:—1c, 2c, 3c, 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 40c, 45c, 50c, 65c, 75c, 90c, 1fr, 1fr10, 1fr50, 2fr, 5fr, 10fr and 20 francs.

Postage Due.

- (a) Issue of 60c and *3fr, dull red values.
- (b) Suppression of the 20c, 40c and 80c.

So that the series will be composed of the 5c, 10c, 30c, 50c, 60c, 1fr, 2fr and 3 francs.

BRITISH COLONIALS

Among the following stamps will be found several which recently have been marked up in price by Scott's. Revised prices given in (). Don't miss this chance—they are likely to sell a good deal higher when the fall season opens.

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| BAHAMAS 20sh. #56 (cat. 13.50) | \$7.00 | BR. GUIANA 48c. #167 | 1.50 |
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| 2sh. #125 | 5.00 | 96c. #170 | 2.25 |
| 3sh. #126 | 6.75 | CYPRUS 20sh. #88 (cat. 100.00) | 60.00 |
| 1sh. #135 | 1.00 | DOMINICA 5sh. #82 (cat. 8.00) | 3.50 |
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| 4sh. #66 | 3.00 | 5R. #13 | 4.90 |
| 10sh. #67 | 5.00 | 10R. #14 | 8.00 |
| 1d. #70 | .12 | 20R. #15 | 24.00 |
| 6d. #73 | 4.00 | FALKLAND 5sh. #37, block of four | 27.50 |
| BR. GUIANA 60c. #159 | 5.20 | (cat. 40.00) | |
| 1c-6c. #160-164 | 2.00 | GAMBIA 5sh. #120 (cat. 7.50) | 3.75 |
| 12c. #165 | 1.50 | GUENEA 10sh. #88 (cat. 10.00) | 4.50 |
| 24c. #166 | .40 | NEW HEBRIDES 1sh. #6, rare | 8.50 |

A Rarity!

I have a copy of the rare NIEUE 1sh. #11. Only one sheet was printed of this error—the famous "thief shilling". It is a real rarity—in spite of Scott's "rating". Gibbons don't commit themselves—but Scott's have it marked down for \$40.00. The last copy brought \$62.50 in auction—I am asking \$52.50. There may not be another chance in years.

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 1926 wmk.—a, .35; b, .50; c, .25; d, .35; e, .60.
 NIEUE 1920—a, .50; b, .75; c, .35; d, .50; e, 1.00.
 1926 wmk.—a, .35; b, .50; c, .25; d, .35; e, .60.
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 * 35 3d on 30pf
 * 104 Samoa, 2 1/2p on 20pf
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 * 106 4p on 30pf
 * 107 5p on 40pf
 * 109 9p on 80pf
 * 53 Wurttemberg, 70kr red violet
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Surcharges.

In order to use up current stock Administration of Posts has decided to issue the following surcharges:

- 25c on 30c, blue (Sower).
- *25c on 35c, violet (Sower).
- 50c on 60c, violet (Sower).
- 50c on 65c, red (Sower).
- *50c on 79c, blue (Pasteur).
- *50c on 80c, red (Sower).
- *50c on 85c, red (Sower).
- *50c on 1fr05, red (Sower).
- *50c on 1fr25, blue (Pasteur).
- *90c on 1fr05, red (Sower).
- *1fr10 on 1fr40, red (Sower).
- *An asterisk indicates that the stamp is already on issue.—Philatelic Magazine.

GREAT BRITAIN, Offices in Morocco. Mr. R. Roberts has shown us the bistre, new watermark, surcharge in two lines in black "Morocco Agence".

HEDJAZ-NEJD.—Mr. R. Roberts submits for chronicle copies of the 3p green, 5p pale reddish-brown, 1p (postage due) and 2p violet (Peag due). Mr. Roberts adds that these in addition to the six values represent some time ago. Also the stamps together with the 18d pale orange-brown, 1/4 green, 1/2 rose, 1 violet, 1 1/2 rose, 10 chocolate have been overprinted in black commemorating the creation of the Nejd Sultanate into a Kingdom.

HONG KONG.—20c and 30c are replaced by Oswald Marsh in deeper shades of purple and deep olive-green; 30c, green and yellow.—Philatelic Magazine.

HUNGARY.—Whitfield King & Co. show us the 30 filler green and 46 blue, both in the design recently issued.

NETHERLANDS.—Whitfield King & Co. advise that the 3c green, design as Scott's A24, has appeared watermarked Gies.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—Mr. Frank F. informs us that the present pictorial stamps will be allowed to "run out" no new supplies will be ordered except the 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, and 5c values. The value of this set is now obsolete and 24c is also getting very low.

POLAND.—Whitfield King & Co. show us three values in a set of stamps issued for the Medical Congress. All bear the likeness of Dr. Karol Jozefski and are of the following value: 10gr green, 25gr carmine and 40gr.

POLISH DANZIG.—Whitfield King & Co. advise that they have had confirmation of the 20gr in red.

SAAR.—Whitfield King & Co. show us two additional values in a new set of stamps. They are the 10c sepia and 75c puce.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.—Mr. R. Roberts has submitted for chronicle copies of the 1/2p green and grey-black on 1p carmine and grey, local printing watermarked multiple Springbok. They are easily distinguished from the London printing by the Vignettes which are very flat and pale looking compared with the London printing, which show up the light and shade and details much more clearly than the local production. The 1/2p green is paler and greyer in color also the 1p carmine. Also we have received from Mr. Roberts and the Economist Stamp Co. copies of the 1p carmine postage due, inscribed "South Africa" at the top "Suid Afrika" at the bottom "Postage Due" on the left and "Betaal" at the right, no watermark. The shape of the figure is different from previous issues.

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Robertson, Esq. C. M. G.) in council to
commemorate the 300th anniversary of
the founding of Barbados, by the issue
of a special postage stamp, announcement
was made in the Official Gazette, and in
the daily papers of the Colony, as
follows:—

"POST OFFICE NOTICE.

The Governor in Executive Committee
has decided to commemorate the Tercen-
tenary of the settlement of the Colony of
Barbados, in February, 1927, by the issue
of a postage stamp.

Persons wishing to submit specimens
for the design of such a stamp are asked
to forward same to the Colonial Post-
master at his office by the 16th August,
1926.

The designer of the specimen approved
by the Governor in Executive Commit-
tee will be granted a gratuity of £10.

Signed, H. H. HEATH.

Colonial Postmaster.

July 21st.

4 n. o. a. w."

The Colonial Postmaster explained that
what was wanted was an original design,
and not one which had been used else-
where, and simply adapted to local con-
ditions. Local response was generous,
and by August 16th, some 47 or 48 de-
signs had been submitted.

Those submitted by three local ladies,
Mrs. E. L. Delamer, Miss Laurie, and
Miss Cox, were thought most suitable
of the lot. The design submitted by
Mrs. Delamer was very appropriate, but
with details which could hardly be re-
duced to stamp size without destroying
its effectiveness. It represented the sun
rising over the Hole, the little opening
into the sea, in the parish of St. James,
where the Tercentenary monument was
erected in 1905, with settlers of 1627
standing on one bank, and those of today
on the other. Sugar cane, cabbage and
cocoanut palms were introduced into the
design; in the upper corners the dates
"1627" and "1927," with "Postage and
Revenue" between, and at the foot of the
vignette, the inscription "To commemo-
rate the anniversary of Representative
Institutions." The value "One Penny"
was at the bottom of the design. Miss
Laurie's design was somewhat similar.

At the time of advertising locally, the
Crown Agents were cabled to secure
stamp designs in England, and that sub-
mitted by Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson
& Co., Ltd., was accepted. This design
was along the same lines as that sub-
mitted by Miss Cox (of Barbados), in
double medallion type, with the heads of
Their Majesties King Charles I. and
King George V.

It had been suggested that the special
design be used for a short series from
¼d to 1s, or at least the three denomina-

tions most used, ½d, 1d and 2½d, but the
Colonial Postmaster decided to have
one value only, 1d, and placed an order
for 1,000,000 of these. This same de-
sign, with the head of King James I.
substituted for that of King Charles I.
had been suggested in the Bermuda
House of Assembly, at the time the
Legislative Tercentenary series was be-
ing discussed in the summer of 1920.

In the Crown Agents Bulletin, for the
fourth quarter of 1926, they formally
announced the design of the Tercen-
tenary stamp, and stated that it would be
recess printed in carmine, on script CA
watermarked paper. The stamps were
dispatched from England, by the Harri-
son Line s. s. "Inanda," and arrived at
Bridgetown, on Thursday, January 27,
1927. The actual landing of the first
settlers was on February 20th, and that
date falling on Sunday, it was the inten-
tion to issue the commemorative stamp
on February 21st. But when Monday,
February 21st was declared a Public
Holiday, for the civic celebration of the
event, the stamps were placed on sale
Thursday, February 17th. It was de-
sired to have the stamps in issue before
the celebrations rather than after. On
February 11th orders from abroad were
being filled, so that they might be sent
off by the outward mail of February
17th. Miss M. Gittens, one of the lady
assistants in the G. P. O. deserves much
credit for so carefully selecting well
centered stamps, and preparing them for
dispatch.

The stamp was designed, engraved and
recess-printed in rose-carmine, on script
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stamps, (8 horizontal by 15 vertical), not
divided into panes. There is no plate
number or marginal line, and the only
marginal marking is the printers' name
(Bradbury Wilkinson & Co., Ltd., New
Malden, Surrey, England) in the lower
margin under the 4th and 5th stamps, in
small colored caps.

The design, practically the same as that
submitted by Miss Cox (daughter of
Mr. G. B. Y. Cox), and who received £5,
half of the prize money offered by the
Colonial Postmaster, is a horizontal rec-
tangle measuring 39x25mm, with the
heads of Their Majesties King Charles
I (at the left, facing three-quarters
right), and King George V (at the
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For the old widely-circulated story that Barbados was settled in 1625, the evidence consists merely of inferences drawn from incidental statements, and there is no first hand recorded evidence of any person claiming to have been present at the time of the settlement. On the other hand, on four different occasions between 1647 and 1660, the master of the ship that brought out the first settlers, testified that in the year 1626 (old style) he landed about 40 men at Barbados which previously had no inhabitants, and on some of the occasions he was corroborated by members of the crew and other persons that were aboard.

The facts are that at the close of 1624 or early in 1625, a ship belonging to Sir William Courteen on its way to Pernambuco touched at Barbados; John Powell, the commander, surveyed the southern and western coasts and found no signs of occupation, and on reaching home, reported to his employer. Thereupon, Courteen prepared an expedition under the command of John Powell to take possession; Powell sailed with letters of marque, but never reached Barbados, for the reason that at sea he captured a Spanish prize, with which he returned to Cowes in July, 1626. Later in the year, a second expedition was equipped, and the "William and John," commanded by Capt. Henry Powell, reached Barbados on 20th February, 1627, and landed 40 white men and 8 blacks near the spot where the sailors of the "Olive Blossom" landed in 1605, and there laid the foundation of the Colony.

A few months after Courteen's settlers had taken possession, King Charles I granted by letters patent, dated June 2,

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DENMARK'S PHILATELIC STAMP AGENCY

By A. E. PADE.

The Philatelic Agency of Denmark was established in November, 1926, by the Danish Post Office Department as an accommodation for stamp collectors and dealers all over the world.

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ICELAND, 1873-1922

By C. A. HOWES.

THIS ancient colony of Denmark has led a quiet philatelic life in general, with but few "high spots" to enliven it, and has therefore attracted many collectors who found they could readily obtain a representative collection at reasonable cost. Indeed, a practically complete array of the island's issues would not be prohibitive in price, though a few of the minor varieties of surcharge might be quite difficult to locate. Though known to Europeans for over eleven centuries, the island is really in the Western Hemisphere, being the easternmost of the great archipelago which tops the North American Continent. It was settled by the Norsemen and finally came under the rule of Norway in the middle of the thirteenth century; somewhat more than a century later both Norway and Iceland passed under the Crown of Denmark, where Iceland has since remained. It is a Colony but has had home rule for most of its seven hundred years as such. There are about 70,000 inhabitants of which the capital, Reykjavik, claims 10,000. The latter is reached by steamer from Leith, Scotland, which arrives about every ten days or fortnight in the summer time, but less frequently in winter. This is naturally an event of the greatest importance, for outside of cable connection it is the only personal contact with the civilized world. Though Denmark issued stamps in 1851, it was not until twenty-two years later that a special issue was made for Iceland. They were naturally very similar to the design of the Danish stamps, but were printed in one color each instead of being bi-colored. Four values were issued on January 1, 1873, viz., 2, 4, 8 and 16 skillings, while a 3sk was added in March, 1873. They are inscribed "ISLAND (pronounced Eesland) at the top of the oval band and "POSTFRIM" (an abbreviation of *Postfrimerki* or "Postage Stamp") at the bottom followed by the value; 96 skillingar making a rigsbank daler (or "royal bank dollar") as in Denmark, the value in American currency being about 55 cents. The design and engraving of the die were the work of Ph. Batz of Copenhagen, the central circle and lower portion of the oval band being left blank for the value, which was engraved by hand in the process of constructing the plates, which were of 100 subjects, ten by ten. These were made and the stamps printed at the establishment of H. H. Thiele of Copenhagen, where the Danish stamps have been manufactured since the beginning. The paper was white wove and the regular crown watermark of the Danish stamps was used. Two perforation varieties are known, 12½ made with a guillotine machine which was used on the 1864 issue of Denmark, and 14×13½ made with a comb machine which was the regular perforation of the then current Danish issue. The 3s is perforated only 12½, and the 2 and 8s only 14×13½, but the 4 and 16s come with both. The 4s perforated 12½ and the 16s perforated 14×13½ are quite rare. Unperforated copies of all values exist, but it is doubtful if they were regularly issued. It is claimed that the 4s was used, however. The numbers of each value printed were: 2s, 8s and 16s, 40,000 each; 3s, 25,000; 4s, 100,000. Besides the chief post office at Reykjavik, postmasters were appointed at fifteen other towns or districts in the island and postmen or collectors of letters in some fifty odd places. Postmasters were obliged to keep their premises open for eight hours a day for ten days previous to the departures of the mail steamer, and for four days after its arrival. Following upon the change in currency in Denmark in 1875 to the krone of 100 ore, Iceland followed suit, the new set being issued on July 1, 1876. The krone was of half the value of the rigsbank daler, or about 27 cents, and the new values approximately doubled the old: thus the 5a blue replaced the 2s blue, the 6a the 3s, the 10a the 4s, the 16a the 8s, and the 40a the 16s, with a new value of 20a for international postage. The monetary unit, abbreviated as "Aur." for "aurar," is the Icelandic equivalent of the Danish "ore." These stamps were printed as before in sheets of 100, but divided into four panes of 25. The perforation is again 14×13½ for all values, but the 5a comes with the 12½ also. All values occur imperforate, but only the 5a is with watermark, the others being evidently proofs. In July, 1882, the 5a and 20a were

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In October, 1897, because of the delay in the mail steamer which had a new consignment of 3a stamps, the latter ran out of stock and recourse was had to surcharging. At first 86 sheets of the 5a were surcharged "3" in red, two varieties of type being used; but before issue they were additionally surcharged with the word "Prir" (the first letter is not really a "p" but the Icelandic letter *thorn*, representing our "th"), in two varieties of type in black. There were therefore 8,600 of these, beside which 50 sheets more of the 5a were surcharged with the word in black only making 5,000 of the latter in the two varieties of type. The double surcharges were issued on November 1st, and the single surcharges on the 3rd of the same month. By the 13th they had all been "absorbed" (we cannot say *used*) and are now catalogued at around seven dollars, used or unused. It is evident that some parties made a good thing out of these provisionals. They are found mostly perforated 12½, but some of the double surcharges occur perforated 14×13½, these being decidedly scarce. The double surcharge is known inverted in both types.

The new perforation of 12½ used in Denmark in 1896 began to appear on the Iceland stamps in 1897, the 5 and 20a at least appearing in that year (the surcharges described above were mostly on the new perforation as there stated). But the rest of the series probably appeared in 1898, from the 3a to the 16a. A new value of 4a in two colors appeared in December, 1899, and another new value, 25a, also bi-colored, in December, 1900. Both the 20a of 1882 (perf. 14×13½) and the 20a of 1897 (perf. 12½) occur in two distinct shades of blue, a bright blue and an ultramarine.

In 1901 the 3a stamp was re-engraved, the figure in the center being made larger, and it was printed in yellow rather than orange. In 1902 the 50a was issued with the 12½ perforation, but is rather scarce as it was soon used for surcharging. The 40a was ready for

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The surcharge is normally in black on all the values except the 5, 6, 20 and 25a on which it is in red; but these latter are also to be found with it in black. Both types of the 3a perforated 12½ were used and all values of the old set perforated 14×13½. Various errors of surcharge occur which will be found duly listed in the catalogues by those interested. One important error occurred in the first setting: the "I" was omitted on the sixth stamp in the first row (and the 56th in the sixth row, as the surcharge was applied to panes of fifty at a time). This was soon corrected, however. The issue of these provisionals was quite unnecessary, unless from a philatelic standpoint, as they could just as readily have been used up concurrently with or previous to the issue of the new series without any distinguishing mark.

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EARLY POSTAL REFERENCES

By N. R. HOOVER.

In 1906 Rogers Bros., the silverware people of Meriden, Conn., issued a very interesting advertising supplement in the form of a tabloid newspaper bearing a monthly date of 1847, the year this concern started. This monthly was interspersed with ads for the Rogers silverware. The reading matter was made up of articles taken from *Graham's Magazine*, *New York Sun*, *Fisher's Magazine*, *Hunt's Magazine*, *American Review*, etc.

It was in 1847 that the United States started the use of postage stamps, seven years after Great Britain. In this year's assortment of 12 monthly numbers three references to the new idea in transmitting mail appear.

In the June issue is the following:

"Of all the manifold devices supplied by the ingenuity of man to promote the progress of civilization, the idea of a National Post Office stands in the foremost ranks of importance.

Correspondence by letter is speech at a distance.

A tax upon letters, is, in fact, a tax upon speech. It is worse. It is a fine levied upon the affections. It is an impost upon the love of kindred. It is a duty laid upon friendship. It is a penalty on commerce, an amercement on the diffusion of knowledge, and a drag on the progress of civilization.

The United States presents a territory forming a large section of the globe inhabited by a sparse population, separated by distances not to be traveled over, even by the aid of the marvelous powers of steam, in less time than can be expressed by weeks. Among such a people, correspondence, so desirable to all, becomes a want of imperious urgency.

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Campbell & Fergusson, 58 singles, 5 pairs, 3 strips 3, 1 strip 4.

TWO PENCE

Ham's 1st setting (Fine Background 1 border), 11 singles.
Ham's 2nd setting (Coarse background and fine border), 32 singles.
Ham's 3rd setting (Coarse background and fine border), 32 singles, 3 pairs.
Ham's 4th setting (Coarse background and border), 71 singles, 5 pairs and strip of 3.
Ham's 4th setting, Unique unused block of fifteen stamps.

THREE PENCE

Ham's 1st setting, 30 singles, 1 pair.
Ham's 2nd setting, 29 singles, 2 pairs, 1 strip of four.
Ham's 3rd setting, 43 singles, 11 pairs, 2 strips 3, 1 strip 4.
J. S. Campbell & Co., 39 singles, 33 pairs, 1 strip of 3.
Campbell & Fergusson, 55 singles, 12 pairs.

In the collection there are also many "Retouches", Substituted Transfers, 3d stamps rouletted and perforated, a number of stamps on covers, and a few odd copies of other early issues.

An opportunity of getting the pick of such a collection as this (the pick of Australia for years) is not likely to occur again for years.

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1922, £1, No. 110a 12.
North Nigeria 1912, £1, No. 52 9.
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their will in accents neither to be taken nor resisted, and extorted from unwilling legislature and reluctant government the most stupendous official reform of which the annals of civilized nation can afford an example. Any individual of the population of the United Kingdom can now transmit packet weighing half an ounce to other individual, no matter how remote his position within the country, at a cost of two cents!

Penny stamps are issued by the Post Office, coated with adhesive matter on the back, by which they are readily and permanently attached to the letter. They are sold at thirteen-and-a-half pence a dozen. The writer, however, has the notion of paying the postage according to the above rates, when the letter is delivered at the Post Office.

The necessity of radical reform being conceded, it is for the general Government and the Legislature to consider whether it be more consistent with policy and wisdom to adopt, with suitable modifications, the system which has produced the results so satisfactory in Great Britain, or to adopt a new system."

It would appear that this article, (from what paper it was clipped is not given) was a type of propaganda put out to influence the Government to adopt the English system of adhesive stamps. Probably the subject was then up in Congress.

In the August issue of the imitative newspaper of the day appears a short article commenting on the new postage scheme which apparently had just gone into use.

"In a New Hampshire village several young ladies entirely ignorant of the name and use of the new Post Office stamps, applied at the Post Office for mottoes, and instead of placing the stamps upon the face of the letter, placed them immediately over the seal on the back of the envelope."

In the December issue is an interesting comment but undoubtedly picked from some publication issued later than 1847:

"The deficit of the first year after the act, was \$800,000; the deficit of the last year was \$640,000; while the deficit of the year is only \$40,000. It is rumored that a plan will be introduced into the next Congress to reduce the rates of postage and make all letters be prepaid. This would indeed be salutary Postal Reform and we hope to see it."

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PEARL HARBOR PHILATELIC SOCIETY
By Pvt. A. H. WRIGHT, Sec.

The Pearl Harbor Philatelic Society
held its first semi-annual banquet and
dinner party on the evening of June
10. The dinner was held at Child's
Restaurant in Honolulu; and the theatre
party at the Hawaii Theatre where
Herald Lloyd was playing in "The Kid
Brother."
Pvt. Emil R. Browning, USMC, pre-
sided at the meeting of the society; and
P. W. B. Jackson, USMC, was toast-
master of the banquet. The special guest
of the evening, Mr. C. M. Young of
Honolulu, was introduced to the So-
ciety by Pvt. Allyn H. Wright, USMC.
Mr. Young talked on "The Value of
Hanging To a Philatelic Society." He
pointed out some of the advantages of
stamp collectors affiliating themselves
with some stamp club or philatelic
organization.
W. Stetson, secretary of the Pearl
Harbor Navy Y. M. C. A., and one of
the charter members of the society, spoke
interestingly of his recent trip to New
York, and of the purchase of some
Mexican stamps in Mexico, en route.
Those who attended the affair were
Ms. Gertrude Canaday, C. M. Young,
Ms. Charles Yap, R. J. Cameron, Pvt.
Eil R. Browning, Pvt. Allyn Henry
Wright, Corporal Joseph R. Grant, How-
ard M. Day, Pvt. Alma V. Krause, Pvt.
W. B. Jackson, C. W. Stetson, Sgt. W.
F. Slusser, Pvt. Kelley Geissberger, F.
M. Matthews, Lyle E. Patterson, Pvt.
James D. Barnes, Pvt. Clifford McMa-
hony, C. W. Best, Pvt. Michael Haubrich,
Pvt. John E. Beck, and Pvt. Ed
Mulligan.
The Pearl Harbor Philatelic Society
is the first of its kind, its active mem-
bership being composed entirely of ser-
vice men. A number of civilian philatelists
belong to the society, but they are classed
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Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.
THE LINDBERGH "ERROR"
By HERMAN TOASPERN, F. H. S. L.
In the course of a careful examina-
tion of the Lindbergh stamps soon after
their issue, I noted that the maps were
very poorly executed. The stamps had
been hastily prepared, and the execution
of the two continents very poorly done,
yet as a stamp collector with the good
of the hobby at heart, I would be the
last to admit they were "sloppy." One
thing caught my eye, an "error," New-
foundland depicted as three islands!
This was news!
News means publicity for stamp col-
lecting, and so I got in touch with Amer-
ica's leading newspaper, the New York
Times and gave them the story which has
already appeared in MEKEEL'S.
I made no effort to pick the design
apart. I might have pointed out that
had the proportion been correct as shown
on the Lindbergh stamp, the River Seine
at Paris would be at least 50 miles wide.
The Loire River as shown on the map
appears as an inland gulf, that the Hud-
son almost empties into the St. Lawrence,
and that Cape Cod had been decimated.
This without going over to the European
side for further remarks.
The Times story was widely copied,
and according to the New York Sun, of-
ficials of the Post Office Department
"intimated that holders of the stamp
sought a change in design or correction
in order that the value of those they
held might appreciate." We stamp col-
lectors know that this statement was
not made by Either Mr. Glover or Mr.
Regar, as our very good friends are too
intelligent for such remarks. It sounds
more like a political alibi.
A further statement according to the
same source, regarding the Bureau of
Engraving and Printing said, "It was a
rush order, and as there are no expert
geographers or earthographers at the
Bureau there might be some little in-
exactitude in drawing the coast line."
This remark is certainly inane. When
the design was made for the stamp it is
sure that the maps were not drawn from
memory. If the original design were
correct, and it should be, for the Bureau
has all sorts of maps on hand, the die
would have been correct. The engraver
who made the central design certainly
must know his trade, for the plane is
exact. I have on hand the original
photo from which the design was made,

and the only thing omitted is the name
RYAN on the tail of the plane.
In answer to a letter from me, Mr. R.
S. Regar, Third Assistant Postmaster
General wrote as follows:—
"The exact date of the decision to is-
sue a Lindbergh stamp cannot be defi-
nitely stated, but it was decided shortly
after Colonel Lindbergh's successful
landing at Paris.
So far as I am able to learn the en-
graving of this stamp and the making of
the printing plates were accomplished in
a shorter period of time than any other
printing job of its size undertaken by
this bureau. In anticipation of the
printing of a stamp to commemorate
Captain Lindbergh's achievement we de-
signed a model without formal request
from the Post Office Department. This
saved considerable time.
This model was approved by the Post-
master General on June 3 (Friday) and
the engraving of the die commenced at
noon of the same day. On Monday morn-
ing, June 6, a proof was made from the
die. The die was hardened at noon
June 8, and by 8 A. M., June 9, six
rolls were made from the die and 12
printing plates from the rolls.
At 3 P. M. June 9, one set of plates
went to press, and by 11.30 P. M. of
the same day 560,000 stamps were printed.
This I believe establishes an engraving
and printing record of this bureau."
I am sure no true collector wants to
embarrass the Postoffice Department, nor
to belittle its product. I think the col-
lectors have been constant boosters, not
only of the Department, but of our two
good friends, Messrs. Glover and Regar.
To me, this "error" makes the Lindbergh
stamp more attractive.

BITS
We thank Mr. Gordon H. Crouch for
a letter bearing the new 2c Canada that
was mailed from Toronto on the first
day of use, June 29, showing the special
cancellation, advertising the Air Parade.
Mr. A. Dietz of Richmond, Virginia,
was in Chicago for a short time when he
was a welcome caller at our office there.
Mr. Dietz regaled us with much in-
formation of interest and value of which
we shall speak in due course.
Mr. LeGrand Payne, Indianapolis, is
unceasing in his attentions and through
his good offices, we have received Fourth

Ireland
We read in the press that, at last, the three high values are
to appear in pictorial form—which will obsolete those overprinted
on Great Britain. Again 'twould be well to take time by the
forelock:
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The call for the convention of the
American Philatelic Society has been
sent out by Secretary Davis, with the
ballot and proxy form. The headquar-
ters of the convention is the Marquette
Hotel, St. Louis, and the date of the
opening session of the meeting is August
16, 1927.

Mr. Clarendon Bangs has returned
from his extensive trip abroad and was
a visitor recently in Chicago, where he
showed some of the acquisitions that he
made while away.

Mr. W. F. Slusser has sent the follow-
ing editorial from the Honolulu Adver-
tiser of some months ago that appeared
when the Wolters' sale was being held in
New York:

"Riding a Hobby Into a Fortune.—
That a well-nourished hobby is a good
horse to ride if one exercises due cir-
cumspection is well illustrated in the
settlement of the estate of the late Wil-
liam Wolters, kamaaina resident of
Honolulu.

Besides lands, stocks, bonds and other
solid evidences of wealth, Mr. Wolters
dived deep in the lore of philately, to
coin a word, and gathered to himself
one of the most celebrated collections of
used postage stamps, including many
rare specimens of which only one is
known to be in existence.

His treasures, valueless in the opinion
of the average man as things which have
spent themselves in service, are now
eagerly sought by other collectors who
also ride the same winged hobby-horse.
At the three auctions already held in
New York, the gross receipts have
amounted to something more than \$73,000.

The fourth sale, to be held next week,
includes his Mauritius stamps, appraised
in the hundreds and up to a peak \$1,320
for six 1848, all slightly defective but
useful as space fillers or for plating.
Natal offers some \$500 stamps which
performed nine pence or a shilling's
worth of service in their prime; a New-
foundland shilling stamp, very rare, at
the same figure; and stamps of all de-
nominations and values, bidding for new
ownership.

Things useful as space fillers and time
killers, all these, yet of intrinsic worth
because of their rarity and the primeval
urge of mankind to hold exclusive owner-
ship of some one article that no other
man can have. That is what makes the
riding of hobby-horses so fascinating."

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EDITORIAL

An Associated Press dispatch, dated at San Francisco, June 29th, that was published in some of the newspapers says that three letters all addressed to correspondents of that great news-gathering institution were transported across the Pacific to the Hawaiian Islands by Lieutenants Maitland and Hegenberger. The letters, signed by the aviators and initiated by the postmaster of Honolulu will be returned to the addressees, by steamer.

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The letters carried on the first flight, Chicago-San Francisco, route C.A.M.-18, bear a new cancellation, a rectangle with flattened corners; and in reference to this addition to postal forms, the following letter sent from Washington, June 27, to Colonel Joseph A. Steinmetz, Philadelphia, is pertinent: "With reference to your suggestion for a different first flight cancellation stamp, you are informed that the special cancellation stamps ordered for use on route C.A.M.-18, between Chicago and San Francisco on July 1, are rectangular in shape and it is believed that these stamps will be an improvement over the old circular stamps. At least they will be different. When the New York-Atlanta service is inaugurated, the rectangular stamps will be used." The date of the beginning of the New York-Atlanta service is dependent upon the completion of a lighted airway on which the work will be finished soon, it is predicted. Due notice will be given of the flight which will be made before the summer is over.

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The newspapers tell of the visit of King Fuad of Egypt to England, where he will receive the regal honors that his rank entails; and now for the touch that

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will score with philatelists. It is represented that like a good collector, King Fuad will take his stamp collection with him on his travels and that he will show his treasures to King George, who is a working collector himself as all the world knows. It is pleasant to know that amid the pomp and circumstance of the royal ceremonies, the stamp collection will prove to be a tie that binds and it is not a far cry, after all, from the two boys who look over their stamps in the glow of the evening lamp, when the chores of the day are over to the two kings lost in the contemplation of their stamps. As a writer has said, collecting is the hobby of kids and kings.

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Another of the Teru-Teru stamps of Uruguay has been sent by Mr. T. B. Metcalfe of Rosario, Argentine, the one centesimo, violet. Mr. Metcalfe says: "Although a new type and better printed, it is really a stopgap, for the Uruguayan government is expecting a new series of stamps, which are being printed in London. As you will notice, the enclosed stamp is different and starts up Type V. There has been a number of Terus issued and the uninitiated may think that some of them are fruits of speculation. I thought so, too, until I investigated, when I found that these Terus are all really needed. In 1923, the government gave an order for a whole series. When these were used up (and generous quantities were ordered of lower values,) the same firm was allowed to print another issue. The second issue evidently did not suit the government and after examining some of the stamps, I don't wonder, so they tied their hands with such moderate results that they issued a circular asking for bids for a new series. It would appear that they were not satisfied with answers, for they amplified time for tenders to be submitted to enable foreign firms to compete and as politics did not enter, a London firm got the contract. This carried the affair months over the time the government calculated when they printed their lot of Terus, Type III, so they had to print another lot which they did, off redrawn plates, Imp. Nacional. All right, but why this fifth type? A short time ago postal rates were altered. Before changes, a newspaper was carried for 1/2-cent. It now takes 1c. The change cleaned out stocks of 1c in a few days. Hence, enclosed stamp. Stocks of 20c are almost done and a printing has been authorized; however, it may not be necessary if new issues arrive as quickly as expected. A tip if you care to pass it along. Some of the early Terus, high values, and all the values of the latest issues in mint

state are really scarce, some of them excessively so. You can prove this by trying to buy. Even down here, after some of the changes, I tried at once to purchase mint in both Buenos Aires and Montevideo and drew a blank most times, dealers explaining that they had not been advised of changes and had failed to purchase."

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In addition to his interesting recital, accounting for the Teru issues, Mr. Metcalfe tells of a feature that entered into the celebration of the philatelic exhibition at Montevideo, which closed on May 30th. Three special stamps were issued and sold only in the exhibition, 2c, green; 5c, red and 8c, blue. They were imperforate in blocks of four only, with large margins. They bore the inscription, engraved by Bradbury Wilkenson, London. There were five thousand blocks of each value issued. "The stamps certainly are good-looking and well worthy of collecting purposes, though I believe that they are really to celebrate the new post office in Montevideo. I am sorry that I cannot send you copies. My dealer has failed me and I have seen only those belonging to a friend." Of course, limited issues of special stamps are to be frowned upon and while for some time, a full measure of condemnation will not descend upon such manipulated stamps, it is only a question of time, if they are persisted in, before they will be indexed with an explanation of their shortcomings. Philatelists crave governmental recognition, but only when a fair field and no favor are shown.

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The Lindbergh stamp was received with wide acclaim and after the first flush of enthusiasm had waned, philatelists trained their critical and microscopic eyes on the design of the stamp; and as a result an eruption has been noticed at Baltimore. The *Sun* of that city, dated June 28, comes out with the two column head, "Map of Lindbergh Flight Stamp Called Geographically Wrong" and it is none other than Mr. Howard C. Beck of that city who alleges that the Post Office department has incorrectly mapped the area over which Lindbergh flew. Mr. Beck says that in the stamp design, Newfoundland is three islands while all of the best atlases show that it is one island. Furthermore, Mr. Beck objects to the shape of the British Isles as pictured on the stamp as out of line with accepted standards. A leading engraver backs up the stand of Mr. Beck and says that while for reasons of diplomacy, he wishes to remain anonymous

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mous and does not want to cast credit upon his fellows in the service he thinks that the maps could have been reduced correctly to stamp proportions. The postmaster of Baltimore says that he was unaware "until yesterday" of any objection had been voiced against the design. Whether this is a temp in a tea-pot or a charge that will thunder in the ears of the department, deponent sayeth not.

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Professor Frederick S. Eaton is organizing a Covers-Before-Stamps Society and is interested in collating all the information available for practical as well as historical purposes. His plan is in turning as a consequence of calls that have been received bearing on the subject. Those interested in material of the kind may communicate with him at 70 Sachse Street, New Haven, Conn., in the knowledge that they will not be importuned, buy or sell covers; their names are desired in order that Professor Eaton may communicate with them regarding the proposed Covers-Before-Stamps Society and that he may have the benefit of the opinions and advice in cataloguing the covers. It is a proper endeavor to bring together collectors of this specialty for their own interest and profit and to assist in cataloguing the covers, to nothing of appraising them.

A.P.S. Numbers As References

I have always been accepted by me and they will continue to be. In this recent controversy on the subject I would remind the gentlemen that there is an old saying of there being "Black Sheep in Every Flock" and it would be a miracle if there was not an occasional one in the A.P.S. Why worry? Air Mail, Special Delivery or Telegrams may bring in those late bids for my 285th Public Auction Sale on the 20th.

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terest you or your readers to know that
according to a photograph given me
(several years ago) the Ohio Society of
New York erected in 1921, presumably
at Cleveland Post Office, a tablet
with the following inscription:
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While acting as window delivery clerk
at Cleveland, Ohio, Post Office in
1910 conceived a system of mail deliv-
ery collection to better serve the pub-
lic with the co-operation of the local
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rier in that city.
In recognition of his special interest
in this service and his success in the
role of the Postmaster General appointed
Special Agent for the installation of
this delivery service throughout the
country, a work covering six years.
He designed the first carrier uniform
and was credited with the genius and
perseverance which gave this service to
the people.
He died in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1872."

MAXWELL KRAUSE INJURED
We are informed that on June 27,
Maxwell Krause of Lebanon, Pa., was
in an accident in which he suffered a
dislocation of his shoulder besides other minor in-
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Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.
COLONIAL NOTES
By "CALABAR."

Solomon Ids.—Recently, whilst go-
ing through my files of the WEEKLY, I
ran across a paragraph in one of last
January's issues reporting the appear-
ance of the 2/- on script paper. At the
time this issue of the WEEKLY appeared,
I expected the 2/- variety referred to,
to be chronicled in due course in the
other journals. But somehow, the para-
graph slipped my mind, and hence I ne-
glected to remark the fact that no further
mention of this new printing appeared
elsewhere.

Now, however, the matter being re-
called to mind, it may be well to bring
this inaccurate report to the attention
of those who, having read the paragraph,
are perhaps somewhat puzzled at the
stamp's not having come on the market
along with the other new issues of the
same period. Whilst the MCA 2/- is
now obsolete, since Gibbons price it at
4/6, this duty, with the script wmk., has
yet to appear.

The first advance notice of the 2/-
script I noted in the February, 1926, issue
of the Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.
Therein, script printings of the 2/- and
4d, along with the 1d in "blue-purple,"
were mentioned as "forthcoming." Up
to the time of writing, none of these has
appeared.

Whilst referring to the stamps of this
far away Protectorate, it may be worth
while to draw attention to the fact that
two distinct sets may be made of the 1/-
to 5/- values of the MCA K. G. series.
The first set comprises the early print-
ings, viz., 1/- black on green, 2/- bright
purple and blue on bright blue, 2/6 black
and red on blue, and 5/- green and red
on yellow (all these being Plate 1 print-
ings). The second set (Plate 2 print-
ings) comprises the 1/- "olive back," 2/-
pale purple and blue on greyish-blue, 2/6
grey and red on blue, and 5/- green and
red on buff. The £1 also exists in two
quite different shades, viz., Plate 1 and

Plate 3, the two Plates being easily dis-
tinguishable.

St. Helena.—In last month's Notes I
overlooked mentioning, along with the
current 3d and 1/- Ascension, the same
duties of the neighboring Colony of St.
Helena. All four stamps are due for a
change very soon now, and are worth
laying aside at to-day's rates.

MCA's.—The remaining stamps on
the MCA paper, especially those of the
West India Colonies, should be made
sure of without further delay, if one is
still lacking these. Save for the £1's, all
may be exhausted within the near future,
when the script printings will appear and
the opportunity be lost to get the now
current MCA's at a small fraction over
face. At present, Antigua has the
largest number of stamps still current on
MCA paper, viz., 4d, 1/-, 2/-, 2/6 and
5/-. Of Bermuda, both the 2/- and 2/6
MCA are now obsolete, but the 4/- and
5/- are still obtainable. Several British
Guiana duties on MCA have yet to make
their appearance with the new wmk., whilst
the 3d, 1/- and 2/6 Virgin Ids. are in
the same category. The MCA stamps of
St. Kitts, as well as the entire current
series (as pointed out in these Notes
last May) are also worth buying up. Re-
the latter Colony, I note Whitfield King
now prices the current 2/6 at 5/-, 5/-
at 10/- and 10/- at 17/6. Are these
three stamps obsolete?

Since writing the above I have re-
ceived news that the 2/6 St. Kitts stamps
with MCA wmk. are sold out; also,
stock of the 6d and 2/- with script wmk.
is exhausted. Whitfield King's quota-
tion for the 2/6 has now jumped to 10/-,
which leads one to believe that no very
large numbers of this stamp were issued.

Later.—A despatch from the Post-
master of St. Kitts, dated 27th May, is
at hand, comprising the 1/2d green, script;
1d purple, script; 1 1/2d red, script; 2d
grey, script; 2 1/2d blue, script; 3d blue,
script; 6d MCA; 1/- MCA; 2/- MCA;
2/6 MCA; 5/- MCA. It appears that
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| 1 1/2pi slate gray | .18 |
| Postage Dues, 1pi gray black | .12 |
| 2pi violet | .24 |

| Peru 1927 | |
|-----------------|-----|
| 2c olive | .02 |
| 4c deep green | .04 |
| 8c black | .07 |
| 10c vermilion | .09 |
| 15c bright blue | .15 |
| 20c dull blue | .18 |

| Suriname 1927 | |
|----------------|-----|
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| 12 1/2c orange | .12 |
| 15c blue | .15 |
| 20c blue black | .18 |

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been on hand concurrently with the same
duties with script wmk., and, now that
these duties on the script paper are ex-
hausted, the MCA printing are being
brought into use again.

The 2/6 MCA (now sold out) was
evidently obtainable up to 27th May. It
is interesting to note that stocks of the
3d blue (script) are not yet exhausted,
although the 3d purple on yellow has
been on issue for some months now. In-
cidentally, the 1/- of the above lot is the
variety with dingy olive-green back (the
other being a blue-green).

Stop Press.—1/- and 2/6 Virgins
(current type, MCA wmk.) now priced
at 2/6 and 6/6 by Gibbons.

(NOTE. "Calabar" has now adopted
a somewhat different form for express-
ing the values of modern colonial stamps,
viz., 1/-, instead of 1s, as formerly. His
use of 1s was a compromise between
Scott's 1sh and the really correct form,
1/-, which is now employed.)

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Junior Glossary

Norddeutscher Postbezirk.—North German Postal District. These stamps were used just prior to those for the German Empire.

N. S. B.—These letters overprinted on various French Colonial stamps indicate that they were intended for use in Nossi-Be.

Norge.—Norway.

Nouvelle Calédonie.—New Caledonia.

N. S. W.—These letters are the only indication of the country of origin shown on the Postage Due stamps of New South Wales.

Nueva Granada.—New Granada. The name appearing on the 1861 stamps of the Republic of Colombia.

N. Z.—The first postage due stamps for New Zealand bore these letters in place of the full name of the Colony.

Oesterreichische Post.—Austrian Post. On most of the issues which appeared prior to 1908 the name is abbreviated to "Oesterr."

Oranje Vrij Staat.—The Dutch form for "Orange Free State" as shown upon the earlier stamps of the country now known as the Orange River Colony.

Oriental Inscriptions.—Many stamps bear no inscriptions in Roman characters but are lettered in Arabic or other Oriental devices. Under this heading we find such stamps as Afghanistan, Abyssinia, and Turkey. Those of Afghanistan are usually circular in shape



and the center is filled with a tiger's head or a further inscription in native characters; those of Abyssinia show a portrait or a lion with a flag; those of Turkey show a star and crescent; while those of the Indian States can only be identified by reference to the illustrations in a catalogue.

Orts Post.—The only inscription on one of the stamps of Switzerland issued in 1850.

Ottoman Empire.—Turkey.

P.—This letter, overprinted on various stamps of the Straits Settlements, denotes they were intended for use in the native state of Perak.

Mint

A stamp collecting expression constantly met with is mint or mint condition. A stamp is said to be in mint condition when it is in precisely the same state as a specimen newly issued from the stamp manufacturers' premises. That is, it must be unused, perfectly clean and fresh-looking, have full gum and be without any defects. An unused stamp without gum, even if in the most perfect condition otherwise, cannot be properly described as mint except in the case of those stamps which were never issued with gum.

Stamp News for the Juniors

Is there anything you want to know about stamps or stamp collecting? If so, write the editor. What would you like to see in this department? We have no way of knowing unless you tell us. Mr. Senior Collector, can't you give the boy collector about 50 words of encouragement along practical lines? Address your letter to the Beverly office.

Number of Stamps to a Sheet

The method of production has frequently been an important factor in determining the number of stamps in a sheet. The embossed stamps of Gambia were printed in small sheets of fifteen not because fifteen was a convenient number but because of the difficulty of embossing a larger number of specimens at one operation. Where stamps were engraved by hand as the early Mauritius, New South Wales, etc., the difficulty of reproducing the same design even tolerably alike on several impressions led to small plates being used. Then in the case of some locally produced stamps the size of the printing press available has had to be taken into consideration in deciding on the number of stamps in a sheet and in the case of type-set stamps the number of impressions has had to be limited to fit in with the amount of type available! We thus find sheets of stamps of all shapes and sizes ranging from the small sheets of ten for some issues of Labuan (2 rows of 5); 12 (6 rows of 2) for the 1882 issue of British Guiana; 30 (3 rows of 10) for some of the old stamps of St. Vincent; 50 (5 rows of 10) for the dollar stamps of North Borneo; up to the large sheets of 240 for the British stamps already mentioned.

Origin of Countries' Names

(Insert in Your Album.)

CAYMAN ISLANDS.—Discovered by Columbus and named by him Tortugas, from the Spanish *tortuga*—"a turtle," because the waters there abounded with them. The present name is the Caribbean word *caiman*—"an alligator."

DOMINICA.—This word meaning "belonging to the Lord," is an abbreviation of *Dominica Dies*—"the Lord's Day," and was applied to the island by Columbus, because he discovered it on Sunday, November 3, 1493.

EGYPT.—The native name was *Kemi*—"black land," with reference to land darkness as the effect of the Nile floods. The desert lands were named *Toshri*—"red lands." Of this name the most likely derivation yet offered is *Hakpath*—"abode of the outward form or representation Ptah." Ptah was the god of the artisans. His temple was at Memphis, the capital of Egypt, through most of its early history.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.—In 1593 a Dutchman named Sebald de Wert gave his name Sebald to these islands, but in 1690 Captain Strong sailed between them and called the passage "Falkland Sound," probably with reference to the town of Falkland in Fife. The name may mean Fulke's land. Fulke, Fulc, was a common name and appears in many forms, e.g., Fawkes, Fox, &c.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Retouched Plate

A term often met with is "re-touch." This is generally used as though it were synonymous with re-engraving but the two terms should not be used in the same connection, but, rather, should be made to convey two distinct ideas. Re-engraved we have already explained; and re-touch, in our opinion, should only refer to minor alterations made to a plate. It should, in short, refer to a local "touching up" and not to a careful re-engraving of a whole design.

Panes

In printing the larger sheets of stamps the impressions are arranged in two or more blocks on the plate and these sections are, in the printed stamps, referred to as *panes*. For instance, many of the current stamps for certain British colonies are issued in sheets of 240 specimens but these sheets are divided into four panes of 60 stamps each. A narrow strip of margin separates the panes vertically and a wider strip horizontally.

Junior Dictionary

La Agüera.—A colony of Spain on the west coast of Africa, south of Cape Juby, and in the northern part of Rio de Oro. The inscription above is found on the stamps of Rio de Oro, issue of 1920.

La Croix Freres.—Parts of these letters found in the 1872 issue of Mexico, as watermarks, indicate the name of the firm that made the paper.

Latgale or Lettgallen Issue.—An issue of two stamps by Latvia in March, 1920, to celebrate the re-conquest of the territory of this name from the Bolsheviks.

Lemberg Issue.—Four alleged stamps of Western Ukraine, catalogued under Nos. 5 to 8, in use only one day, and considered by European authorities to be a bogus issue.

Liberation of Courland Issue.—Four stamps of Latvia, Nos. 64 to 67, issued in 1920, to commemorate the expulsion of the Bolsheviks from Courland, the southern province of Latvia. The design by Sarrinsch probably represents the conflict of Beowulf with the dragon, instead of St. George, as usually stated.

Lit. C. Fabri Lima.—This inscription in tiny letters is found just below the frame on the 7c, Peru 1921 commemorative. It is the imprint of the lithographer, Fabri of Lima.

L. P.—Latvija Pawalda, or Administration of Latvia, is an abbreviation found on the occupation stamps of Latvia, Nos. 245 to 257, issued at the order of General Avaloff-Bermond. Used only in Mitau and Schaulen.

Luchtpost.—This "air post" inscription is found on stamps of the Netherlands used for air mail.

Malmédy.—A German town awarded Belgium as a result of the World War. During the first six months of tenure, Belgium stamps were used overprinted "Eupen and Malmédy" in recognition of the award.

Mandats.—"Timbres pour Mandats" as chronicled in some quarters are "stamps for Money Orders, indicating the fee paid thereon and having no postal standing." The Netherlands issued a set of these stamps in 1884 ranging from 1 to 10 gulden with large numerals of value as the distinctive feature.

Paper No. 3—Batonne

This is wove or laid paper with watermarked lines showing at regular intervals, these being caused by the presence of cross wires on the "dandy-roll." In the case of *wove-batonné* the paper between the watermarked line is plain, while in the case of *laid-batonné* the spaces between the ruled lines are laid. Neither variety is commonly met with in the case of adhesive postage stamps though the current 1c and 2c U. S. envelopes furnish ready examples of laid-batonné paper.

Impressions

The fact that a plate can wear to such an extent as to require re-engraving obviously shows in impressions printed from it and one thus finds such terms as *early impressions* and *worn plate* in philatelic literature. An early impression, as the name implies, is one taken from the plate while all the details of the design are bold and distinct, while in stamps printed from a worn plate the finer lines of the design have disappeared altogether, and the whole is indistinct or blurred. Between these two extremes there are innumerable stages which are more or less explicitly described as *intermediate* or *medium impressions*. These "states of the plate" have considerable bearing on the value of such stamps as the early New South Wales, Mauritius, Tasmania, etc. For instance, Gibbons prices an early impression of the 1d "Post Paid" Mauritius of 1848 at \$125.00 while the same variety from very worn plate is only valued at \$10.00.

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Centering

In describing a mint stamp in the perfect condition possible from a latelist's point of view, the words centered are often used. A mint stamp, of course, not necessarily well centered, for lots of stamps are placed at the post-offices more or less off-center as it is termed. A well-centered stamp is one in which the designs are nearly as possible equidistant from perforations on all four sides, or a nice margin on every side in the case of imperforate stamps. Where more sides of the design are cut in the perforation or other method of perforation and there are extra wide margins on other sides the stamp is said to be off-center. Perfect centering is a real impossibility in the case of some stamps for the impressions were so closely together on the plate that there was no room for perforation. Some stamps, like those of the United States, are notoriously difficult to get in well-centered condition; others, those of Great Britain, Germany, France are normally well-centered. A poorly centered stamp is certainly a sore but the absolutely plumb center demanded by some collectors now is carrying matters to extremes. The middle course is the sanest; if a stamp looks well and the perforation is actually cut into the design, then it can be fairly described as a good and perfect specimen.

A Sheet of Stamps

A sheet of stamps is the term applied to a piece of paper on which an impression has been printed from a stamp plate and which has been gummed and perforated ready for sale to the public. There are really two sorts of sheets—"printer's" sheets and "post-office" sheets—which often differ very materially in size. Take the current 2c United States stamp as an example. The plates from which these are printed contain 40 impressions so that there are 400 stamps on the sheet as originally printed. The large printer's sheets are cut into smaller sheets before being distributed to the post-offices so that the public can buy the ones familiar to the public—only 100 stamps. The only exception to this is in the case of the imperforate stamps which are sold in the full size printer's sheets of 400. Speaking generally, however, when a sheet is referred to in philatelic literature it means a post-office sheet and these vary considerably in size. The number of stamps on a sheet depends as a rule on the currency of the country issuing them. In countries where a decimal currency obtains the sheet is generally composed of a hundred stamps or some multiple of a hundred. The current 1/2d and 1d stamps of Great Britain are in sheets of 240, thus having a value of 10s and 20s respectively. The two gold coins of the British Islands, United States stamps, on the other hand, are in sheets of 100 so that a sheet of any value totals an even number of dollars or dollars and a half.

ROYAL STAMP COLLECTORS

The happiest man is the man with a hobby. Authorities are agreed that in the progress of modern life the cultivation of a hobby is essential to well-being. No leisure pursuit enjoys a greater vogue than the cult of the postage stamp, and many people are at a loss to understand its fascination. The question is asked "Who collects stamps—and

stamp collecting finds its votaries in the ranks and walk of life, from the monarch on his throne to the least of his subjects. Not without good reason has it gained for itself the soubriquet "the Royal Hobby." To the active collector evinced in stamp collecting by George V may be traced to some of its present fashionable vogue. Majesty has been a stamp collector since boyhood. The Royal collection of the stamps of the British Empire is the most important extant, its value estimated in all probability £100,000. The Prince of Wales is a stamp collector in a degree, as Honorary President of the Royal Philatelic Society (London), of which his father is Patron.

The collection for stamp collecting is shared by four other reigning monarchs, Alfonso owns extensive collections of stamps of Spain and Colonies, King of France. King Fuad of Egypt is also a keen philatelist, his collection embracing the stamps of a wide range of countries. Both the King and Queen of the Belgians are enthusiastic collectors, as is the Crown Prince of Spain. Another Royal stamp collector is King Alexander of Serbia.

King Elena of Italy is as ardent a collector as her Royal consort is a numismatist and her love of stamps is shared by her son the Prince of Piedmont. The King of the Royal philatelists in the world is the Crown Prince of Sweden, who is Patron of the Swedish Philatelic Society. Queen Maud of Norway, Princesses of Denmark, the King of the Crown Prince of Japan as well as Prince Hiroysu, ex-King Manuel of Portugal, the Prince of Monaco and the Duke of Russia. The Maharaja of Gwalior has a fine collection of stamps of the Indian Federated States whilst the Nawab of Sachin is a member of the Philatelic Society of India and of the Collectors Club, New York. The white Rajah of Sarawak (the late Vyner Brooke) is a stamp collector.

Amongst other British nobilities who have the hobby of stamps may be noted the Duke of Argyll and the Marquis of Cambridge, the Earls of Waldegrave, Droghda, Gosforth, Carrick and Baron Carnarvon, whilst titled lady philatelists include the Duchess of Bedford, Marchioness Blandford, Viscountess Downe, Countess Mountgarret, Countess of Argyll, Lady Auckland Geddes, Lady Hope Morley, Lady Millar, Lady Abinger, Lady Elizabeth Lytton, Lady M. Wedmore, Lady Lytton, Lady Leconfield, Lady Limington, Lady Dunlop.

Stamp collectors in the Cabinet are represented by Lord Birkenhead, who speaks in War stamps. Sir Philip Cunliffe (President of the Board of Trade and Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland (Minister of Labour). The Rt. Hon. Mr. Ramsby Gore (Under Secretary of State for the Colonies) collects, as do Mr. Charles Oman and Lady Astor. The Royal Navy is represented in the ranks of collectors "Who's Who" by Admiral Westaway, Vice-Admirals Booty and Bruce and Rear-Admiral Royds (British Commissioner of Police), and British Army by Major-Generals Sir Birchwood, Sir Percy Cox, Sir Edward Northey and W. H. Greenley. Dignitaries, whose pastime is philately, comprise the Bishop of British Columbia, Canon Adams of West Australia, Canon Stather Hunt of Rochester. Birth Estate harbours many enthusiastic collectors of stamps, including two newspaper proprietors in

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The Theatre gives us Sir J. Forbes-Robertson and Mr. John Drinkwater, the dramatist, whilst Variety's shining light (George Robey) has long been known as a stamp collector of the first rank. Screen Stars who affect the Royal Hobby include Pauline Frederick, Clara Kimball Young and Adolphe Menjou.

Other celebrities who beguile their leisure hours with their stamp albums embrace President Masaryk, Mr. Alan Cobham (the aviator), Mark Hambourg (the musician), Sven Hedin (the explorer), Colonel Fox (of the London Salvage Corps), Claude Falkner (the billiards champion), G. B. Barrington and S. Fenley (county cricketers), Major Powell-Cotton (big game hunter), Ellis Parker Butler (American novelist), the Dolly Sisters, and some millions of plain citizens of every nationality, race and creed.

Ask any of them why they collect stamps, and they will probably reply in the words of King George V: "It is one of the greatest pleasures of my life.—*The Stamp Collector*."

A SUITOR WHO SUITED

Asking Father Is One of the Worst Occupations in the World

By RICHARD W. BOND

BILLY Micklethwaite propelled the red ball deftly into the bottom left-hand pocket.

"You see, Phil," he said, retrieving the red ball and preparing to repeat the shot, "if your father is likely to be as awkward as you seem to expect him to be, then there doesn't appear to me to be much point in my seeing him." He paused, steered the "red" once more into the same pocket, and then continued. "It isn't that I'm afraid of your old man, but I mean there's no sense rushing in when it's odds on my drawing a blank."

The young man pondered for a space. "It might make things easier," he said at length, "if there were something else I could speak to your father about before leading up to talking about you. Some common ground we could meet on, so to speak."

"Daddy takes no interest in anything," observed Phyllis, moving round the table to play her shot; "except his work and his stamps."

Billy started. "Stamps!" he exclaimed. "Did you say stamps?"

"Why, yes," said Phyllis, looking up in surprise. "He collects foreign stamps, you know. He's frightfully keen about it."

"Lord, why ever didn't you tell me about this before?" cried Billy. "Why, Phil, I've collected since I was a kid at school. I've got a collection worth a couple of hundred quid."

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"In his study," said Phyllis. "Shall I tell him?"

"No," said Billy. "Don't trouble. You wait for me here." He blew a kiss and was gone.

Left to herself Phyllis picked up a magazine and sat down by the window.

Ten minutes passed. Wearing of her magazine, Phyllis tossed it aside, took up her cue, and launched upon a game of a hundred-up against an imaginary opponent.

SOME time later, having won her game hands down, Phyllis put down her cue, and glanced at her watch. Billy had been in her father's study half an hour!

Crossing to the door, Phyllis opened it and stood in a listening attitude on the threshold. From the study a short distance down the passage came the faint drone of men's voices. She stood for a moment listening.

Then suddenly the study door opened. Stepping back hastily into the billiard room, Phyllis stood behind the door, her heart beating tumultuously. She heard her father's piping treble merging with the deeper, fuller tones of Billy Micklethwaite. They were chatting animatedly but with evident amicability. And then the voices stopped, and she heard her father retire into his study.

Phyllis stepped into the passage. In the hall stood Billy, his eyes shining, and his lips stretched in a happy grin.

"Oh, Billy!" cried Phyllis, darting towards him. "What luck?"

Billy stared at her for a moment without speaking. Then he took a deep breath.

"Wonderful!" he exclaimed, and there was a strange ecstatic light in his eyes. "One of the finest collections I've seen. Those two unused blue Mauritius—they're—they're sublime! And then there's that triangular—"

"Yes," interrupted Phyllis, frowning slightly, "but what did Daddy say?"

"Treated me like a prodigal son," declared Billy enthusiastically. "Couldn't have been better. I'm just trickling along home now for my stamp collection. There are one or two things I simply must show him."

"But, Billy!" urged Phyllis impatiently. "What did Daddy say about—about us getting engaged?"

THE young man started violently, and for a moment he stared at the girl vacantly as though he did not understand, then the light faded suddenly from his eyes. He grinned sheepishly.

"Gosh, I quite forgot to ask him!" he faltered. "Awfully sorry. Er—wait here a jiffy, Phil," he added hurriedly, turning on his heel. "I'll just nip back and ask him!"—*Passing Show*.

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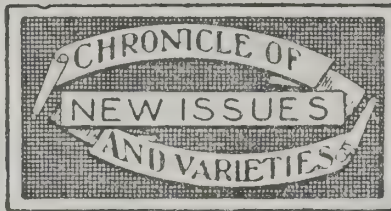
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United States

Lindbergh Air Mail Stamp

There has never been a United States postage stamp issued that has proven more popular than the new 10c blue Lindbergh Air Mail Stamp. It seems that not only the department is receiving numerous requisitions, but every post office is having hundreds of inquiries. In Philadelphia they have prepared for the different sub-stations, a special poster calling attention to the stamp as a souvenir, but specifically stating that it is good for air mail only. They are evidently, overlooking the fact that the postal laws and regulations permit their use on all classes of mail.

The stamp so far has appeared in two very distinct shades, one in the normal blue, and the other with a greenish tinge.

In this column we previously described a special "Lindbergh Day" postmark used on June 11th, from Washington, and printed in magenta. Mr. Erwin Strasser, has shown me the same postmark in black.

Numerous press articles are calling attention to the fact that, the Lindbergh Stamp is not geographically correct, as it shows Newfoundland as three islands.

Bureau Dies

In my chronicle for July 4th, a list of recent Bureau Dies were given. A further communication from Mr. A. W. Hall, Director of Engraving and Printing, throws additional light upon the subject.

Dies No. 735 and No. 741, were both for the 15c Special Delivery Stamp. Two dies were made of this particular stamp, because die No. 735 cracked, after several rolls had been made therefrom and plates made for printing, therefore the second die No. 741 was made for future use and up to the present time no rolls or plates have been produced from same. I have not had an opportunity of inspecting die proofs from these two dies, hence cannot tell if there is any difference.

Die No. 752 was listed as a air mail postage stamp die, and I am informed that the denomination is 15c.

Die No. 753 is for a 5c air mail postal stamp, and this along with the 25c No. 759, is in unfinished condition, therefore, have never been used. This information answers the questions, that would readily arise when anyone has read the original list.

Air Mail Notes

Under date of July 1st, in accordance with previous announcements, the western portion of the transcontinental air mail route from Chicago to San Francisco inclusive, was taken over by private contractors. Special postmarks were ap-

plied to all mail carried over this portion of the route on the first day. This postmark is octagon in shape, that is a rectangle with the four corners cut off. Within we find in seven lines, "First Flight Under Contract, Chicago to San Francisco, July 1, 1927, Transcontinental Air Mail Route" in addition to the name of the city. Eleven cities all used the special postmarks, which were applied in violet, magenta, and black. Chicago used black, San Francisco, Sacramento, Reno, Salt Lake City, and Omaha, magenta; while violet was used in Iowa City, Rock Springs, Elko, Cheyenne, and North Platte. Only a portion of the mail was back stamped. The department contemplates turning over the eastern portion of the transcontinental route to private contractors around August 1st.

It may be of interest to note that the Boeing Airplane Company, is the firm operating the western division. The Postmaster General in turning over this first portion of the last route now operated by the department states, "In putting its air mail lines under contract to commercial companies the government is placing them in the same relation to the Post Office Department that is borne by the railroads of the country or by the ocean going steamships which carry the mails."

It does not mean that the Post Office Department is losing interest in the air mail, but instead is making it a lure to commercial aviation which will result in swifter expansion. Another branch of the government, the Department of Commerce, is charged with the maintenance of lighted airways and will erect and maintain beacon lights for night flying all over the country in the same way that it maintains lighthouses for ships on the sea."

Philippine Islands

Mr. Walter Bruggmann, calls attention to the fact that, precancelled stamps issued in the Philippines differ in their use, from the precancelled varieties sold in the United States.

Here precancelled stamps are sold in quantities to be used on identical pieces of certain classes of mail and delivery is facilitated, due to the fact that the stamps do not have to be individually cancelled, but are simply sorted and distributed.

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ARGENTINE.—Our Rosario correspondent, Mr. F. B. Metcalf, sends us a postally used copy of the current 5c red (San Martin) overprinted "M.G." in black, for use in the Argentine War Office.

Our friend writes:—

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orders were sent bar this latter al
 reason given was that new posta
 had raised postages on newspaper
 5m to 1c. This had cleared stock
 out of latter values, and there
 more to be had. This stamp wa
 issued in January, so unless mo
 printed it is going to be a good
 stamp mint.

As a matter of fact all these
 terms are going to beat Irish in
 state, for they have just been ch
 and no notice given whatever. Pers
 I am trying to buy all I can ge
 here, but results are lean; in fact
 are no stocks at all."—Stamp Col

ALGERIA.—The Economist Stamp
 have shown us copies of the 20c
 postage due stamp surcharged
 black and the 45c green of the same
 with the surcharge "2F" also in
 Whitfield King & Co. inform u
 the 25c carmine postage due star
 been overprinted "3f" as well.

BELGIUM.—Parcel Post 50c w
 nounced by L'Echangiste Univer
 issue on the 1st inst. Current ty
 our: yellow-brown. Copies
 received.

L'Echo is informed that variou
 charges are in preparation; the
 ing have appeared already: 3c
 olive, 10c on 15c dark lilac, and
 40c rose.—Philatelic Magazine.

CANADA.—Copies of the new C
 eration Diamond Jubilee stamps
 been received from Mr. Frank R
 worth, Mr. Henry C. Kiehl and
 Charles Hazelhurst. They are f
 rieties consisting of a 1c orange, p
 of Macdonald; 2c green, picturi
 Fathers of the Confederation asse
 3c red, view of the centre ble
 Parliament Buildings; 5c purple,
 of Laurier; 12c blue, map of C
 and 20c red-orange, showing five
 of mail transportation, railroad, do
 airmail, horses and steamer. The
 5c are of small size measuring
 25mm, while the 2c, 3c and 12c
 large format similar in size to th
 issue. The 20c is of upright for
 the same size as the last mention
 value has the word "Confederati
 the top with figures "1867" to t
 and "1927" to the right. Values
 stamps appear in the two lower
 with "Cents" between. On each
 except the 20c the left panel has
 while the right carries "Post." T
 below the name of the countr
 "Special Express." The stamps
 attractive and up to the usual high
 ard of the issues of this wor
 country.

ECUADOR.—Whitfield King & Co
 for chronicle a copy of a 5c
 stamp with the inscription at t
 "Inauguracion de la Casa de Cor
 Quito," with the year date in each
 corner. On each side panel a
 words "Timbre Postal" and the fig
 value in each lower corner and
 Centavos" between. The central
 one of a large building, which we
 stand is the Post Office at Quinto
 correspondent also adds that a 10c
 and 20c purple in the same type
 been issued.

FRANCE.—Whitfield King & Co
 shown us the 25c Sower type, in o
 brown color.

GREECE.—Navarino Commemora
 A correspondent of the Morning
 states that, on the occasion of the
 nary of the Battle of Navarino, on
 ber 20, the Greek Government inte
 issue five special commemorative
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NETHERLANDS.—The Economist Stamp Co. has shown us the 30c violet, type of A23, watermarked Circles.

NORWAY.—We have received from Whitfield King & Co. copies of the following new items: 45ö blue, lion design, surcharged "30" in black and the 45ö. Svalbard type, overprinted in the same manner, and a new 45ö Air Post stamp, in greenish-blue. The latter value pictures an airplane flying over the city and at the base in capitals is "Norge" while to the left is the two words "Luft Post." At the right is "45 ore" in two lines also.

PALESTINE.—Mr. R. Roberts and Whitfield King & Co. call our attention to the first two values of the new set of stamps to be issued for this country. They are the 3m bright yellow-green, with a view of Rachel's tomb and the 13m blue, showing the Mosque of Omar. Mr. Roberts writes the following:

"Engraved and printed by Messrs. Harrison & Son, Ltd. Surface printed on white script wmk. paper in unbroken sheets of 250 (25 across, 10 vertically) pl.1. four controls, two at top and bottom, one at second stamp from each corner.

The carrying out of the photographic designs are most disappointing and the general effect is repulsive, especially the 3m.

The paper used is not of the non-curling variety and I think great trouble will be experienced in a hot climate and the whole work compares very unfavorably with any surfaced printed pictorial designs of colonial stamps that have ever appeared. They do not bear comparing with the surfaced printed designs of Egypt which came out in 1914.

Compare the 13m Palestine with 3m Egypt, Ras-el-Tin Palace, and Rachel's Tomb with the 20m Pylon of Karnak."

RUSSIA.—Whitfield King & Co. report that they have received copies of the following new items: Postage Dues surcharged on 1925 dues, no watermark, 8k on 1k, 8k on 7k, 8k on 8k, 8k on 10k, 8k on 14k. Our correspondents also advise that they have received these five provisionals on the watermarked paper.

ST. HELENA.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown us the three values recently issued. They are the 1sh6p green and black on green, 2sh6p carmine and black on yellow and 5sh green and black on yellow, all same designs as before.

SOUTH AFRICA.—Whitfield King & Co. advise that they have received from this colony the 2sh6p brown and green, in the new design, inscribed alternately at the top "South Africa" and "Suidafrika." In the centre is a view of an ox team moving across a stream of water. In the lower corners are the figures of value with "Postage" between on the English inscription and "Posseel" on the African.

URUGUAY.—Whitfield King & Co. furnish us with the information regarding a Montevideo Philatelic Exhibition series of stamps of three values each showing a view of the Exhibition building, which our correspondent questions, imperforate, printed in sheets of four. Values are 2c green, 5c red and 8c blue.

ICELAND, 1873-1922
(Continued from page 404)

In the King's Head series there is one curious error to be noted. Two clichés of the official stamp were inserted in the plate of the regular 20a stamp. They are found as the second and fifty-second stamps in the sheet, and 1,000 sheets are said to have been thus issued.

King Christian IX died on January 29, 1906, and in the course of events the features of Frederick VIII, his successor, would be expected to appear upon the stamps. Old King Christian was so beloved by his subjects, however, that Iceland thought to honor his memory as well as show respect to the new King by issuing a series of stamps showing a double profile of the two Kings after the manner of coins and medals. The design was similar in form to the preceding issue, but more artistic, and the stamps were line engraved and therefore made a much better appearance than the typographed production previously in use. They were also bi-colored, which added to their attractiveness. They were issued in June, 1907, in all the denominations previously in use with an added one of 15a. A year later a new value of 1 eyrir made its appearance, the name being the singular form of the plural aurar. The paper perforation and watermark remained unchanged.

On June 17, 1911, occurred the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Jón Sigurdsson, an Icelandic scholar and politician, who was made Speaker of the Althing, or National Assembly, when that ancient institution was restored in 1845, but who was chiefly famous for having secured political home rule for Iceland in its present form in 1874. He died in 1879. In connection with a celebration of the anniversary a 4a stamp was prepared and issued to the number of 30,000, all of which were sold in a few days. The design is simple enough, consisting of an embossed profile within a circle, beneath which is the name in small letters. At the bottom of the stamp is "ISLAND" in large letters and "4" and "A" occupy the spandrels at the top. The stamp is printed in blue ink with the lettering and embossing in white—blue and white being the national colors of Iceland. The sheet consists of 100 copies, ten by ten, printed upon the regular crown watermarked paper of Denmark and perforated 12 1/2. The profile is taken from a statue by the Icelandic sculptor Einar Jónsson which adorns the parliamentary chamber.

Further supplies of the stamp were issued in July, and finally, about the middle of December, the 1, 3, 6, 15 and 25a appeared in the same design, these all being local postal rates. The printing and sheet arrangement were all the same as the 4a. This leads us to remark that our statement on page 122 of the last issue, about the middle of the page, that the 1876 issue was printed in sheets of 100 divided into four panes of 25, though made upon what we considered good authority, does not seem to be borne out by the facts, as we have since seen whole or partial sheets of this issue in many of the values which prove that they were printed in ten rows of ten, thus carrying out this arrangement right from the beginning.

In February, 1912, the remaining values of the set, 5, 10, 20a (the Postal Union values) and the high values of 50a, 1, 2, and 5kr, were issued in the same design but with the profile of King

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Frederick VIII substituted for that of Sigurdsson, and with the latter's name of course omitted. A more homely set of stamps right through could hardly be obtained, yet they were used up to June, 1915, when the 5a of the double portrait series of 1907 was reissued, but upon a new watermarked paper that had been used for the Danish stamps since 1913, this showing multiple crosses instead of the single crown for each stamp, and with the perforation 14x14 1/2. From this time, as values of the embossed stamps were exhausted, they were replaced by the old double portrait series, upon the new watermarked paper and with the new perforation, until the 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 and 20a had appeared.

King Frederick VIII died suddenly on May 14, 1912, while walking in the streets of Hamburg. His successor was Christian X, whose portrait first appeared on the Danish stamps on October 1, 1913. It was not until March, 1920, however, that he made his appearance on the Icelandic stamps, the first value being the 5a, followed by the other values in the next few months. New values of 8 and 30a were included, while the 40a, which was dropped in the embossed series, again appears. The design shows a three-quarter portrait of King Christian in a frame of similar design to that of 1907. The stamps are typographed in sheets of 100, ten by ten, on the multiple cross paper, perforated 14x14 1/2.

In 1921 Iceland took advantage of the Postal Union permission to increase the foreign postal rates. Consequently we find in November of that year the 10a appearing in green, the 25a in red, and the 40a in blue, together with a provisional of 20a surcharged on the old 25a of 1902. In December a provisional 5a was made on the 16a double portrait stamp of 1907; in January, 1922, a provisional 20a on the 25a of the same set; in February a further 5a on the 16a of 1902; in April a 20a on the 40a of 1902; and in June a 10a on the 5a of 1920.

On January 1, 1922, a decree declared obsolete and unavailable for postage the stamps of 1902-4 issue with head of Christian IX, the 1907-8 issue with double heads, the 1911-2 issue with embossed heads, and the 10, 20, 25 and 40a stamps of the 1920 issue, then current, in the old colors. About the first of August, 1922, the 5 and 20a appeared in new colors.

OFFICIAL STAMPS.

Denmark was one of the first countries to issue official stamps, and Iceland was supplied with them at the same time that the first issue of postage stamps was made. These official stamps are used somewhat differently from those in other countries. Iceland has a small population scattered over a large extent of territory, and all sorts of private individuals, such as doctors, pastors, judges and magistrates hold official positions in addition to their ordinary occupation, and are allowed to use official stamps. We must therefore record the issue of two official stamps of the values of 4 and 8 skilling on January 1, 1873. These are of the same design as the postage stamps but of different colors and are inscribed "PJON. FRIM." (an abbreviation of PJONUSTU FRIMERKI) or "Service Stamp." The "P," as remarked before, is not the Roman letter but the Icelandic letter "TH." The details of printing are the same as for the postage stamps and the perforation is 12 1/2 for the 4s and 14x13 1/2 for the 8s. The 4s also exists with the latter perforation, but is extremely rare thus, it being supposed that but one or at the most two sheets (of 100 each) were supplied with the smaller perforation. Both stamps also occur imperforate as with the regular postage stamps.

When the currency was changed and the new postage stamps issued on July 1, 1876, three new official stamps were also included, in values of 10, 16 and 20a. The second supply of the 10a was printed in the ultramarine noted in the catalogue, but subsequent supplies reverted to the blue of the first lot. The design of the new officials was quite distinct from the regular postage stamps, being based on the Danish officials and inscribed "PJONUSTU POSTFRIM." (the latter word for "POSTFRIMERKI") or "Service Postage Stamp." In 1878 a 5a stamp was added, and one sheet at least found its way to Iceland and was issued in imperforate condition. These latter stamps are very scarce. In July, 1882, when the new postage stamp of 3a was issued for printed matter, a new official stamp of 3a was likewise issued, both stamps being printed in the same color, which had not been done before. About May, 1895, a new high value of 50a was added. All these stamps were printed as before and perforated 14x13 1/2.

The new perforation of 12 1/2, which came on the regular postage stamps in 1897, appeared on the 3a official stamp in 1898. In January, 1901, a new value of 4a was added, having the 12 1/2 perfora-

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All the official stamps on hand were supplied with the "I GILDI" overprint and issued soon after the regular postage stamps thus treated, the official notice bearing the date of November 28, 1902. The overprint was in black only and all values except the 4 and 50a appear in both perforations; the former is of course only perforated 12 1/2 and the latter only 14x13 1/2. The errors of surcharge of course follow those of the regular postage stamps and will be found duly listed in the catalogue by those interested.

At the same time that the surcharges appeared the new permanent officials were issued. These followed the same values as were previously in use and were in the same design as the regular postage stamps, the only difference being that the word "FRIMERKI" (stamp) at the right was replaced by the word "PJONUSTA" (service). The colors, however, were all distinct from the regular stamps, the portraits on all the officials being in black with the frames in colors different from the same values in the regular set. The error of the clichés of the 20a official stamp which were inserted in the plate of the 20a regular postage stamp has already been detailed. No corresponding cliché of the regular stamp was smuggled into the official plate, however.

The "double head" regular issue of 1907-8 had its counterpart in an official set issued at the same time in the seven values plus a new one of 15a, before, the centers are all in one color gray, with the frames in different colors for each value. The perforation is 12 1/2 and the series is on the usual cross watermark paper. One value, however, the 15a, was requisitioned after change in watermark and perforation had taken place, and so we have this value issued in 1918 on paper watermarked multiple crosses and perforated 14x14 1/2.

Again in 1920, with the advent of new King Christian stamps, the accompanying official series appeared in the same design with the word "PJONUSTA" replacing "FRIMERKI" at the left. The colors are the same as the preceding portraits all being in gray. The change is made by dropping the value and adding a 1kr which took the colors of the discarded value. The set is watermarked multiple crosses and perforated 14x14 1/2.

About June or July, 1922, two high values were added to the officials by overprinting the 2 and 5kr of the embossed issue of 1911-2 with the word "pjonusta" in black.—New England Stamp Monthly.

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Stamps Overprinted For De Pinedo Trans-Atlantic Air Mail Trip

By HARRY E. HUBER.

Special to the WEEKLY

For the prepayment of the postage on the air mail taken from Trepassey, Newfoundland, to Italy, by Commr. Francesco de Pinedo, on May 23rd, 3 sheets of 100 each of the 60c black, King Henry VII, of the Cabot series issued June 24, 1897, were overprinted in red at the offices of the *Daily News* (Robinson & Co., Ltd.), St. John's, Nfld., in three lines, "AIR MAIL—De Pinedo—1927." The overprint was applied to full sheets of 100 stamps, and not to blocks of 25, the procedure followed with the \$1 on 15c and 35c Halifax Air Mail stamps, of 1919 and 1921, respectively. After the overprinting, the type was broken up by Mr. W. J. O'Neill, Private Secretary to the Minister of Posts & Telegraphs, who had charge of the air mail.

The mail was enclosed in a canvas sack, and then covered with oil cloth to protect it from saturation. On Friday, May 20th, Mr. O'Neill took it down to Trepassey, to await the arrival of Commr. de Pinedo and his two companions, in the "Santa Maria II", who had left Shippegan, N. B., at 11.25 a. m.

Learning from Commr. de Pinedo, who arrived at 6.08 p. m. Friday, May 20th, that he would be willing to take the small mail prepared, Mr. O'Neill wired the Minister of Posts & Telegraphs, at St. John's, on the 21st as follows:—

"Pinedo agrees to take mail. Delighted with stamp. He sends compliments to Minister. Will hop off this evening."

The Minister's message of appreciation follows:—

"May 21, 1927.

To Marquis Commander Francesco de Pinedo, Trepassey,

We have followed your flight from New Brunswick yesterday with great interest, your progress being reported from point to point within a few minutes of your passing. The fact that we prepared and dispatched letter mail bearing stamps overprinted with your name to await your arrival at Trepassey will indicate that we also have adopted your faith motto 'Post Fata Resurgo'.

Your willingness to care for air mail is greatly appreciated.

Wishing you God speed and safe arrival.

Sincerely yours,

Signed, W. J. WOODFORD,

Minister of Posts & Telegraphs, Nfld."

Twenty mint copies of the overprinted 60c Cabot stamp were presented to Commr. de Pinedo, and two copies to the Italian Consul, C. McK. Harvey, who went down to Trepassey to await the

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FIRST DIVISION A. E. F. MAIL

Experiences of Our Boys Abroad With the Military Mail

By FABIAN F. LEVY.

In connection with the reference in Mr. Parker's article to American stamps used by soldiers in France, I believe I have some unique pieces of American soldier's mail, which originated in the following manner:—

In January, 1918, the First Division of the American Army took over a small sector in front of Toul. Forty-two American soldiers, of whom I was one, were sent to Domgermain, a small town, three miles south of Toul, to establish an ammunition dump. This organization at that time was independent of any division, nor was there at this time any Corps or Army organization in the American Expeditionary Forces. As divisional post offices moved with the division, it was impossible for us to receive our mail through the American Division in the sector, and for that reason we were permitted to receive mail from the United States addressed to us directly at "Domgermain, Meurthe & Moselle." I am very familiar with the organization of the A. E. F. and believe that this is the only instance where mail was addressed to any civilian address when intended for American soldiers. In fact one of the men, who came from Denver, Col., was unable to receive mail for some time, as the postmaster of that city insisted that he was prohibited from accepting mail except that addressed to military post offices. Unfortunately I know of no covers bearing this address still existing.

On February 27, 1918, as a result of a misunderstanding between our captain and the local postmaster at Domgermain, I was assigned to duty in the French post office in Toul to handle the American mail addressed to our organization, Domgermain being a substation of the Toul post office. In addition to taking care of the incoming mail I also took our outgoing mail to this office, and I have some envelopes which I mailed home, which bear the American censor stamp and the inscription "Soldier's Mail" and are postmarked Toul and Domgermain, and also one or two with the Paris receiving mark. Knowing how unreliable the American postal service was at this time, I frequently stamped my own correspondence, and I have several covers with the twenty-five centime French stamp and the American military censor stamp. I believe these covers are unique, as the use of the civilian postal service was generally prohibited to American soldiers.

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H. F. COLMAN

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Unfortunately I do not have her answer.

Mr. Parker refers to the letters with "Soldier Mail" and no stamps on them, and seems to infer that they are unusual. This was the common method of sending mail, and I know of no cases where stamps were used in France, except for registered mail. "Soldiers' Mail" envelopes should be common; there must have been many millions of these sent to the States.

I thought that some of your readers, who are interested in U. S. cancellations, might be interested in these French stamped letters, bearing the American censors' stamps, even though the cancellations and postage stamps were French.

KIND WORDS NEVER DIE

The following welcome to "The New Stamps" is from a newspaper of 1883. The reviewer of the stamps evidently did not consider the 3c green a stamp to rave over—he raves at it.

"The American letter writer has for so many years had his patriotic sympathies harrowed and his reverence for the father of his country sorely tried by the painful caricature of George Washington, with its swollen jaw, brutal features and dropsical neck swathed in an untidy dinner napkin, on the 3-cent postage stamp, that the first of October, with its reduction of letter postage and new issue of stamps, will bring a double relief.

The new stamps are ready for issue, but are to be withheld until that date. In the new two-cent stamp it is to be seen that the aching molar has been pulled, and the facial swelling has subsided, while the head and face bear some resemblance to the Gilbert Stuart portrait in the refinement of the lines and expression of the features. There is an improvement in the arrangement of the hair and cue.

The new head rests in an oval medallion on heraldic shield. The lettering shows more sharply and distinctly than in the present stamps; at the top, the legend, "United States Postage," and below the medallion, "Two 2 cents," standing out clearly on groundwork darker than the body of the stamp; while the color, a pale carmine red ink, in which oxide of iron is a powerful component, sufficiently distinguishes the denomination without blurring the design.

The double rate, or 4-cent stamp, is of a green color, and bears the head of the hero of New Orleans, somewhat less unkempt and frightful than other government caricatures of the grand old democrat. If Andrew Jackson actually resembled his postage stamps he needed neither military skill nor equipment; he had only to go forth and look upon his foe 'and the red field was won'."

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"I NOTE your recent articles about covers and cancellations, and I have a cover in which I am sure you will be interested. It is postmarked Kedainia, somewhere in Palestine or Arabia nearby—was mailed apparently without any postage, or the postage came off without leaving any trace. Reaching New York, it is stamped New York, N. Y., in one circle, and Due 20 cents in another circle—and instead of 20c in postage due stamps, it bears two U. S. documentary 10c stamps, number 4231. It has been verified by Scott, and according to him is of high interest. There is nothing of interest about the cancellations."—REV. A. S. RACHAL.

"IN the White Plains stamp the engraving was reversed. Why, I cannot understand. Army officers who are collectors must have been amused to see in the picture the No. 1 man sponging the gun left handed and a pile of projectiles lying on the ground in a dangerous position, which, if real, would be liable to become ignited from a spark at the discharge and recoil of the gun. I have wondered that no one has mentioned this long ago."—HENRY C. KENDALL.

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By times it seems impossible to maintain any reasonable stock of the 1847 issue, the covers being hardest to keep in any great variety. Other times the finds come flocking in and for a short time we are able to make quite a brave showing. From three sources we have added upwards of a hundred items during this week of writing.

THE 5c of 1847

Of the 5c we show some fine shades both on and off cover, three fine sheet-margin copies; a few nice cancellations, including U. S. Express Mail, some numerals, and a couple of grids with crossed lines. There are some very neat covers we can offer as low as \$5.50 each, and some good pairs.

A LITTLE LOT of 10c of 1847

Among the 10c items are a little lot of small envelopes mailed from Providence, R. I., one with U. S. Express Mail, a beautiful stamp on neat little envelope; the big shift in POST OFFICE, close at left, but a fine impression on small, fresh envelope; some bargain copies off cover to sell as low as \$17.50.

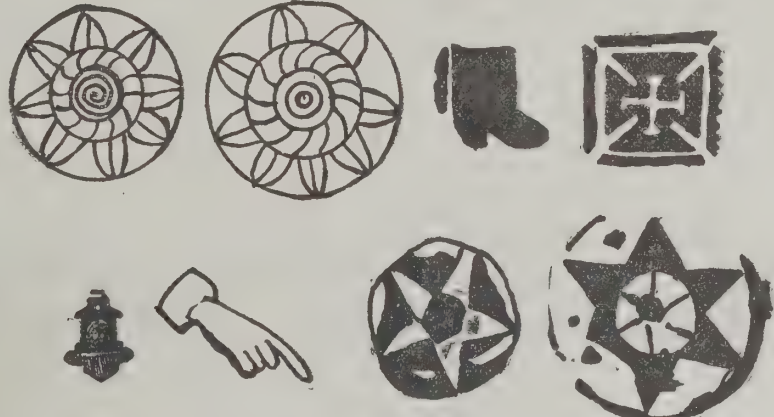
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Nos. 1 and 2 are drawings of conventional flowers sent by Mr. Charles R. Phillips. No. 1 is from Juniata, Mich., used Mar. 10, 1886, on 2c 1887, and No. 2 is from South Bradford, N. Y., used Mar. 23, 1886, on the same stamp. Both are in blue. They are quite similar to No. 10 in the issue of Jan. 10, 1927, though not on the same stamp, that one being on a 2c 1883.

No. 3 is a boot on a 2c vermilion, and No. 4 a striking appearing cross on 3c green. These were sent by Mr. Karl Koslowski.

Dr. H. A. Washburn has sent two very interesting items. No. 5 shows a front view of a railroad locomotive, and is the only one I have seen of this cancellation. It is on a 2c 1883. The index hand No. 6 is on the same stamp and differs from all the other hands that have come to notice thus far. The last two are stars used in N. Y. City.

In the issue of June 13 was shown a cancellation consisting of the letters NP with a series of figures below them.

One of the fine things about philately is the fact that its votaries come from many varied occupations. In this instance we have to thank several bankers for the solution of the mystery about this cancellation. Messrs. John C. Schlaffer, Roscoe B. Martin, R. B. Rowan, H. H. Barber, Wm. T. Kimball and John H. Buzby have all written about it and all agree as to what it really

is. They state that it is merely a notice from one bank to another stamped upon some item, check, note, or otherwise, that the item is not to be protested. The letters N. P. meaning No Protest, and the numbers indicate in what bank the item originated. It is possible by the arrangement of these figures to tell at short notice what bank placed the stamp on the item. These matters hardly concern us and they are not included here, though some of those who wrote explained them in detail.

It is not a postal cancellation and we shall have to eliminate it from the list. It is easy enough for us to have been misled about it. How did it get on the stamp? One says it is the work of a joker, and another attributes it to an idle bank clerk. Either solution is plausible. One can easily imagine how an idle clerk might be stamping everything in sight with the N. P. stamp, or how a clerk wishing to play a joke on some friend whom he knows collects cancellations might fix it up and present it to his friend as a rarity. And then indulge in a good laugh at the expense of the friend. And no doubt our banker friends if they are so inclined may have had a laugh at the rest of us. Well, a laugh does plenty of good sometimes, and since they have been kind enough to enlighten us, we don't object to the laugh. This is the kind of co-operation that is most welcome, and they have our sincere

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"Half on the stamp and half on the
cover," she says. This bore a return
card reading Breckinridge, Minn., North-
ern Pacific. This, of course, might
have been applied by the same idle bank
clerk, and until we can see a copy on
the face of a cover bearing this cancel-
lation and the address to which it went,
it's probably best to regard the solution
of our banker friends as the acceptable
one.

"ADVENTURE'S" PHILATELIC CONTRIBUTION

Some months ago, our staff writer, Mr.
Bedford-Jones, called attention in the
columns of *Adventure* to certain dis-
crepancies that had been pointed out in
the ship portraiture of the Pan-American
stamps. Soon afterwards, the editor of
Adventure wrote to Congressman Kvale,
who is credited with having made the
stamps a successful issue in the House,
with the following interesting results:

SOMETIME last fall one of our writ-
er's brigade intimated that the artist
who designed the Norse-American stamps

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a great variety of rare cancellations, such as Colored Express Co.; Railway; etc., etc.
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then being issued would have a ter-
time of it if he should put a ship sim-
to those pictured on the stamp on a c-
of the magazine. To learn something
the origin of the design we wrote
Washington. Here is the reply of
O. J. Kvale, congressman from Min-
sota:

"Concerning the alleged errors in
engraved designs for the Norse-Am-
can Centennial postage stamps, I am
happy to submit what information I
in my files and have been able to as-
ble, in response to your queries on be-
of your readers. I regret that it can
be more complete, particularly in re-
to the criticisms of the rigging of the
sloop.

The viking ship, first, is pictured
Mr. Bedford-Jones observes, with
Norse and American flags at bow and
stern. Many have called attention to
supposed error on the engravers' part,
stating that neither flag was in exist-
at the time of the vikings. The expla-
tion is this: that the stamp carries a
ture of the ship which was sailed ac-
the Atlantic at the time of the Colum-
exposition in Chicago, in 1893.

The engraving, I believe, is based
a picture appearing on page 3 of the
first volume of "History of the World"
Columbian Exposition," edited by
Rossiter Johnson, published by Appl-
& Co., 1897. The book is in the Lib-
of Congress. The picture bears the
following legend and foot-note:

'Exhibit of Viking Ship'—an
exact copy (with a little restora-
tion) of a Viking ship discovered
in a burial mound at Gokstad,
Norway, in 1880. It is 75 feet
long, 16 feet beam, and was built
in Norway. Capt. Magnus An-
derson, with a crew of twelve
men, brought it across the At-
lantic in May.'

I can give no authoritative infor-
tion regarding the points brought out
Mr. Bedford-Jones. I do recall that
we were concerned at the time with pos-
sible criticisms, one of which was that
the artist had painted the pennants ag-
the wind as indicated by the sails.
experts at the time established that
pennants often whip into such a position
merely mention this as an instance of
care which the Department took to
rect all possible faults.

Andrew Furuseth, known to all na-
cal men, insists that the rigging of
sloop is not impossible. Sails, masts
and rigging in such an arrangement
very possibly, and perhaps probably
use at that time, he declares. The
partment is unable to throw any light
the technical controversy, so I will
to leave it to others to determine.

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cover. If I am able to serve further in this matter, either personally or officially, please do not hesitate to indicate that service to me.—O. J.

What other old-time nautical men who seen the stamp can give us opinions on the possibility of the rigging's being practical?

excerpt from Mr. Kvale's speech on the Norse-American Centennial, which on the occasion of the issuing of the stamp, follows:

The story of how the viking ship was and brought to the exposition is indicative of the spirit that has been in the hearts of the Norse people throughout the ages. With a fund derived from every village in the Kingdom of Norway—testing in that way the truth of their traditions—they conducted an exact and a seaworthy representation of an ancient viking vessel dug up from the earth in Gokstad, Norway, in 1880. Complete in its detail, with the dragon's-head prow, with highly burnished shields along the sides, with its long oars, its sail and rudder, this 67-foot boat was sailed and rowed across the entire Atlantic by Capt. Magnus Anderson, with the Norwegian commanders taking sail as crew. Once in the waters, they brought their vessel to Chicago by way of New York and the Great Lakes.

FIVE YEAR HONOR CLUB

Frank E. Robbins, Ann Arbor, Mich.
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Hagenow, M. D., Apponaug, R. I.
Harry E. Huber, Pittsburg, Pa.
Schwede, Seattle, Wash.

We are glad to acknowledge five dedications for membership in our Honor Club. The first is from Frank Robbins of Ann Arbor, Mich., who is assistant to the President of the University of Michigan.

It is with unusual pleasure that we greet Bud Mekeel of Montclair, N. J. It will interest our readers to know that he is a son of Mr. I. A. Mekeel who formerly owned the WEEKLY. Bud congratulates us upon the success of the paper and advises us that he is now in-charge of "On Bounds," the Montclair Academy school publication. Our third application is that of Leroy Hagenow, M. D., of Apponaug, R. I. He says that he thinks more of the WEEKLY than all of his other periodicals, and "they are some."

It is always very pleasant for the Managing Editor to read such warm words of esteem and especially when accompanied by renewals of subscriptions for a long period of time.

The name of Harry E. Huber is a familiar one through his literary work in the WEEKLY, and we are very glad to add his name to our list. The name can be written of W. Schwede who has 12 copies of the WEEKLY and asks for neither premium nor commission. We receipt of his semi-annual check reminds us that it is a very proper thing for us to put him on our Honor Club "for distinguished service."

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THE LORE OF THE LOWLY
By A. P. FRANCIS.

What to collect is a question that has, no doubt, come to the minds of many collectors of the present day. The unquestioned popularity of the stamps of the United States, British Colonies and similar ever popular countries is deserved; their beauty alone merits their standing. The collecting of such countries, however, introduces limitations that quickly become severe, no doubt, to many who pursue the hobby as purely such and with no carefully calculated plans as to investment, probable return in event of sale, increment increase in value and similar details, that in some respects are gaining too much attention in the collector's eye today.

It would be idle to recommend the abandonment of all thought of value in assembling a collection; it is not intended to suggest this; however, it is suggested that we collect for the love of stamps and collecting them rather than with the idea of securing a 6% return on our investment; if the invested money can be secured, our interest thereon has been paid in full through the many evenings of pleasure spent with our treasures.

I chose Cuba as a country worthy of some study and incidentally probably as unpopular as any stamp-issuing country extent. The present lack of regard of this really worthy island is due to evils practiced some years ago, the selling of remainders and secondly, no doubt to a certain monotony in design of all issues up to the time independence was gained. Be that as it may, there is much to be found in the study of the numerous issues.

To any one giving these stamps some attention, it is quickly apparent that with few exceptions a rather voluminous "mint" collection is readily gathered; "O. G." will be plentiful, too. That, however, is no accomplishment. The real fun is to be had in showing not only the mint stamp, but with it as mate one that has done postal duty. Here is a real task, especially if one is particular in that the cancellation shall be clear; smudges may or may not be genuine. Of course, it is understood that any cancellation can be forged, but here is a country where stamps are given or have been given so little attention, it is not to be feared that there will be many met with that are not genuine.

Pen-cancellation, of course, is taboo, though in the early days there were many, many stamps pen-cancelled just as in our own U. S., inasmuch as this was the common method of defacing remainders in the early issues; however, we must insist on a "basket" cancellation or some similar one that leaves no opening for a doubt. You will find that

these come along, but not so fast as one would like when they are wanted.

Minor varieties are plentiful, thick and thin papers are waiting for the watchful eye to detect them. Covers are to be had, but they are not commonly offered by the dealer. Such interesting items as "splits" on cover are to be had only by closely watching; cancellations both as to color and variety of design are to be found in an almost equal proportion to our own country, the ratio of correspondence naturally being far less in Cuba, due both to the immense difference in size of the two countries and the equally great difference in population and the educational standard of the two countries.

Such a country as Cuba offers unusual temptations to collect town cancellations—there is not an impossible number to be secured, and the pursuit of some would, I am sure, mean a long chase. This branch of specialization I have not yet taken up, though its attractiveness is freely admitted.

The mounting of my efforts was initially a problem that seemed beyond effective solution. After several schemes were tried and discarded, the idea was evolved that for best display results and at the same time to have an album capable of continued expansion, a positive necessity in specialization, each listed issue would be set out as a "set," both used and unused on the same or adjoining pages; following this main page, the varieties of each stamp comprising the set are set out on individual pages with notations as to what comprises the variation from normal, shade, paper, etc. In this way the additions are unlimited so far as affecting the album is concerned. Covers and all are contained in the one book, and by having index tabs on the pages carrying the "sets," the collection proper may be shown easily and without burdening the onlooker, who it may happen is not interested in the voluminous detail accompanying specialization.

In-so-far as I have been able to determine the method lends itself to any country with a facility that has proven so acceptable in my own case. If searching for an idea on mounting your collection, it is worth a trial.

Back, however, to the defense of the lowly, let us take for example the 50 C. Peseta of 1871. Here is a stamp Scott No. 52 that is indeed lowly. Listed at but 8c either used or unused, yet study has brought out that there are two distinct types. There can be no question but that the types are distinct for if you will note in type I the lady possesses three fingers and a thumb as she holds her bouquet, and that her robe touches her left heel. This is the normal stamp as per Scott's illustration; in type II she has lost a finger, now having but two in addition to her thumb, and her

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This is written for the encouragement of those collectors who have come or may be coming to the point when they suddenly realize the futility of attempting to perfect their collection of some popular country, through the lack of funds available for hobby purposes. Take heart and take another country. It will not always be in the doldrums. Collect it for love of the hobby—Philately. Study as you collect. Therein lies the real fun. There is, I assure you, a greater thrill to be had in discovering a variety in an unexploited stamp of a seldom-mentioned country, than there is in finding a listed variety variation in a fully plated popular issue.

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of the *Ocean Ferry*, July-August, 1927, in which there is an article with the significant head: "What Ship is Shown on This 12-Cent U. S. Stamp of 1869?" It is proved that the statement that has been made by Mr. E. B. Power in his work on the postage stamps of the U. S. to the effect that the picture may have been that of the Arctic of the White Star Line is unsupported by circumstances; and all in all, the whole story of the investigation as developed thus far is so interesting that we shall copy it here:

"Riding a hobby usually is an agreeable pastime, though the rider, however sure of himself, sometimes must meet with a fall.

In *The Ocean Ferry* for March, we printed a paragraph from William C. Lancswert, manager for the International Mercantile Marine Company, at Detroit, to the effect that the picture of a steamship appearing on the 12-cent green U. S. stamp of 1869, well known to collectors, was 'said to have been copied from a menu published by the White Star Line,' and that the ship was the *Arctic*.

This innocent statement shortly challenged several specialists, either in stamps or ships, who wrote us concerning it. Among the letters received one came from Gresford, E. J. Adams, for half a century cashier of the White Star Line at New York, who retired from active duty in 1920. Mr. Adams wrote as follows:

"GRESFORD, N. WALES

Editor, *The Ocean Ferry*:

Perhaps it may interest you if I comment on Mr. Lancswert's remark in the March *Ocean Ferry*, in effect that the picture on the U. S. 12-cent green stamp of 1869 issue is that of the White Star steamer *Arctic*. There never was an *Arctic* nor a *Pacific* on the White Star list, for the following reason:

When the head office of the line sent to the New York agency, towards the end of 1870, the names of the first six steamers, then building or still to be laid down, prominent in the list were the *Arctic* and *Pacific*, but as steamers so named of U. S. registry, had belonged to the Collins Line, and had been lost, the New York agency suggested their names be withdrawn, which was done. The *Republic* and either *Celtic* or *Adriatic* was substituted. The first six White Star steamers, in the order of commission, were *Oceanic*, *Atlantic*, *Baltic*, *Republic*, *Adriatic* and *Celtic*.

E. J. ADAMS.

Mr. Adams' letter was sent to Mr. Lancswert, who replied to it as follows: "As you know, most of us gather the little knowledge we have from reading.

Unfortunately, such reading matter is sometimes erroneous, as it seems in this case, for I obtained the information referred to in Stanley Gibbons' booklet, "The Postage Stamps of the United States" (green cover), written by Eustace B. Power, who quotes the following, on page 32:

"The 12 cents, green, steamship: I believe I am right in stating that the design for this was copied from the heading of a menu published by the White Star Line and that the ship was the *Arctic* of that company."

You know yourself that Stanley Gibbons being the leading British dealers, having a reputation of being an authority on philately, but evidently they are mistaken in this particular instance, and I am thankful to you for having drawn our attention to this error."

This interesting exchange of correspondence clears up the source of the statement that the stamp referred to bears a picture of a ship purporting to be the *Arctic*. All the points in the subject are not cleared up, however, those remaining being: What ship was it? To what company did she belong?

If the drawing was taken from a White Star menu, it must have been later than 1871, as the first steamship of the White Star Line, the *Oceanic*, did not come out until that year.

Any authority on philately or ships or both, who will identify the ship on the stamp for us, will be thanked by us, probably also by stamp collectors, and certainly by Mr. Lancswert."

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Writing from his station, Fort Kamehameha, T. H., Mr. W. F. Slusser says: "Reference Army plane flight, Oakland to Wheeler Field, Honolulu, June 28-29, there has been found a small bundle of letters in plane, status of which is a mystery at this time. Maitland or Hegenberger knew nothing about it until letters were found on 30th. It seems clear that no mail was sent by postal authorities; it is probable that letters were placed in the plane after landing here. If further developments occur in this matter will advise." This information is significant and probably does not refer to the letters that were mentioned in the first paragraph in this column last week.

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In a recent number of "Life," a contribution by Henry William Hanemann, is headed, "Patriotic Bargains," with the following introductory paragraph: "The new issue of Lindbergh air-mail stamps is expected to bring the government a large profit as many of the stamps will be kept as souvenirs," says

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In the issue of July 5th, appreciative remarks were made on the review of Pageant of Civilization by Keith Preston in the Chicago *Daily News*; and now becomes our painful duty to record Keith Preston is dead. He was editor of the book page of the *News* and conducted the "Hit or Miss" column the same paper. Mr. Preston was a philatelist at heart and as a boy was an enthusiastic collector; and on different occasions, he testified to his regard for the pursuit. The WEEKLY has been mentioned in his column and his intelligent observations on philately may be said to have had their climax in the review which was quoted from in the July 5th page wherein his endorsement of collecting was unequivocal. The death of this amiable and gifted man deprives philately of an influential friend and the world of letters has sustained a loss that cannot be over-estimated.

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In the Junk Snapper, The Adventures of an Antique Collector, by Clifford and published by the Macmillan



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sheets) containing the error were taken
from the surplus stamp stock at Balboa
Heights, a vertical pair (stamps 8
and 18) removed from each, and destroyed
under proper supervision on January
30th. The normally overprinted stamps
of the sheets were issued in regular
course. Of the 1c due and 5c postage,
a Post Office sheet of 100 of each is in
the collection of a Washington, D. C.,
philatelist.
Since my earlier article in the WEEKLY
of July 25, 1926, this error has been re-
ported on the 10c, 12c and 15c postage,
and 2c and 10c due stamps. Very few
of these seem to have got out, and in
September, 1926, the Administration
stock was examined and the error re-
moved from all panes remaining on
hand, and destroyed.
The complete list of ZONE ZONE
errors found (in January and September,
1926) at Balboa Heights, and the plate
numbers of the Post Office sheets from
which they were removed, follows:—

| | Post- De- | age, stroyed. | Plate Nos. |
|--------------|-----------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 3c | 400 | 15,350 | 16,400, 16,401, 16,402, 16,474 |
| 5c | 1,250 | 15,571, 15,952 | 16,331, 16,332 |
| 10c | 245 | 16,376, 16,377, 16,378 | 16,379 |
| 12c | 246 | 15,350, 15,351, 15,352 | 15,693 |
| 15c | 250 | 14,910, 14,911, 14,912 | 14,913 |
| Postage due. | | | |
| 2c | 85 | 14,026, 14,027, 14,029 | 14,596 |
| 10c | 110 | 6,555, 6,556 | |
| 2,586 | | | |

Of the stamps dispatched to the Isth-
mus between July 1, 1924, and June 30,
1925, the 1/2c, 1 1/2c (issued April 15,
1925), and the 14c (issued June 27,
1925), received the flat "A" overprint,
while the 3c issued at the same time as
the 14c (June 27, 1925) exists only with
the sharp "A" overprint. Earlier in the
same month (June, 1925), the three
due stamps, 1c, 2c and 10c, sharp "A,"
were distributed to the Zone Post Of-
fices. The first printing, flat "A," issued
July 1, 1924, exhausted in February of
the following year, and a local over-
printing at the Mt. Hope Printing Plant
(of POSTAGE DUE on a small quantity of
1c, 2c and 10c postage stamps, flat "A")
was necessary to tide over until the new
lot was received.
The 10c sharp "A" appeared soon after
receipt, probably about July or August,
1925. When I called at the Ancon Post
Office in September, 1925, the 3c and 10c
were the only postage stamps on sale

| | | |
|--|-------|---------|
| TWENTIETH CENTURY, MINT | | |
| AUSTRALIA 20sh | ..... | \$14 |
| 22 | ..... | 22.50 |
| 23 | ..... | 17.50 |
| 20sh | ..... | 6.30 |
| 22 | ..... | 13.25 |
| E. AFRICA & UGANDA 1c-75c, 240-45 | | |
| 1R | ..... | .60 |
| 2R | ..... | 1.10 |
| 3R | ..... | 1.50 |
| 4R | ..... | 2.00 |
| 5R | ..... | 3.10 |
| 10R | ..... | 5.75 |
| 20R | ..... | 13.50 |
| 50R | ..... | 34.00 |
| 25c | ..... | .20 |
| 75c | ..... | .65 |
| 20R | ..... | 16.00 |
| GERMAN E. AFRICA 1c-75c, 221-219 | | |
| 1R | ..... | .65 |
| 2R | ..... | 1.30 |
| 3R | ..... | 1.75 |
| 4R | ..... | 2.60 |
| 5R | ..... | 3.20 |
| 10R | ..... | 7.00 |
| 20R | ..... | 13.50 |
| 50R | ..... | 37.50 |
| ST. HELENA 4d | | |
| 6d | ..... | .50 |
| 1d-1sh | ..... | 2.79-86 |
| 75d | ..... | 2.40 |
| 10sh | | 3.25 |
| 15sh | | 4.80 |
| 4d | | .12 |
| 20sh | | 6.25 |
| 186d Script | | .48 |
| 286d Script | | .80 |
| 5sh Script | | 1.60 |
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New French Colonies

| | | | |
|-----------------------|--|-------|-----|
| CAMEROONS | 90c brown red & cerise | | .06 |
| | 1f.50 dull blue | | .10 |
| CHAD | 90c on 75c brown red & cerise | | .06 |
| | 1f.50 on 1fr ultra. & blue | ..... | .10 |
| DAHOMY | 90c on 75c cerise & brn. red | ..... | .06 |
| | 1f.50 on 1fr dark blue & greenish blue | ..... | .10 |
| FRENCH GUIANA | 90c on 75c red | ..... | .06 |
| | 1f.50 on 1fr ultram. | ..... | .10 |
| FRENCH GUINEA | 90c on 75c brown red & cerise | ..... | .06 |
| | 1f.50 on 1fr deep blue & light blue | ..... | .10 |
| FRENCH OCEANIA | 90c on 75c brown red & cerise | ..... | .06 |
| | 1f.50 on 1fr dark blue & light blue | ..... | .10 |
| FRENCH SUDAN | 90c on 75c dark red & rose red | ..... | .06 |
| | 1f.50 on 1fr dark blue & light blue | ..... | .10 |
| GABON | 90c on 75c brown red & cerise | ..... | .06 |
| | 1f.50 on 1fr lt. blue & dk. blue | ..... | .10 |
| GADELOUPE | 90c on 75c dull red | ..... | .06 |
| IVORY COAST | 90c/75c brn. red & cerise | ..... | .06 |
| | 1f.50 on 1fr light blue & dark blue | ..... | .10 |
| MADAGASCAR | 90c on 75c dull red & rose red | ..... | .06 |
| | 1f.50 on 1fr deep blue & dull blue | ..... | .10 |
| MARTINIQUE | 90c/75c dull red & rose red | ..... | .06 |
| | 1f.50/1fr dull blue & ultr. | ..... | .10 |
| MAURITANIA | 90c/75c brn. red & cerise | ..... | .06 |
| | 1f.50/1fr lt. blue & dk. blue | ..... | .10 |
| MIDDLE CONGO | 90c on 75c dull red & rose red | ..... | .06 |
| | 1f.50 on 1fr ultra. & greenish blue | ..... | .10 |
| NEW CALEDONIA | 90c on 75c dull red | ..... | .06 |
| | 1f.50/1fr dull blue | ..... | .10 |
| REUNION | 90c on 75c brn. red & rose red | ..... | .06 |
| | 1f.50 on 1fr indigo & ultra. | ..... | .10 |
| ST. PIERRE & MIQUELON | 90c on 75c red & vermil. | ..... | .06 |
| | 1f.50 on 1fr light blue & dark blue | ..... | .10 |
| SENEGAL | 90c on 75c brown red & cerise | ..... | .06 |
| | 1f.50 on 1fr dark blue & ultra. | ..... | .10 |
| SOMALI COAST | 90c on 75c brown red & cerise | ..... | .06 |
| | 1f.50 on 1fr light blue & dark blue | ..... | .10 |
| TOGO | 90c brown red & cerise | ..... | .06 |
| | 1f.50 blue & light blue | ..... | .10 |
| UBANGI | 90c on 75c dark red & rose red | ..... | .06 |
| | 1f.50/1fr ultra. & greenish blue | ..... | .10 |
| UPPER VOLTA | 90c on 75c dark red & rose red | | .06 |
| | 1f.50 on 1fr dark blue & light blue | | .10 |
| WALLIS & FUTUNA | 90c on 75c dull red | | .06 |
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with the sharp "A"; all others were flat
"A" overprinted. The 15c sharp "A"
was released in January, 1926, followed
by the 12c in February. The 5c al-
though known with the ZONE ZONE
error, sharp "A," as early as October,
1925, was not supplied by Balboa Heights
until May, 1926. In booklet form the
2c sharp "A" was issued as early as May,
but in sheets, not until September, 1926.
At the end of January, 1927, the 1c
sheet and booklet, sharp "A," had not
yet been reported. No sheets or book-
lets of this denomination were dispatched
to the Zone between July 1, 1925, and
June 30, 1926.
Inasmuch as the ZONE ZONE error
occurred on all the vertical rectangular
stamps of the 1925 printing (i.e., be-
tween July 1, 1924, and June 30, 1925),
excepting the 1/2c, 1c, 1 1/2c, 14c (which
exist only flat "A" overprinted), and
the 2c, this would seem to indicate that
originally more than one overprint plate,
flat "A," was made up for the vertical
rectangular stamps, and that one of these
(without the CANAL normal, ZONE
inverted error) was used for these five
denominations (1/2c, 1c, 1 1/2c, 2c and 14c)
of the 1925 printing, while the sharp
"A" plate was used for the 3c, 5c, 10c,
12c and 15c, and the three due stamps.
The 2c sharp "A" appearing in sheet
(Continued on page 420)

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Marienwerder.—A German area located in West Prussia south of Danzig and near the right bank of the Vistula. In March, 1920, an Inter-Allied Commission was appointed under Article 94 of the Versailles Treaty, so that the rival claims of Germany and Poland could be adjusted. Special postage stamps were prepared and certain German stamps were overprinted. Two inscriptions are noted (a) "Commission Interallié Marienwerder" and (b) "Plebiscite Marienwerder Kwydzyń." The second type was due to the protest of the Poles against the omission of "Kwydzyń" the Polish name for Marienwerder. The area voted to remain German and Aug. 17, 1920, German stamps again became valid.

Masaryk Issue.—The three high values issued in Czecho-Slovakia in 1920, bear a portrait of Pres. Thomas G. Masaryk, who was elected the first president on Nov. 13, 1918.

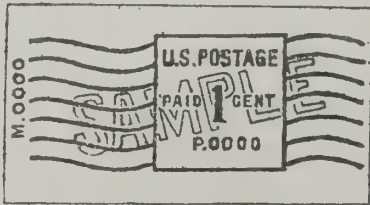
Ma Slask 2M.—This inscription on stamps of Central Lithuania means "For Silesia 2 marks." Its purpose was to obtain money to help finance the Upper Silesia plebiscite.

Meiji Jingu.—Two stamps comprise this set issued by Japan, Oct. 28, 1920, to celebrate the consecration of a shrine built in memory of the late Emperor Meiji in Yoyogi, Tokyo. The values are 1½ and 3 sen.

Memel.—A seaport town of some 20,000 people on the Baltic, 70 miles northeast of Danzig. Under the treaty of Versailles, Germany renounced all rights and title over this territory and pending decision as to its status French and German stamps were overprinted for use there. The French stamps overprinted "Memel" were for postal use outside the country and the German stamps overprinted "Memel Gebeit" were for internal service only.

Memel Gebeit.—This overprint on stamps of Germany means "Memel District" and was used in connection with all correspondence within the district of Memel and Germany proper. See Memel.

Metered Mail.—This is a name given to a class of mail which requires no postage stamps. It was first used in 1921 and is the product of a machine which is capable of sealing, counting, postmarking, cancelling and stacking envelopes at the rate of 250 per minute. The machine is electrically driven and



its use authorized by the U. S. government. It is designed to facilitate the despatch of similar pieces of mail matter, and the mechanism will doubtless displace to a considerable extent the use of postage stamps where large mailings occur.

Montgomery, Ala.—A city for which a provisional envelope was issued during the Civil War and bearing a circular imprint serving the purpose of a stamp.

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The Ballade of My Little Boy

By SIDNEY BIRD.

Every dealer knows that feeler,
And it fills his heart with joy
When they utter that dull matter
"Gimme them—fer my small boy!"

Two highbrows sat in a dealer's den
And raved of classic stamps,
The ancient kind that blast your mind
While they give you the compound cramps.
They talked in figures of such extent
That light years loom up small.
As they spun out lies of prodigious size—
They should have engaged a ball!

They dragged in flocks of the rarest blocks,
Every one imperforate,
It made no difference at all to them
If they didn't exist in that state!
For instance, Mauritius Number One,
And likewise the Baltimores,
While the janitor hoped they would take a
slope
And let him perform the chores.

They deprecated the modern trend
As they poured out a lot of guff,
While they warmed the pan and tied the
can
To the low-brow picture stuff.
"A lot of junk only fit for kids,
"Or ignorant mutts we could mention—
"It oughta be put on a seta skids,
"And receive no more attention!"

Each one of these public calamities
Wore a similar look of woe,
While he rumbled his hair and breathed a
prayer
That the other poor pest would blow.
At last the guy with the largest lie
Picked up and took the gate.
When the other egg got up on his legs
And asked to investigate

A lot of Congos and Bosnias,
With smiles that were cute and coy,
He bought the pictures and called 'em junk,
But he said they pleased his boy.
He grabbed a bundle of Azerbaidjan
And some Chinese locals; Amoy,
Hankow, Wuhu, and Chin Kiang,
For Benny, his little boy!

He scuttled a lot of Liberian stuff
With a chortle of "Ship ahoy!"
"Those are dandy boats, and I'm glad to
note
"That they'll tickle my little boy!"
He bought the birds from Borneo,
And he grinned like Eddie Foy.
As he beat it, after he'd cleaned the stock
Of pictures—for his little boy!

Every dealer knows the squealer
Who would gold with brass alloy,
When he springs that ancient falsehood
"Gimme them—fer my small boy."
—American Philatelist.

Private Stamps

In Scott's catalogue, under Spain Nos. 491 and 492, we find two labels formerly listed as official stamps of 1875-82. These two labels are private postage stamps, the former, type O3, now listed as F1, having been issued in 1869 (not 1875) for the benefit of Senor Castell, who had written a work entitled "Cartilla Postal de Espana." This work was considered of such general utility that Senor Castell was allowed to send it through the mails without charge and he had the stamps made for "franking" it, though, of course, no stamps were needed at all in reality. A label of similar character is that illustrated in Scott as type F2. This stamp was allowed to be used by Senor A. F. Duro for franking a work—Resena Historico—Descriptiva de los sellos de Correo de Espana—which he had written and which was also considered of public utility. This label was issued in 1881.

Paper No. 4—Quadrille

This paper appears to be watermarked with small squares or rectangles and this effect is produced by the "dandy-roll" being covered with a regular net-work of crossed wires. Any of the large picture stamps of Djibouti or Obock will serve as examples.

Junior Glossary

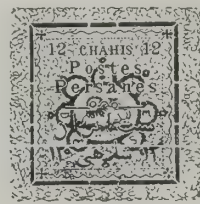
Para and Piaster.—These words, denoting the values, are the only inscription shown in English characters on some of the issues of Turkey and Egypt. In conjunction with the Star and Crescent design the words show the labels are Turkish while if the design depicts the



Sphinx and Pyramid then the stamps are Egyptian. These same words overprinted on British, German, French, etc., stamps distinguish the special issues for the foreign post-offices established in the Levant.

Pen.—Stamps with the value denoted by this word—an abbreviation for "Penni"—belong to Finland.

Peonymhe.—This word, in Greek characters, distinguishes the issue of Russian stamps for the Rethymo district of Crete.



Persane.—Persia.

P. G. S.—An overprint on certain Straits Settlements stamps used as official stamps in Perak. The letters stand for "Perak Government Service."

Porto Gazetei.—The only inscription on some of the early stamps of Roumania.

Postes.—The only inscription, other than that relating to the value, shown on some of the early stamps of Belgium and on the issue for Alsace and Lorraine. The latter have large numerals as the main part of the design while the Belgian labels show a portrait or coat-of-arms.

Preussen.—Prussia.

P. S. N. C.—These letters appear in the corners of the first stamps used in Peru. The stamps were originally issued by the Pacific Steam Navigation Co.

R.—This letter, with new value, was overprinted on some of the French colonial stamps intended for use in Reunion. (2) A letter "R" forms the only "inscription" in English on the locally produced labels for the Indian native state of Jhind.

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CANAL ZONE—MORE ERROR

(Continued from page 419)

form only in September, 1926, very few came from the lot dispatched between July 1, 1925, and June 30, 1926; the denomination greatly in demand on use on letters and post cards.

It is therefore assumed, that the ZONE error occurred on No. 18 of lower right pane of each 400 stamp sent to the Isthmus (between July 1924, and June 30, 1925) of the 3c, 10c, 12c and 15c postage, and 1c, 2c, 10c dues.

| No. 18 LR pane, | | | |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------|-----|
| Postage stamps. | 400 stamp sheet. | De-stroyed. | Is. |
| 3c | 500 | 400 | |
| 5c | 1,250 | 1,250 | |
| 10c | 250 | 245 | |
| 12c | 325 | 246 | |
| 15c | 325 | 250 | |
| Postage due. | | | |
| 1c | 75 | None | |
| 2c | 125 | 85 | |
| 10c | 125 | 110 | |
| | 2,975 | 2,586 | |

Of the 5c 1,250 errors were destroyed yet one is known to be in a collection, Washington, D. C. It is rather curious that this sheet of 5c postage, and the due stamp, which came from a Office on the Pacific side of the should reach the States as early as October, 1925. Such a thing as a complete mint sheet of 100 of the 1c stamp should not be in the hands of one outside of the Canal Zone Post system, as sale of due stamps to public has always been prohibited.

The error ZONE ZONE occurred only in the one sharp "A" printing between July 1, 1924, and June 30, 1925, and later printings (subsequent to July 1, 1925), were free from these errors. This is borne out by the figures in above tabulation, else a larger quantity of the 5c error would have been found in the Balboa Heights stock (that from the lot sent out between July 1925, and June 30, 1926).

On April 5, 1926, the 17c Wilson, 20c Golden Gate were issued, with sharp "A" overprint. About the same time the \$1 with sharp "A" was released from Balboa Heights. This would indicate that sharp "A" overprint were made for both the vertical and horizontal stamps at about the same time (May, 1925), and that the sharp "A" printings were not released until the stocks exhausted. In December, 1925, the 30c appeared with sharp "A" overprint.

The 2c Liberty Bell, officially issued July 6, 1926 (though prematurely July 4, 1926, at Balboa), was overprinted with the sharp "A" type, but from entirely different overprint plate, due to the larger size of the stamp.

All values of the postage series, except the 3c, 17c and 20c and 2c Liberty exist with the flat "A" overprint; 2c Washington, 2c Liberty Bell, 3c, 10c, 12c, 15c, 17c, 20c, 30c and \$1 sharp "A"; and the three due stamps 2c and 10c with both flat and sharp "A". The ½c, 1c, 1½c, 14c and 50c have yet been reported with sharp "A."

(To be continued.)

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NEWFOUNDLAND - ITALY
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al of the Santa Maria II. Four
copies were damaged and destroyed; six-
copies were sold to various officials
the Government at St. John's, and a
of 258 copies was used on letter
included in the bag which was
red over to Commr. de Pinedo by Mr.
O'Neill.
Number of stamps used on mail, 258
Number of stamps damaged and de- 4
stroyed, 4
Presented to Commr. Francesco de 20
Pinedo, 20
Presented to Italian Consul, Mr. C. 2
McK. Harvey, 2
Presented to Minister of P. & T., W. J. 7
Woodford, 7
Presented to Deputy ditto, J. G. Hodder, 5
Presented to Prime Minister, Hon. W. S. 2
Monroe, 2
Presented to Private Sec. to Minister of 2
P. & T., W. J. O'Neill, 2
Total number of stamps over- 300
printed, 300
Although Commr. de Pinedo arrived
St. John's, at the mouth of the Tiber
River, about 15 miles from Rome, on
July 16th, the Newfoundland air mail
was not delivered to the Post Office until
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seen these covers, and am unable to
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ROBBERY AT TORONTO
News has been received that indicates
that a serious loss has been sustained by
the Marks Stamp Company, 462 Spa-
dina Avenue, Toronto 2, Canada, when
the company's store was entered on June
30th or early July 1st and again on Sat-
urday, July 9th, and a heavy toll was
taken by the criminals, one or more.
Large stocks of British Colonies, with
countries from A to Gold Coast, inclu-
sive, then from Iraq to Mauritius and
then, Queensland through to St. Vincent,
were stolen, according to circular sent
out by the Marks Stamp Company,
which lists, as well, one stock book of
Canada and Newfoundland and one
stock book of foreign, with Danish West
Indies, Danzig and Denmark. A re-
ward of one hundred dollars is offered
that will lead to the arrest and convic-
tion of the crook and confederates, if
any, depending on goods recovered. Fur-
ther, any "information producing re-
sults rewarded." Stamp folks should
be on the qui vive as it would certainly
be a feather in one's cap to be instru-
mental in trapping the culprit.

ON THE WING
The Associated Press sent out a dis-
patch saying that one of the new stamps
of the mandated territory of Palestine
shows the tomb of Rachel, the issue hav-
ing just been printed in London.

Mr. Allen Burgan, Cincinnati, shows
us a wrapper from a newspaper sent
from India, that bears instead of the
customary four annas stamp, a "permit"
in red, reading "India Postage—4 A—
Four Annas." in three lines.

Some time ago, Wm. H. Conkling, the
postmaster of Springfield, Illinois, said
that the date of the Lindbergh festivities,
including the special flight, depended
upon the program of Lindy that had
been mapped out for him. Incidentally,
Mr. Conkling pays a fine tribute to Mr.
M. T. Mauck of Baltimore by saying
that he thinks his air mail envelopes,
showing Lindbergh's likeness within a
horseshoe, to each side of which is at-
tached a red wing and above which is:
"New York to Paris," is particularly
striking.

Mr. Thomas F. Willock, Peekskill,
New York, says: "In your issue of
June 20th, I note that your correspon-
dent, Mr. Edward C. Olds, Rochester,
New York, states that President Bu-
chanan never married. It may be of
interest to hear about the following:
"There lived in Pennsylvania a crabbed
old widower who had two charming
daughters. One was being courted by a
divinity student, the other by a poor
barrister-at-law. The father of these two
girls discouraged these two young men
because of their poverty and poor pros-
pects. The divinity student became a
Bishop and the law student became presi-
dent of the United States; his name was

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The blocks are truly a superb lot. There is a mint horizontal block of six of the 1c Executive, found a few years back in Washington, the only block of this stamp known. There are blocks of four of the Executive 2c and 10c. I know of but one other block of each. Agriculture, Interior, Post Office, Navy, Treasury, and War are complete in block form on hard paper. This includes the 12c Agriculture, the rare Navy 7c, 24c and 90c, the Treasury 24c and the rare War 1c, 2c, 3c, 6c and 12c, the latter an unusually scarce block. Justice blocks are complete through the 12c with several State blocks, including the \$20 with sheet margins on three sides. Most of the soft paper blocks are in the collection, including a superb block of the Treasury 30c. About twelve to fifteen blocks are to be found with "Specimen" overprint.

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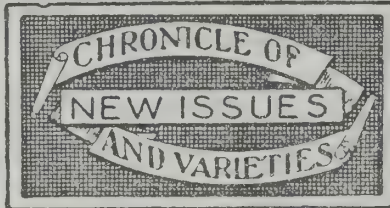
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United States

6c Rotary Perforated 11x10 1/2

Mr. Elmer F. Bodurtha, advises that on mail from Chicago, he has seen a copy of the 6c rotary press, perforated 11x10 1/2. The variety has been known for some time in pre-cancelled condition, but this is the first advice that the stamp is available unused. All denominations from 1c to 10c inclusive are now available.

Purposed new Issues

Mr. L. B. Gatchell, wrote the Post Office Department under date of July 1st, suggesting that the 20c Air Mail stamp be changed to commemorate the air mail flight of Maitland and Hegenberger to Hawaii, and that suitable recognition be given to Byrd, and the Army-Round-the-World flyers, on the other values.

Under date of July 7th, the Acting Third Assistant Postmaster General wrote thanking for the suggestions, but advised that it could not be stated at that time just what action will be possible in this respect. He informed Mr. Gatchell, however, that "It is reasonable to believe that changes in the designs as well as the number of denominations will be made in the future to conform to the development of the air mail service, and the needs that arise."

Mr. William T. Suds, wrote the Department along the line of our suggestion as to further stamps commemorating Revolutionary events, and he received a letter from the Third Assistant Postmaster General, Mr. R. S. Regar, under date of July 1st, which stated that possibly other stamps can be provided later on in connection with the anniversaries of other Revolutionary battles, but that no definite information can be supplied at the present time.

It is to be hoped that the Valley Forge stamp will be one of the further emissions.

Philatelic Stamp Agency

Under date of July 7th, the Information Service of the Post Office Depart-

ment gave to the press the following announcement for immediate release:—

"The revenues of the Post Office Department were increased by \$176,157.95 during the past fiscal year through the sale of stamps to dealers and collectors by the government's Philatelic Agency. As none of these stamps found their way to letters or parcels, the Department, therefore, reaped a clear profit through the transactions. The receipts last year were the largest in the history of the Philatelic Agency, exceeding those of the year previous by \$40,282.01.

Since its establishment in December, 1921, the receipts at the Philatelic Agency have averaged a normal annual increase of \$10,000. Requests for stamps have come to the agency from all parts of the world and dealers and collectors have kept the employees of the office busy filling orders for them. Naturally, when the Lindbergh air mail stamp was issued by the Post Office Department, the agency was swamped for the time being with requests for this new stamp.

During the meeting of stamp collectors in New York last October, in one week the Philatelic Agency sold \$30,000 worth of United States stamps, representing a net profit of this sum to the government."

Air Mail Notes

The Department informs us that the National Air Transport, Inc., contractors of the New York-Chicago air mail route, will not assume operation of that line before August 15th, and probably not until September 1st, but positively by the latter date. The Post Office Department will continue to operate this service until the contract company is ready to take it over.

Mr. W. Irving Glover, Second Assistant Postmaster General, has made arrangements to confer with commercial organizations in Birmingham, Alabama, relative to the proposal for an establishment of a contract air mail service between New Orleans and Atlanta via Mobile and Birmingham.

The Postmaster of Chicago advises that probably on or about September 1st, there is a possibility of the present Chicago-Dallas contract route changing from a day to a night flight status, providing all the necessary lighting facilities can be installed, by that time.

Postmaster General Harry S. New has addressed a letter to the Postmaster General of Mexico, advising him of the intention of this government to inaugurate in the near future a contract air mail service between San Antonio and Dallas, connecting with the through route to Chicago and New York, and asking whether the Mexican Administration is contemplating the establishment of an

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ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—The Economist Stamp Co. advises that they have received No. 246 with inverted cancellation. One sheet of 50 was found at the stamps were in use and the others just sold them.

AITUTAKI.—Whitfield King & Co. report the appearance of the 1/2p pictorial design, watermarked N. Z. and stamps.

BELGIUM.—Mr. Henry Hoar sends us copies of three new provisions recently issued: 2c olive, overprint "3c" in red; 15c claret, "10c" in red and the 40c scarlet, "35c" in red. Three short parallel bands obliterate figures of the original value.

CANADA.—We have received a day cover of the 2c green Confederate stamp from Mr. J. D. Cox mailed Upper Stewiacke, N. S., July 1st.

CZECHO-SLOVAKIA.—Further to note of April 16th, Cesky Filatelista reports that the 5 koruny was issued June 1st. The design, which as already reported shows a view of Upper Tatra, was engraved by Mr. K. Seizinger; moss-green.

1.20 Koruny was also issued on same date, showing a view of the event Strahov at Prag; color, violet.

The old stamps of these values remain on issue until the stocks are exhausted.—Philatelic Magazine.

CHILE.—We have received the following from Mr. A. T. Witbeck:—

Referring to the note from Gibbo your column of MEKEEL's for May I am copying below a portion of a letter to Mr. Stanley Phillips under date May 19th.

"Under 'Stamp News in Brief' for current issue, I note that you mention the Official issue of Chile. Mr. I. Palmer is probably correct as to the date of issuance of these stamps as the ones that I received was early in 1926. I have the following:

Type 64, 5c slate-blue overprint inclined 7 1/2° toward the right and horizontal.

Type 49, 10c black and blue overprint in red (Nos. 163 and 173?).

Type 53, 20c black and vermilion overprint in blue.

Type 57, 1p black and bright blue double overprint in red vertical up and down left (cuts inner edge of right and left).

Type 58, 2p black and scarlet overprint in blue, double as in 1p.

It is possible that I have more varieties but in a hurried examination of the sorted stamps, these are all that I found."

"All of these copies came from the Chilean National Library on official applications, so Mr. Palmer is corroborated again."

The numbers and types given in the tract above are all from Gibbo's catalogue.

NETHERLANDS.—The Economist Stamp Co. have shown us the 2 1/2c green, pictorial design, watermarked circles. Whitfield King & Co. report the appearance of a new set of Red Cross stamps five values each bearing the dates "1927" and of different designs. The four values picture the likenesses of different personages and carry the name "Roode Kruis" in addition to the country's name. The other value has a red cross in the upper part of the stamp. Values and shades are 2c red, 3c grey-blue; 7 1/2c bright blue and bright blue and red. The added value to these stamps are 2c to each of the

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| 11, 3p, 6p* | .50 | 1904, ½p green, No. 40* | .15 | 2½p blue, No. 53* | .30 | 6p, 1sh* | 2.50 |
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| 17, 2½p, No. 110* | .75 | 5p orange & violet, No. 61* | .90 | 2½p blue, No. 70* | .30 | 1904, 2½p blue & violet, No. 52* . . . | .75 |
| Andros 1907, 1f, No. 108* | .20 | 6p violet, No. 62* | 1.00 | 6p violet & red violet, No. 73* . . . | .55 | 3p violet & yellow, No. 53* | .85 |
| 19, 2p gray, No. 113* | .35 | 7½p brown & blue, No. 63* | .90 | 3p violet, No. 79* | .50 | 1907, ½, 1, 2½p* | .55 |
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| 17, 4p red & black, No. 138* | .30 | 3sh yellow & green, No. 69* | 3.90 | 2½p blue, No. 90* | .18 | St. Vincent 1902, 2sh green & vio., #78* . | 3.00 |
| 19, Victory, 2, 2½, 3, 4p* | 1.25 | 1912, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3p* | .70 | 6p violet & dull violet, No. 92* . . . | .50 | 1904, 2sh violet & blue, No. 87* . . . | 2.00 |
| 19, Victory, 6p orange & black* . . . | .45 | 4p black & red* | .30 | 10sh black, No. 96*, rare | 12.50 | 5sh green & red, No. 88* | 4.75 |
| 19, Victory 1sh green & black* | .95 | 5p orange & violet* | .28 | 1926, 2½p blue, No. 114* | .35 | 1907, 2p orange, No. 92* | .80 |
| 19, 2sh brown & black, No. 149* . . . | 1.75 | 6p violet & mauve* | .35 | 3p yellow, No. 115* | .40 | 1909, 1sh green, No. 97* | 1.35 |
| 19, Victory, 3sh orange & black* . . . | 2.00 | 7½p brown & blue* | .40 | 1922, 4i red & black, No. 110* . . . | 10.00 | 2p gray, No. 100* | .18 |
| 19, 2sh violet, No. 160* | 1.35 | 10p green & rose* | .50 | 1926, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3p* "postage" . . | .50 | 2½p blue, No. 101* | .40 |
| 3sh violet, No. 161* | 1.90 | 1sh green, No. 81a* | .50 | 10sh "postage" | 4.75 | 3p violet, No. 102* | .40 |
| 3p violet, No. 162* | .20 | 1921, 1½p green & olive, No. 88* . . . | 1.25 | Mauritius 1902, 6c, No. 107* | .13 | 6p red violet, No. 103* | .60 |
| Guiana 1903, 72c lilac & brn., #169* . | 2.20 | 2p gray* | .20 | 1902, 15c green & orange, No. 108* . | .17 | 1913, 2, 2½, 3, 4p* | .65 |
| 15, 96c black & red, No. 170* . . . | 2.90 | 2½p blue* | .25 | 25c green & red, No. 115* | .50 | 5p green* | .25 |
| 1c green, No. 160* | .08 | 5p orange & violet* | .40 | 1904, 50c green, No. 135* | .40 | 1sh green* | .85 |
| 17, 4c, 5c, Nos. 174, 175, each* . . . | .20 | 6p mauve & violet* | .45 | 1910, 12c gray, No. 144* | .13 | 1914, 1sh bistre, No. 116* | .65 |
| 6c gray & black, No. 176* | .35 | 1924, 1sh, No. 123* | .35 | 25c black & red, No. 146* | .65 | Samoa 1914, ½, 1, 2, 2½p | .65 |
| 12c orange & violet, No. 177* . . . | .50 | Gibraltar 1904, 1p, No. 49* | .15 | 50c violet & black, No. 147* | .75 | 1914, 6p, No. 118 | .50 |
| 19, 20c violet, No. 61* | .90 | 1904, 6p violet & purple, No. 52* . . . | .75 | 1r green, No. 148* | 1.00 | 1sh, No. 119 | .85 |
| 1c green, No. 62* | .25 | 1907, 1p red* | .18 | 2r50c black & red, No. 149* | 2.75 | 1916, ½, 1½, 2, 2½p | .35 |
| 10c violet & green, No. 65* | .40 | 2½p blue* | .40 | 1913, 50c, No. 155 | 3.50 | 3, 6p, each | .30 |
| 25c violet & orange, No. 67* | 1.45 | 1912, 2½p blue, No. 69* | .28 | Natal 1902, 2, 2½, 3p, each | .25 | 1919, 1½p, No. 134 | .08 |
| 5c blue* | .30 | 1925, 5sh red & black* | 1.60 | 1902, 4p, No. 87 | .35 | Nos. 136 to 138 | .18 |
| 11, 25c green* | 1.75 | 10sh blue & black* | 3.20 | 5p, No. 88 | .40 | Seychelles, Nos. 29, 31, 32, each | .35 |
| 13, 5c blue, No. 78* | .25 | Gold Coast 1902, 2½p blue & blue* . | 1.00 | 2sh, No. 91 | 2.50 | Nos. 38, 39, 40 | .40 |
| 10c violet & green* | .30 | 1902, 6p violet & purple* | .85 | 2sh6p, No. 92 | 2.50 | 1903, 3 on 15c | .60 |
| 19, 19c, 1905, 2½p blue, No. 10* . . . | .80 | 2sh green & rose* | 2.75 | 1904, 1p, 2p | .25 | 1906, 2, 3, 6c | .40 |
| 1p red, No. 22* | .25 | 1904, ½p green & violet* | .25 | 4p, No. 104 | .40 | 12c | .22 |
| 2½p blue, No. 23* | .40 | 1p violet & red* | .25 | 5p, No. 105 | .40 | 15c, No. 56 | .40 |
| 3p violet, No. 24* | .45 | 1907, 2p gray* | .18 | 1sh, No. 111 | 1.35 | 18c, No. 57 | .40 |
| 6p violet, No. 26* | .45 | 6p violet & mauve* | .45 | 2sh, No. 112 | 2.25 | 1917, 6, 12, 15c | .48 |
| 5sh green & red*, No. 28 | 3.50 | 1sh green* | .75 | 2sh6p, No. 113 | 3.00 | 18c, No. 79a | .18 |
| 2½p blue, No. 36* | .13 | 1913, 2, 2½, 3p* | .60 | New Hebrides 1908, Nos. 2, 3, each . . | .25 | 30c, No. 80 | .30 |
| 3p violet, No. 37* | .18 | 6p mauve & violet* | .35 | 1908, 5p, No. 4 | .40 | 45c, No. 81 | .40 |
| 3p violet, No. 43* | .45 | 3p violet, No. 81* | .22 | 6p, No. 5 | .50 | 75c, No. 82 | .75 |
| 1sh green, No. 44* | .65 | Grenada 1904, 1p violet & red, No. 59* . | .65 | Nos. 12, 13, each | .20 | 1r50c, No. 83 | 1.35 |
| 4p red, No. 60* | .25 | 1904, 3p violet & orange, No. 62* . . . | .58 | 5p, No. 14 | .28 | 1920, 5c, No. 85 | .10 |
| 10sh carmine*, script | 3.20 | 6p violet & green, No. 63* | .85 | 6p, No. 15 | .30 | 25c, No. 87 | .28 |
| 1½ on 2½p, No. 101* | 2.00 | 1906, ½p green, No. 68* | .10 | 1sh, No. 16 | .50 | 50c, No. 88 | .45 |
| 1½ on 2½p, No. 102a* | 20.00 | 1p red, No. 69* | .15 | Nos. 28, 29, 30 | 2.50 | 1r, No. 89 | 1.10 |
| 1½ on 2½p, No. 103* | .08 | 2p yellow, No. 70* | .45 | Nos. 38, 39, 40 | 1.75 | 12c gray | .30 |
| 1903, 2, 3, 4, 5c* | .60 | 2½p blue, No. 71* | 1.50 | New South Wales, Nos. 115, 177, each . | .45 | 15c blue | .45 |
| 75c blue & orange, No. 175* | 1.00 | 1sh green, No. 74* | .70 | No. 124 | .45 | Sierra Leone 1903, 1½p | .85 |
| 15c blue, No. 184* | .30 | 1913, 3p violet, No. 83* | .25 | New Zealand 1902, 4p, No. 113 . . . | .35 | 1903, 4p | 2.00 |
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| 1r50c gray, No. 188* | 1.50 | 2sh violet & blue, No. 86* | 1.35 | 4½p, No. 151 | .30 | 1904, 1p | .25 |
| 2r25c brown & green, No. 189* . . . | 2.00 | 3p violet, No. 89* | .85 | 5sh, No. 10 | 3.00 | 1½p | .40 |
| 10c olive & violet, No. 192* | .30 | 1sh green, No. 90* | .75 | Nos. 13, 14 | .38 | 2½p | .60 |
| 25c slate, No. 193* | .40 | 1916, 1p red, No. 201* | .75 | 1sh, No. 15 | .70 | 4p | .35 |
| 50c brown, No. 194* | .70 | 1906, No. 308, 309, 310, each* . . . | .40 | 10sh, No. 28 | 3.50 | 5p | .75 |
| 1r violet, No. 195* | 1.20 | Hong Kong 1907, 10c, No. 93 | .15 | Nine 1911, 1sh, No. 17 | .60 | 6p | .75 |
| 2r scarlet, No. 196* | 3.25 | 1907, 20c, No. 94 | .55 | 1911, 6p, No. 16 | .35 | 1sh | .90 |
| 2r red & black, No. 221* | 1.75 | 30c, No. 95 | .45 | 1917, ½, 1, 1½, 1½ | .45 | 1907, 1p red | .15 |
| 5r green, No. 222* | 3.50 | 50c, No. 96 | .60 | 2½p, No. 26 | .12 | 1½p orange | .30 |
| 15, 25, 30, 50c*, Nos. 207-210* . . | 1.20 | 8c gray | .25 | 1sh, No. 28 | .60 | 2p gray | .35 |
| 1904, 6p brown & green* | .85 | 25c, No. 108 | .45 | No. Nigeria, ½p, 1p* | .20 | 2½p blue | .28 |
| 4p green & violet, No. 77* | .50 | 30c, No. 109 | .45 | 1902, 2p violet & orange, No. 12* . . | .45 | 3p violet | .45 |
| 6p brown & green, No. 84* | 1.10 | 1914, 12c violet, No. 116 | .25 | 2½p violet & blue, No. 13* | .25 | 4p | .85 |
| 9p brown & red, No. 85* | 2.25 | 1919, 25c, No. 119, scarce | .45 | 5p violet & brown, No. 14* | .65 | 5p | .95 |
| Nos. 81, 82, 83* | .85 | 1921, 8c gray | .50 | 6p violet & purple, No. 15* | 1.00 | 2sh | 3.00 |
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| 18pi* | .66 | 1906, ½, 1, 2½p | .25 | 2sh6p green & blue, No. 17* | 3.50 | 1904, 2½a | .60 |
| 45pi* | 1.60 | 3p, No. 53 | .40 | 10sh green & brown, No. 18* | 6.50 | 3a | .60 |
| 90pi* | 3.20 | 6p, No. 55 | .50 | 1905, ½p violet & green, No. 19* . . . | .13 | 4a | .60 |
| 1904, 1p, No. 36 | .35 | 1sh, No. 56 | 1.20 | 2p orange & violet, No. 21* | .45 | 8a | .85 |
| 2sh, No. 43 | 1.40 | 2sh, No. 57 | 1.35 | 5p violet & orange, No. 23* | 1.10 | 1905, 2a | .30 |
| 2, 2½, 3p | .45 | Nos. 58, 59, each | .20 | 2sh6p green & blue, No. 26* | 3.50 | Nos. 43, 44, each | .45 |
| 6p, No. 51 | .35 | 1912, 1½, 2, 2½p | .30 | 1910, 2p gray, No. 29* | .35 | Nos. 156, 157, 158, each | .25 |
| 1904, 2sh, No. 56 | 2.00 | 3p, No. 65 | .35 | 2½p blue, No. 30* | .20 | So. Nigeria 1902, ½p | .30 |
| ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½p | .45 | 4p, No. 66 | .30 | 3p violet, No. 32* | .20 | 1902, 1p | .20 |
| 6p, No. 65 | .35 | 6p, No. 67 | .35 | 1912, 3, 4, 5, 6p | 1.05 | 4p | .60 |
| 2sh6p, No. 68, scarce | 5.00 | 1sh, No. 68 | 1.20 | 9p, No. 47 | .50 | 10sh | 5.50 |
| Africa & Uganda, ½a green, No. 1 . | .30 | 2sh, No. 69 | 1.35 | 1sh, No. 48 | .70 | 1904, 2p | .35 |
| 1a, No. 2 | .18 | 5sh, No. 70 | 2.95 | 2sh6d, No. 49 | 1.50 | 6p | .60 |
| 2a, No. 3 | .65 | 3p, No. 71 | .25 | Papua 1907, 2p, No. 36 | .40 | 1sh | .75 |
| 2½a, No. 4 | .85 | 4p, No. 72 | .28 | 1907, 4p, No. 45 | .70 | 2sh6p | 2.00 |
| 3a, No. 5 | 1.20 | 1920, 1, 1½, 2, 2½p | .47 | 1sh, No. 47 | .45 | 1907, 1p | .20 |
| 4a, No. 6 | .60 | 3p, No. 80 | .18 | 1911, 4p, No. 54 | .20 | 2p | .30 |
| 5a, No. 7 | 2.25 | 4p, No. 81 | .20 | 6p, No. 55 | .35 | 2½p | .50 |
| 8a, No. 8 | 2.20 | 1sh, No. 83 | .60 | 1915, 1p, No. 59 | .35 | 3p | .65 |
| 2½a, No. 20 | .58 | 2sh, No. 84 | 1.35 | Penrhyn Is. 1914, ½p, No. 11 | .10 | 4p | .65 |
| 3a, No. 21 | .45 | 5sh, No. 85 | 2.20 | 1915, ½p, No. 16 | .10 | 6p | .70 |
| 4a, No. 22 | .60 | Lagos 1904, ½p, No. 40 | .60 | 1917, 1½p, No. 19 | .25 | 1sh | .90 |
| 1, 3, 6c | .28 | 1904, 2½p, No. 43 | .50 | 1½p, No. 20 | .13 | 2sh6p | 1.75 |
| 10c citron & vio. | .35 | 1905, ½p, No. 50 | .17 | 3p, No. 21 | .17 | 5sh | 4.00 |
| 12c violet | .30 | 1p, No. 51 | .13 | 2½p, No. 21a | .15 | 1912, 2p gray | .20 |
| 15c blue | .35 | 2p, No. 52 | .35 | 3p, No. 22 | .60 | 2½p blue | .50 |
| 25c green & black | .40 | 3p, No. 54 | .40 | 6p, No. 23 | .35 | 3p yellow | .45 |
| 50c brown & green | .70 | 6p, No. 55 | .60 | 1sh, No. 24 | .60 | 4p | .50 |
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SIERRA LEONE.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the appearance of the 5sh green and carmine on pale yellow script watermarked paper. This is a very distinct paper from the first script watermark 5sh, which was on orange-yellow paper.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.—Our Johannesburg correspondent, Mr. J. Robertson, writes (May 11, 1927):—

"I am informed by the Postmaster-General that when the contract with Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., Ltd., expires, the 2d, 3d, 1s, 2s6d, 5s and 10s pictorial postage stamps will be printed by the Government Printer, Pretoria. Such locally printed stamps would, of course, be overprinted for S. W. Africa. The London printed ½d, 1d and 6d pictorial stamps have been overprinted alternately 'SOUTH WEST AFRICA. OFFICIAL OFFISIEEL' and 'SUIDWES AFRIKA. OFFICIAL OFFISIEEL.' These stamps are not sold to the public.

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The Burrus Exhibit—It was in this annexe that Maurice Burrus, the Alsatian owner of a collection valued at over 100,000,000 francs, showed his most precious items. It was a surprise to find that he has three "Post Office" Mauritius, the records having hitherto credited him with but two. They were one of the 1d and two of the 2d, all used. But a superb unused pair of the 1d "post paid" in the first state of the plate, and cut with exceptionally large margins, was the most attractive piece among his Mauritius. There was an unused copy of the 4d Ceylon imperforate, a stamp of the greatest rarity, unused. The 2c Hawaii of 1851 was described as unused, and is the copy for which Mr. Burrus paid \$3,900 at one of the Ferrari sales. All the other "Missionary" stamps of Hawaii were there. A few pages of the first circular British Guianas of 1851 and the rectangulars of 1856 represented a substantial fortune. The pair of the 2c black on rose of 1851 are the only copies of this rarity which are cut approximately to rectangular shape; the pair cost the present owner \$5,250. Among these circular Guianas was a so-called 2c black on blue, said to be an error for the 12c, which is normally on blue paper; it appears to have been caused by the figure 1 having dropped out of the hand stamp when printing the 12c; it is the only copy known, and is on the original envelope of a letter addressed to the Lord Bishop of Guiana, Georgetown.

Fortune on a Firescreen—Mr. Burrus also showed here the unique complete sheet of the rare 3 pfennig Saxony. The sheet, which, along with other copies of the stamp, had been used to decorate a fire-screen in the castle of Königstein,

shows signs of the difficulty with which it was recovered.

Among the Theodore Champion's few pages shown in the bank vaults were the choicest specimens known of the first few issues of Mauritius, including very fine copies of the "Post Office." He also showed Hawaii first issue. Mr. Alfred Lichtenstein, of New York, showed about twenty pages of the rare cantonal stamps of Switzerland, with large blocks of the "double Geneva" and others; here was the famous block of fifteen Basle "doves," which, however, is not of so fine, fresh coloring as a beautiful corner block of four shown by Mr. Burrus. Mr. Lichtenstein was awarded the Grand Prix of the exhibition, the vase presented by the President of the Republic, and a silver cup.

Kastler's Collection—Mr. Henry Kastler, of Paris, whose great historical collection of the war of 1870-71 filled many frames in the main exhibition, preferred to show his series of unused complete sheets of the Alsace-Lorraine stamps in the vaults. These sheets were of the 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 25 centimes values. An envelope in this collection was used for the covering letter accompanying a packet, value 287,000,000 francs, sent by the Superior President of Alsace-Lorraine to the Imperial Bank of Berlin in part payment of the war indemnity; it is postmarked Strasbourg, March, 1872. The Kastler collection, a mere synopsis of which fills six pages of the official catalogue, was awarded M. Poincaré's medal and a silver cup.

Other Special Awards—Among the other special awards Henry Bauer, of Strasbourg, received the silver vase presented by M. Burrus; P. Marechal, the book presented by the Minister for the Colonies and a vase presented by the town of Strasbourg; M. Benzinger, of Stockholm, Mr. Kastler's trophy; Jacob Sessler, of Nuremberg, the vase given by the Banque du Rhin; Pierre Mavrogordato, Lausanne, an objet d'art presented by Michael van Gelder. For the first time at an international philatelic exhibition, a gold medal was awarded to an aero-stamp collection, that formed by Adolf von Arx, of Locarno.

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probably exhibited for the first time were two of great interest. One, shown by Audre Matthysens, of Brussels, was a well balanced collection of the early imperforate issues of Uruguay, with some beautiful copies of the "diligencias," and with plate reconstructions of the thin and thick figure issues of 1859-62; this received a silver-gilt medal. The other collection presented within a small compass of three or four frames a magnificent selection of the early Swiss stamps in perfect state, many of the rarest varieties being on the original letter; this was the work of Eric Mermod, of Lausanne, and was awarded a silver-gilt medal.

British Awards—The principal awards to British exhibitors were:—

Gold Medals.—George Monro (France), R. J. White (Great Britain), A. J. Warren (Holland), R. F. A. Riesco (Cape of Good Hope), Dr. Wm. Byam (Sudan), E. A. Leigh (Gambia, etc.), Joseph Wright (Belgian Congo), G. H. Bigsby (Paris Siege balloon post), J. A. Agnew (North Borneo).

Silver Gilt Medals.—Dr. J. P. O'Connor, Edwin Lee, Captain J. H. Barfoot, R. E. R. Dalwick, Colonel M. A. Studd, Sefi, Pemberton and Co., Chas. Nissen, Stanley Gibbons Ltd.

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Bronze Medals.—J. Stafford Johnson, Edwin Lee (2), Adolf Lang, A. Holland, A. J. Sefi, Harris Publications Ltd., Frank Godden Ltd.—*The Postage Stamp*.

JOTTINGS

E. O. BARNES of New Orleans, La., sends us a clipping dealing with King Fuad's visit to London. One of the paragraphs mentions the fact that "King George and King Fuad are expected to get their royal heads together over King George's famous stamp collection." It is reported that Fuad has a very fine lot of stamps in his collection.

NEWSPAPERS are telling how the mail matter carried by Byrd was stripped of stamps, and the postal authorities suggest that the letters were water-soaked. This story does not coincide with the condition of the letters, which are reported as being quite dry. Evidently there are stamp collectors who are only amateurs, else they would be aware that the stamps would be of no value unless they were upon the original covers showing the airmail cancellations.

A. E. PADE has returned to New York after an extended trip abroad. He remembered the WEEKLY at various times during his absence. Two items consisted of a New York "Paquebot" marking and a "U. S. Seapost-S. S. Leviathan" postmark.

MAX F. BIER of Brooklyn, N. Y., sailed Saturday, July 16, on the "Majestic" for England. He will return August 10 on the "Homeric".

HAITIAN AIR MAILS

By HARRY E. HUBER.

On April 19, 1927, Port de Paix, on the northern coast of Haiti, about 50 miles to the west of Cape Haitien, was given a weekly air mail service with Port au Prince, the capital, on the Gulf of Gonaves. The dating on first day covers is "Port au Prince, Haiti, 19 AVR 27" within a single lined circle measuring 26mm, with the backstamping of "Port de Paix, Haiti" (between two concentric circles 23 and 12mm) and the date in the center, in 3 lines, 19 AVRIL 27. Both air mail handstamps were applied in carmine, i. e., the first one with the plane above AVION, and the newer one prepared for the De Pinedo air mail of March, 1927, with the plane below AVION. The first Avion cancellation is so badly worn that it is almost indistinguishable.

A weekly air mail service was also inaugurated between Port au Prince and Jeremie, on the northern coast of the southwestern peninsula, on July 12, 1927. The Haitian Government prepared the landing field, and the mails are transported by planes of the American Occupation. The inland air mail letter rate is 50c de g. (i. e. 10c U. S. currency).

The dating on first day covers is "Port au Prince, Haiti", with the date in the center in 3 lines, 12-JUIL-27. This is applied to the postage stamp, and alongside, in blue, is a special marking (45mm wide x 28mm high).

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Another special marking, in blue, consists of two concentric circles, 48 and 27mm, respectively, lettered between "PREMIER VOL" at the top, and at the bottom "PORT-AU-PRINCE JEREMIE". In the central circle the Port au Prince postmark is applied again. The Jeremie backstamp is of the usual French town type, "Jeremie, Haiti" between two concentric circles, 23 and 12mm, with the date in the center in 3 lines, "12-JUIL-27".

KRASSA RE-ORGANIZATION

The long established firm of A. Krassa, 116 Nassau St., N. Y. City, has taken on a new lease of life in a re-organization that has just been effected. Mr. Krassa has sold his entire stock of stamps to a new corporation of which he is president, and B. H. Homan, Jr., is secretary and treasurer. The new corporation intends doing business on a larger scale than has been formerly done by Mr. Krassa, who for years has been known to possess a very fine stock of rare postage stamps. Without a doubt the new firm will have something to say to our readers regularly during the coming season.

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TWO KINGS SWAP STAMP YARNS

The following article appeared in the New York Times of July 10th, and will be welcomed by readers who do not see Mr. Crane's philatelic contributions to the great New York newspaper, the Times:—

"In connection with the recent visit of King Fuad of Egypt to King George of England at Buckingham Palace, Charles J. Phillips of 10 West Eighty-sixth St., who retired as head of a large London stamp firm a few years ago, said yesterday that although not generally known, King Fuad ranks as one of the greatest stamp collectors in the world. Among members of royalty interested in that hobby, Mr. Phillips places King George and the ruler of Egypt as the leaders, although King Alfonso of Spain also has a noteworthy collection.

'King George has been interested in stamps since he was a midshipman in the specializes in Great Britain and the British possessions and he undoubtedly has the finest collection of those stamps in the world. His collection is probably worth \$2,000,000. King Fuad, on the other hand, is a general collector but on a very large scale and his stamps are probably worth more than \$1,000,000.'

The King of Egypt has one of the best collections in the world of stamps of the Confederate States, the nucleus of which is the famous collection formerly owned by Gerald E. Curtis of Garrison-on-the-Hudson. How that celebrated collection left America to find a home in a royal Egyptian palace is thus described by Mr. Phillips:

'It was in 1919 when I was in New York on one of my business visits that I purchased the Curtis collection of Confederates. I had previously sold many rare stamps to King Fuad and on my return to London I notified him of my recent purchase. To my surprise he sent me a cable asking that the entire collection be sent to him at once, and later I ascertained that he was delighted with it.

It is interesting to know that King Fuad was one of the first great collectors of the world to recognize the historical value of the stamps issued by the Confederate States during the Civil War period. He found in the Curtis collection many examples of the difficulties encountered in the South during the war

owing to the shortage of paper and ink. Many of the stamped envelopes used by the soldiers showed that, after being received, they had been carefully turned and used a second time. There were also many envelopes made of wall paper and sheets from old account books.'

A member of the London firm with which Mr. Phillips was connected spent several months in one of the Egyptian royal palaces compiling King Fuad's collection and mounting the best part of it in thirty albums."

MR. GLOVER ENCOURAGES ENTERPRISE

The suggestion of Commander Richard E. Byrd for a combined ship and airplane service across the Atlantic involving the meeting of incoming ships 500 or 1,000 miles at sea and the overhauling of outgoing ships with last-minute passengers and mail is not a new one, according to Second Assistant Postmaster General Glover, in charge of air mail and transportation.

For nearly two years the Post Office Department has been trying to interest aviation concerns in the proposition, but as yet has not received sufficient encouragement to warrant the calling for bids.

Similar services have been in operation by the Department for four years between New Orleans, La., and the mouth of the Mississippi, and for seven years between Seattle, Washington, and Victoria, B. C. Each of these routes saves from 24 to 48 hours in the handling of mail and in the case of outgoing mail which misses a steamer in either of the ports, the airplane service, by catching the vessel, often saves a week or more in time.

It has been the desire of Mr. Glover to inaugurate a similar service out of the port of New York, using seaplanes which could land in the water far out to sea and take on mail and passengers from incoming ships and overhaul outgoing vessels with foreign-bound letters and passengers. The Department has the funds with which to enter into contract for such a service and as soon as contractors can be found willing to bid on it, bids will be asked for, Mr. Glover said.

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tion by the Department is the proposal
to operate this service from Newfound-
land or New Brunswick, catching the
trans-Atlantic liners as they round the
great circle in the vicinity of those lands,
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STAMPS AS SEDATIVES

(The following article is taken from the
Kalends of the Waverly Press, a magazine
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Baltimore, Md. We are indebted to B. Durell
of Worcester, Mass., for the clipping.)

STAMP collecting has been well called
the king of hobbies and the hobby
of kings, for no other hobby is com-
parable with it in the universality of its
scope and the diversification of the per-
sonnel of its devotees. Geographically,
it embraces every portion of the earth;
and in the social scale it ranges from
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lionaires to schoolboys the world over.
It has been one of my major hobbies for
many years, and I was more than pleased
with the fine editorial concerning this
hobby which appeared in our *Annals of
Clinical Medicine*. This journal is pub-
lishing a series of delightful editorials
under the caption of "Recreations for
Physicians"; number III is entitled "The
Sedatives of Stamp Collecting". The
genial author so well expresses my views
upon this hobby that I can't refrain from
quoting him:

"In late Winter and early Spring, when
premature thaws and blizzards succeed
one another on twenty-four hours' sched-
ule, and the pulse of life is running low
and hope is deferred, and nerves are on
the ragged edge — in that time of the
seasons that corresponds to the low-tide
vitality of the hour just before the dawn,
the death-hour of popular superstition—
then one often needs a recreation or rest
period that is really sedative in charac-
ter, one that will soothe jumpy nerves
and not stimulate. I have found that
stamp-collecting offers such a sedative
action.

The habit of collecting material objects
and the mental pleasure derived from
such collections constitute one of the
most deeply inborn instincts of the hu-
man animal, shared with only a few
other animals, particularly highly devel-
oped birds. It is the instinct evolving
out of the ability of the protoplasm to
rise above its environment, to assert
itself, to have, hold, and possess other
material substance in quantity and variety.

The writer counts among some of his
happiest recollections the middle years of
his adult life, when on Sunday evenings,
before the study fireplace, with Febru-
ary or March blizzards howling without,
his children and himself at a common
table, each with his own stampbook and
pile of unplaced stamps, saucer of water,
blotters, box of stamp hinges, and the
latest stamp catalogue for reference,
spent the pre-bedtime hours in such rest-
ful mechanical manipulations."

With such sentiments I am sure that
millions of stamp collectors will agree.
My own modest collection contains about
7500 varieties, and thus far has cost me
about four hundreds of dollars. As I
have had thousands of dollars' worth of
pleasure, this cost is extremely low.
Then, too, I have had some rather cu-
rious experiences. I recall that during
the world war I answered a letter ap-
pearing in the *London Times* which re-
quested an exchange of stamps. The
address given was "Johore, Straits Settle-
ments, via Singapore, Malay Archipel-
ago." The letter which I received in
reply was eighteen months in transit;
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On June 25, 1923, H. E. Phillips, formerly Asst. Colonial Secretary at Belize, British Honduras, arrived at Grand Turk, and assumed the government of the Dependency, succeeding G. Whitfield Smith, O. B. E., retired. From the start Mr. Phillips was opposed to the antiquated system of collecting public fees, in cash, instead of by stamps, as in British Honduras, and in most other Colonies. A change has been under consideration for some time, and action would have been taken in 1926 had not other more important matters required attention. The Dependency had not recovered from the effects of the storm of July 24, 1926, when the hurricane of September 16, 1926, completely devastated both the Turks and the Caicos Islands, and later, the Bahamas and Florida.

At a meeting of the Legislative Board of the Turks & Caicos Islands, held in the Council Chamber at Grand Turk, on March 25, 1927, a Bill providing for the collection of public fees by means of stamps was unanimously passed. H. E. the Governor of Jamaica, Sir R. E. Stubbs, assented on April 11th, the Large Seal of Jamaica was affixed, and on 7th May, Ordinance No. 6 of 1927 was spread on the laws of the Dependency. Turks & Caicos Islands. Ordinance No. 6 of 1927.

I assent.
(L. S.) Signed, R. E. STUBBS,
Governor.
11th April, 1927.

An Ordinance of the Legislative Board of the Turks & Caicos Islands to provide for the collection of Public Fees by means of Stamps.
7th May, 1927.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Board of the Turks and Caicos Islands as follows:—

1. *Short Title.*
This Ordinance may be cited as the Public Fees Collection Ordinance 1927.
2. *Fees collected by Stamps.*
It shall be lawful for the Commissioner from time to time, to declare and direct, by Order to be published in the Gazette, that from and after the time specified in such Order, all or any of the fees, for the time being, payable in any Court of Justice or Public Department or Office connected with the Public Service, or to any Officer thereof respectively in aid of the General Revenue of the Dependency, shall be collected by means of stamps, and from and after the time specified in any such order or notice, the fees therein mentioned shall be received by such stamps as are equivalent to the amount of fees payable, and not in money.

3. *Stamps affixed or impressed.*
When any fee comprised in any such order or notice is payable in respect of a document, the stamp or stamps equivalent to the amount of the fee shall be affixed or impressed on such document, and when such fee is payable otherwise than in respect of a document, the stamp or stamps equivalent to the fee shall be affixed in a book or otherwise, as may be provided by any order of the Commissioner.

4. *Cancellation.*
It shall be the duty of the Officer to whom any such fee is payable, to cancel the stamp or stamps which represent such fee, in such manner as may be directed by the Commissioner.

5. *Dies or Stamps.*
The Commissioner may take all necessary steps to provide suitable dies or stamps for the purposes of the Ordinance.

6. *Orders.*
The Commissioner may make all such orders as may be necessary to give effect to this Ordinance.

7. *Fees not payable by public officers acting on behalf of the public service.*
Whenever by any practice, rule, law or ordinance any fee is payable in a Court of Justice, or Public Department, or Office connected with the Public Service, or to any Officer thereof respectively, in aid of the General Revenue of the Dependency, such fee shall not be payable by a public officer when acting on behalf of the Public Service and in the discharge of his duty.

Provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall affect the liability of a party, other than a Public Officer acting in the discharge of his duty, for the payment of such fees when they constitute or form part of the costs awarded in any legal proceedings, civil or criminal.

Passed the Legislative Board this 25th day of March, 1927.

Signed, CLIF. G. DARRELL,
Clerk of the Board.

Signed, H. E. PHILLIPS,
President.

A new series of stamps, inscribed Postage and Revenue, therefore becomes a necessity, and will be brought into issue early in 1928. Stamps of 5s and 10s denominations will doubtless be included in the series, in addition to those in the current Crown type (½d to 3s).

A peculiarity of the King George stamps of Turks and Caicos Islands, issued April 1, 1913, is that the Imperial Crown was not incorporated in the design. The stamps were line engraved and printed on Roman CA watermarked paper, colored papers being used for the 3d and 4d (on yellow), 2s (on green),

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and 3s (on red). A new value, 5d olive green, was added to the series on May 18, 1916.

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On April 23, 1921, the white paper stamps of the series (½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d, 5d, 6d and 1s) were issued in script CA watermarked paper, along with the ¼d in the Melocactus communis type.

In 1921, sanction was given by the Colonial Office to the design being modified to permit the insertion of the Imperial Crown, and stamps in the "Cayman Islands head" type were issued November 20, 1922. All but the 2s (on green), and 3s (on red) were script CA watermarked; the exceptions being on Roman CA watermarked paper. On script green the 2s was issued November 24, 1925, along with a new value, 1½d red, for use on foreign post cards. The ¼d changed in color from red to black, on script CA, was issued October 11, 1926.

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The government of the Turks and Caicos Islands, a dependency of Jamaica, is administered by a Commissioner as chief executive, who is also President of the Legislative Board. This Board controls local finances and expenditures, subject to the approval of the Governor of Jamaica, and comprises, in addition to the Commissioner, three official members (Asst. Commissioner, Govt. Medical Officer and the Supt. of Public Works), and four unofficial members appointed by the Crown (two from Grand Turk, one from Salt Cay, and one from the Caicos settlements.) Laws passed by the Legislative Council of Jamaica which are in express terms made applicable to the Turks & Caicos Islands, take effect there. The Supreme Court of Judicature of Jamaica has jurisdiction in matrimonial and divorce cases, and has been constituted a Court of Appeal from the Supreme Court of the Dependency.

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The post office department has distributed circulars announcing that two new commemorative two cent stamps will be issued soon after August 1st, 1927, to be known as the Vermont Sesquicentennial and the Burgoyne Campaign stamp, respectively. Descriptions of the stamps are given and orders for them are being booked by the Philatelic Agency. The Burgoyne stamp will be of the size of the special delivery stamps and will be fifty to the sheet, while the Vermont stamp will run one hundred to the sheet. The stamps will not be issued imperforate.

The following letter from Mr. Milo C. Reynolds, Burlington, Vermont, is timely: "The new Bennington (Vt.) Commemorative will be issued officially about August 6th. While all of us do

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not collect first-day covers, there are many who have gone in for this sort of thing. Several days ago, I saw the Bennington postmaster, Frank E. Howe, and explained the desires of collectors in getting first day covers of this stamp. He is very enthusiastic about the stamp being issued to commemorate the Battle of Bennington and will be glad to co-operate with the stamp collectors in furnishing first-day covers or unused stamps. Already, he has received orders for several thousand dollars' worth and expects to receive the supply several days previous to the day of issue. Address your envelopes and send, together with required amount of money, to Postmaster, Bennington, Vermont, and the stamps will be affixed and mailed on the first day of issue. Send money order or coins, and not personal checks. Postmaster Howe gave me the assurance that all such orders would receive careful attention and that they would be attended to on the first day. If collectors want, say, five covers, send the five addressed envelopes together with a ten-cent piece. The postmasters are not required to put stamps on letters, but the Bennington postmaster will be glad to do so with this commemorative stamp as a courtesy to collectors."

From Mr. E. M. Ash, Jatibonico del Sur, Cuba, news comes of a prospective commemorative issue for Cuba, Mr. Ash writing as follows: "The Cuban Government announces that a series of stamps of a total face value of three hundred and fifty-two thousand dollars (U. S. Cy.) will be issued to commemorate the sixth Pan American Conference, which will be held in Havana in January of the year 1928. Each stamp will be of one color and the proceeds of this issue, after the deduction of the cost of preparation, printing, etc., will be dedicated to the expenses of the Conference, which it is thus hoped to defray. 1 centavo, 1,000,000 stamps; 2 c., 1,500,000; 5 c., 500,000; 8 c., 125,000; 10 c., 500,000; 13 c., 250,000; 20 c., 250,000; 20 c., 250,000; 30 c., 150,000; 50 c., 100,000 and \$1, 50,000 stamps. The plates used for the printing will be destroyed as soon as these quantities have been made." Incidentally, Mr. Ash uses an imperforate pair of the current one centavo of Cuba as postage on his letter.

Mr. F. Ciampolini, New York, sends for inspection a card that was carried by Chamberlin, pilot of the Columbia, in his special flight, Munich to Vienna, on June 19th, 1927. Two red cachets were applied officially, one reading, "U.

S. Airplane-Columbia-18, 6, 1927, and the other, "19, 6, 1927". This is an interesting souvenir of an occasion that was of great sentimental interest.

The enterprising postmaster of Springfield, Ill., Mr. Wm. H. Conkling, has sent us the following notice: "I have just received notice that Lindbergh will be here on the 15th of August, at which time our Special Flight will take place, and we will use the Special Postmark approved by the second assistant postmaster general, and at which time we will dedicate 'Lindbergh Field'." From the latest issue of the *Postmark*, issued monthly by the Post Office, Springfield, Ill., we quote: "On April 15th, 1926, Col. Chas. A. Lindbergh made his first flight as Air Mail Pilot from Chicago to Peoria, Springfield and St. Louis, returning the same day from St. Louis to Springfield, Peoria and Chicago, and carried the first Air Mail between these cities." Incidentally, there has been an augmented demand for these covers carried by Lindbergh on this first flight, but it is safe to say that there is not a ghost of a chance that Lindbergh or Postmaster Conkling would autograph any of the envelopes after the fact, if, indeed, there was any thought that they would do so. Even so, these unsigned first flight Lindberghs now have an additional interest.

The newspapers have not been slow to recognize the human interest associated with the philatelic proclivities of King George of Great Britain and King Fuad of Egypt. Many comments have been made on the kinship as well as kingship of stamp collectors, and philately, basking in the favor of these august personages, is elevated to a high plane in the minds of the populace. In the *New York Times* of Sunday, July 10th, we find a great story of King Fuad's philatelic activities that is based on the experiences of Mr. Charles J. Phillips with that royal patron, which is of engrossing interest and for the benefit of those who have not read it, we are making place for it elsewhere. Mr. Phillips, it may be added, is mighty good copy. Too, space must be granted the following editorial from the *Baltimore American* of July 16th: "Stamps. — Kings who collect them might do worse. King George of England has one of the largest collections of rare postage stamps in the world. It was recently the object of great interest to King Fuad of Egypt, himself a collector. Some people have poked fun at the fad of stamp collecting and have called it everything from silly to wasteful. But it has millions of devotees. Many

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kings have been known to collect things even more expensive. They collected ideas of divine right, class tinction, personal aggrandizement, ordination of the people and imperial King George has stuck to postage stamps as his sole collection. He is very w

Mr. Theodore Siddall, Shanghai, China, tells us that the \$5 Chinese stamp withdrawn from use two or three years ago has been replaced in use and is now common, to quote his exact words. He reports that another Chinese stamp, Kirin, with a surcharge much that for Yunnan, is represented by an overprinted set, 1/2c to \$5, and that new overprinted values of the Chinese set, 9 cent on 10 cent and 14 cent on 15 cent, are likely to make their appearance in due time.

HERE AND THERE

Mr. John A. Klemann, New York, passed through Chicago on his way to the Pacific Coast and spent several days in visiting friends there.

Mr. Charles J. Rose, Maywood, Ill., is spending a vacation in Wyoming and other western states, far from the haunts of stamp folks.

Mr. Warren H. Colson, Boston, stopped in Chicago for a few days on his trip to California, and foregathered with friends.

Mr. H. M. Bringhurst, Canton, Ohio, was a recent visitor to Chicago, where he gave a good account of activities in his home sector.

Mr. F. G. Browne, once of Chicago, has returned to Los Angeles, where he expects to establish his headquarters.

The friends of Mr. Fred H. Griswold, associate editor of *Commerce*, Chicago, will be pleased to hear that he is recovering from an operation.

Mr. A. B. Kunderd, Goshen, Indiana, was in Chicago for a short stay recently where he conferred with some of the local clan.

Mr. G. deLachasse, Avignon, France, perhaps our oldest subscriber, sends greetings to friends in this country and regrets that he will not attend the St. Louis convention but he anticipates a trip to Algiers.

Mr. Asa L. Hall, New York, has proved to us that the day of finds is not past, by showing three pairs and several single 5c brown of 1847 that he annexed en route from that city by auto to the west. An old home and "Tourists Accommodated" were the happy combination.

Canada will start an air mail service in September between Rimouski, on the St. Lawrence river, and Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto.

Soon, the Advance Sheets of the new catalogue will have the floor, and it is safe to say that the new catalogue will be bigger than ever before.



August Is Vacation Month

and I expect to be away during that period. Any correspondence of importance, however, will be taken care of and forwarded to me. I will be in St. Louis from Aug. 14th to 19th and my address will be Marquette Hotel, 18th and Washington Ave. A.P.S. members that cannot attend the Convention I will be pleased to represent if they will forward to me their proxies.

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The bi-monthly list of offers issued by J. T. Wilson, Birmingham, Eng., dated July-Aug., is one of the most attractive of the firm has printed. A story of the Strasbourg Exhibition is distributed as supplement and we quote this paragraph dealing with the 5fr and 10fr combination from the pen of Frank E. Wilson:—
"The Brussels Exhibition of 1924 marked a new era in the history of stamp exhibitions by the issue of a special sheet of 5fr stamps, to obtain which it was necessary to purchase an admission ticket to the exhibition. This brilliant idea caught on at once and was repeated at the exhibitions of the Hague 1924 and Paris 1925, also in New York 1926. Purists may object to the idea from the philatelic point of view as being speculative and unnecessary, but the system has certain undoubted advantages. It unquestionably provides an excellent advertisement for philately and also the 'sinews of war' which, alas, are necessary for all exhibitions. The issue of Strasbourg was given out to be 10,000 sheets of very neat small size, with a 5fr blue and a 10fr red stamp, inscribed between the two stamps 'Strasbourg 1927'. The neat and attractive design of the current type French (Sow-r) stamps being used. 50,000 admission tickets @ 3fr equals the respectable sum of 150,000fr, a very useful addition to the finances of an exhibition, which might otherwise cause some sleepless nights to those responsible. Last but not least, *Madam La Republique* nets the not inconsiderable sum of 750,000fr (less the rifling cost of printing) by appealing to what possibility of a profitable little flutter which surely is ingrained in most of us! But *Que voulez vous?*"

OUR BOOK REVIEW

The Postage Stamps of the Irish Free State published by A. E. Hopkins, 3 George St., Bath, England, has passed through four editions and now appears in a fifth edition revised and completed to June, 1927. The book is freely illustrated and any student of these stamps will do well to remit 2sh for a copy. A specialty has been made of illustrations of settings and enlarged reproductions of individual overprints. The Sinn Fein propaganda labels are listed, priced and illustrated.

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Some of the German automatic permits have begun to enter their hour in railroad style as 18-19, meaning 6 to 7 P. M. Previously the time was printed with the usual hourly schedules with a V for A. M. and an N for P. M. German students can dope that out for you. Ask me another.

The Ford Motor Co. and the Standard Oil Co. hither and yon seem to have standardized on the Standard box meter. The race is on, it appears, between the different meter companies.

The Let's Go slogan will soon be gone. Have you the slogan tucked away, or the best one in the series,—the Chicago Air Mail machine with the Let's Go slogan?

The recent controversy over the market possibilities of air mail covers has had effect. Someone writes and asks if such and such a cover is worth a hundred dollars. The trouble with price publicity is that everyone has rarities but no one the common 15c Air Mail stamp for sale.

A dealer complains of the summer slump. Having read the index of the Alexander Hamilton business course, we can resolutely advise that this slump is unnecessary. All one has to do is to issue a new catalogue in July instead of September or October.

The little letters in machine cancels, C, D, R and T, mean Collect, Drop, Received and Transit, respectively. They were so common ten years ago, yet many of the newer collectors have been pondering over them. For some time, Rochester, N. Y., had a P in its machine. Some net sending coins in the mail evidently busted the R in the machine.

Snooper, the Stamp Fiend, has shown us a cover with a block of eight, a block of ten and a single 12c 1857, all on the self same cover, cancelled like a dream, and all except one superb. If that one stamp hadn't been torn, we would have been interested.

And then there were 24c and 3c and 10c 1857's in strips and blocks and jagged puzzles and STEAM and WAX daubed normal, invert, double invert and upside down backwards. We would have bought these but no one asked us to.

Hannibal, Wisconsin, has a nice 4th class mark with straight bars. One seldom sees one these days.

Los Angeles used green ink with its Return to Sender machine, which easily attracts attention over the usual magenta.

Nearly every railroad now has perforated initials in their stamps. Those who have completed the R. P. O. and R. M. S series can now continue their hobby. We will never forgive the railroads for perforating their stamps or their convention railroad tickets.

BRITISH COLONIALS
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These stamps—particularly the early "classics"—are not easily featured in advts. So much depends on the actual condition of the specimens offered that priced offerings are apt to be misunderstood. I, therefore, usually price only my modern Colonials when advertising.

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Junior Glossary

Posthorn.—A posthorn, surmounted by a crown, forms the design for the early newspaper stamps of Austria and Hungary.

Postzegel.—On the 1852-64 stamps of the Netherlands.

Rayon.—The only inscription shown on some of the early stamps of Switzerland.

Reichpost.—Shown on the 1889-1900 stamps of Germany.



Republique Francaise (or Repub. Franc.)—France.

R. O.—These letters were overprinted on a few Turkish stamps used in Eastern Roumelia, which later became a part of Bulgaria.

Romana (or Roumania).—Roumania.

Roumelie Oriental.—Eastern Roumelia.

Sachsen.—Saxony.



Salonique (or Salonico).—Salonica.

Sicilia.—Sicily.

Sid.—On stamps of the Austrian Levant.

Smirne (or Smyrne).—Smyrna.

Soldi.—On stamps of Austrian Italy.

Somalia Italiana.—Italian Somaliland.

Soudan Francais.—French Soudan.

S. P. M.—These letters were overprinted on certain French Colonial stamps intended for use in St. Pierre and Miquelon.

Stati Parm (or Parmensi).—Parma.

S. Thome e Principe.—St. Thomas and Prince Islands.

S. U.—These letters were overprinted on a few Straits Settlements stamps intended for use in the native state of Sungei Ujong.

Sultanat d'Anjouan.—Anjouan.

Sverige.—Sweden.

Takca.—This word appears upon most of the Bulgarian postage due stamps.

SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS

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Stamp News for the Juniors

Is there anything you want to know about stamps or stamp collecting? If so, write the editor. What would you like to see in this department? We have no way of knowing unless you tell us. Mr. Senior Collector, can't you give the boy collector about 50 words of encouragement along practical lines? Address your letter to the Beverly office.



VISIONS OF BOYHOOD

Here is a real cartoon for our Juniors to study. Suppose you write us a letter and tell us what is happening, but don't forget the stamp album when writing your letter. Prize awards will be made. We thank the *Dearborn Independent* for use of cartoon.

Inscriptions Defined

By STANLEY PHILLIPS.

(Br.—British, Fr.—French, Ger.—German, Port.—Portuguese, Span.—Spanish.)

Bayern.—Bavaria.

Belgie (or Belgique).—Belgium.

Belgisch-Congo.—Belgian Congo.

Braunschweig.—Brunswick.

Ceskoslovenska Posta.—Czecho-Slovakia.

Congo Belge.—Belgian Congo.

Cote d'Ivoire.—Ivory Coast.

Cote Francaise des Somalis.—French Somali Coast.

C. X. C.—Jugo-Slavia.

Danmark.—Denmark.

Dansk Vestindien.—Danish West Indies.

Deutsche-Reichspost.—Germany.

Deutsches Reich.—Germany.

Deutsch Neu Guinea.—Ger. New Guinea.

Deutsch-Ostafrika.—Ger. East Africa.

Deutschostereich.—Ger. Austria (Republic).

Deutsch Sudwestafrika.—Ger. South-west Africa.

Eesti Post.—Estonia.

Empire Franc(ais).—France.

Emp. Ottomane.—Turkey.

Espana.—Spain.

Etablissements de l'Inde.—Indian Settlements (Fr.).

Etablissements de l'Oceanie.—Oceanic Settlements (Fr.).

Etat Ind(ependant) (du) Congo.—Belgian Congo.

Ethiopie.—Abyssinia.

Filip(i)nas.—Philippine Is. (Span.).

Guinea Espanola.—Guinea (Span.).

Guine.—Guinea (Port.).

Guinee.—Guinea (Fr.).

Haute Silesie.—Upper Silesia.

Haute-Volta.—Upper Volta.

H(au)t-Senegal-Niger.—Upper Senegal and Niger.

Helvetia.—Switzerland.

Island.—Iceland.

Kais(erliche) Konig(liche) Oesterr(eichische) Post.—Austria, Aust. Levant, Aust. Crete.

Kamerun.—Cameroons (Ger.).

Karolinen.—Caroline Is. (Ger.).

K. Wurt. Post.—Wurtemberg.

La Canea.—Crete (Italian).

La Georgie.—Georgia.

Latwija (or Latvija).—Lettland.

Lietuva (or Lietuvos).—Lithuania.

Magyar (Kir.) Posta.—Hungary.

Marianen.—Marianne Is. (Ger.).

Maroc.—Morocco (Fr.).

Mejico.—Mexico.

Moyen Congo.—Middle Congo (Fr.).

Nederland.—Holland.

Ned(eri)landsch - Indie.—Dutch Indies.

(To be continued.)

A Contest for the Juniors

Look this issue of our paper through and then write us which advt. is the most attractive and best written and why. Send not over 50 words. There are several stamp prizes that await the contestants and some of the answers will be printed on this page. A small ad may be just as good as a big one. Get busy, Juniors.

Paper No. 5—Porous

The soft, porous paper which distinguishes certain United States stamps printed by the American Bank Note Company from similar stamps printed by the Continental Bank Note Company is a wove paper, but owing to the fact that the mesh on the "dandy-roll" was somewhat coarse, the paper appears to be watermarked with numerous tiny dots. The 5c Garfield stamp of 1882 is a common variety which only exists on the soft porous paper.

The Canberra Commemorative

This handsome stamp proclaims the opening of the Parliament House at Canberra, Australia. The design was



one of 1,055 submitted and was awarded first honors and \$500 in cash. 15,000,000 were printed, enough for every collector to have one.

Soaking Paper from Stamps

Vernon Smith does not take kindly to hot water as a means of taking stamps from paper. He finds that hot water has faded the 2c Huguenot Walloon, Lexington-Concord, Sesqui and White Plains stamp. He writes:—"I suggest that you tell the juniors to use cold water and be patient. Cold water sets the color, while hot is apt to do the reverse."

Junior Dictionary

Milledgeville, Ga.—The capital city of Baldwin County, with a population of 3,500. A provisional envelope was issued for use here during a brief period in the Civil War.

Miranda Issue.—A name applied to a set of Venezuela stamps issued in 1896 to commemorate General Miranda, who led the unsuccessful revolt against Spain in 1811.

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How to Form a Stamp Club

The first step is to hold an informal meeting, at which as many local collectors as possible should be induced to attend. The organizers of this meeting should write, 'phone, or personally call on such collectors as are known to the club and a good way to reach any others is to induce the Editor of the local newspaper or newspapers to publish a letter on the following lines:—

SIR:—It is proposed to form a Society in this town for the promotion of the study and collection of postage stamps. A meeting will be held on..... to consider the desirability of forming such a Society and should the proposal meet with the wish of those present, to take the necessary steps for the inauguration of the Society. Anyone interested in stamp collecting is cordially invited to attend this meeting and those unable to do so but who would be willing to join the Society if formed are invited to place themselves in communication with

Yours very truly,

Secretary, pro tem.

At the inaugural meeting a Chairman must be chosen and it is as well to have decided on this gentleman beforehand.

The Chairman's duties are to make the necessary introductory remarks as to the desirability of forming a local Society, at the conclusion of which he should propose a resolution in the following terms:—

"That in the opinion of this meeting it is desirable that a Philatelic Society should be formed in....."

This resolution having been duly seconded, put to the meeting, and formally approved of, steps can be taken right away for the formation of the Society. Either a provisional committee can be formed from members present to draw up the necessary rules for the conduct of the Society and to suggest the necessary officers, or the officers can be elected right away and to them can be entrusted the task of making the rules, which can be formally agreed to at a future meeting.

The officers should consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Sales Manager. Care should be taken that suitable persons are appointed, for to the first officers the success or failure of the undertaking will be due. Especial care should be taken to elect a good Secretary, for, as a rule, much of the organization and most of the work of the Society falls to this officer.

The rules should be as few and simple as possible, for a start at any rate, for of course it is always possible to amplify or amend these at any future date.

The following short list will probably serve as a guide:—

1. **Name of Society.**—This Society shall be known as "The..... Philatelic Society."

2. **Objects.**—The objects of this Society shall be to promote the study and collection of postage stamps; the bringing together of local collectors; and mutual assistance on all matters appertaining to the hobby.

3. **Membership.**—Any local collector is eligible for membership and applica-



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Quorum.—Five shall form a quo-
rum at all committee meetings.
Meetings.—Meetings will be held
at
annual general meeting will be held
..... of each year,
in the officers for the ensuing year
shall be elected.
The Society having been duly formed,
the officers elected, and the rules drawn
up the next step is to make arrangements
for the programme to be followed during
the ensuing season. The preparation of
this will probably fall on the Secretary
as he should prevail upon as many
members as possible to show portions of
their collections, take part in discussions
on philatelic matters, etc. In the case
of local Society where the membership
is likely to be limited, it is a good plan
to take some country for purposes of
study at each meeting and invite every
member to bring all the stamps he has of
that country so that notes can be com-
pared, knotty points discussed, and dupli-
cates exchanged.

OUR HONOR CLUB
Mr. W. Angers, Springfield, Mass.
and W. Savage, Worcester, Mass.
Mr. Angers, who this week joins the
Honor Club, is well known to our readers
as especially those interested in air mail
stamps. He has been a most loyal advo-
cate of this philatelic specialty. We thank
him for his check for \$5 for membership
in the Club.
We are also glad to enter the name of
Mr. W. Savage, 17 Piedmont St.,
Worcester, Mass., a member of the
A.S. and the S.P.A. Mr. Savage
writes us that he has only one fault to
find with the WEEKLY, and this does not
pertain to our reading matter but to
advertising. He queries, "Why do I
never see any Sarawak items? Hasn't
anyone got any?" We hope that some
of our advertisers will show what they
can do in Sarawak offerings.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

Gibbons Catalogue, 1928

We have now received a definite official ruling
that the importation of our priced Catalogue of
Postage Stamps into the United States, in its pre-
sent form is illegal, a matter on which we have
hitherto been in doubt.

As the preparation of the new edition is too far
advanced for us to do anything this year in the
matter of cancelling the illustrations, we regret to
inform the many users of our Catalogue in the United
States that we shall be unable to accept orders for
this catalogue, and that none will be despatched by
us to addresses in the United States of America.

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HAITI - DE PINEDO

By HARRY E. HUBER.

On Feb. 13, 1927, Col. Francesco de
Pinedo started on his four-continent
flight, from Cagliari, Sardinia, Italy,
flying first to Africa and South America;
thence to the United States via Haiti and
Cuba, and back to Italy, via Canada,
Newfoundland and the Azores. His flight
of approximately 48,000 miles was con-
cluded on June 16th, when he arrived at
Ostia, at the mouth of the Tiber, about
15 miles from Rome.

Before he reached Port au Prince, the
Haitian postal authorities inquired of the
Italian Charge d'affaires if Commander
de Pinedo would be willing to take a
small air mail to the United States, and
receiving an affirmative reply, public an-
nouncement was made.

A special cancelling stamp was pre-
pared with AVION above a plane (the
old one used for the inland air mails has
the plane and AVION in reversed posi-
tions), and this was applied in violet to
both the postage stamps and the cover.
Ordinary postage stamps were used with-
out any overprint, and the inland air
mail rate of 50c de g. was charged in
addition to the regular letter rate to the
United States of 10c de g.

The postal cancellation is in black,
"Port au Prince, Haiti" (inside a single
lined circle, measuring 26mm) with the
date in three lines in the center, 28 MAR
27, and in addition, the covers were rub-
ber stamped in violet, "Le Cafe D'Haiti
est le meilleur" (Haitian coffee is the
best in the world).

When Commr. de Pinedo arrived at
Port au Prince, and the mail was deliv-
ered to him, he refused to take it, saying
that practically every time he had car-
ried mail, he had met with mishap.

It has been reported that the special
marking was applied to all mail deposited
on the day of Commr. de Pinedo's arrival,
to commemorate his passing through, but
as a matter of fact, it was applied only
to the air mail which had been prepared

to go by De Pinedo's plane. The postal
administration has been criticised for
announcing that a mail would be carried,
but the fault was not theirs, inasmuch as
they had the assurance of the Italian
Charge d'affaires that the mail would
be accepted.

American Goodwill Tour, 1927.

Early in the year, the American Good-
will flyers started on their tour of Cen-
tral and South America, covering in all
about 18,500 miles. When they passed
through Port au Prince in April, 1927,
on their return from South America, they
accepted a small air mail for the United
States, 93 letters in all. I have not yet
seen these covers and cannot give par-
ticulars of the postal and special mark-
ings applied.

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By SEVARD.

Embarrassing Moments

"Last week while I was in a friend
stamp dealer's office, I scribbled down
some figures on a small scrap of pa-
per, computing what I was going to bid
on some genuine picked 2c browns.
After jotting down figures to my sat-
isfaction, I tore up the slip of paper,
and one can imagine my embarrass-
ment when the dealer told me I had
torn up a block of four of a stamp
he referred to as the 5c 1847. We
both laughed at my mistake."—R. M. S.

From the Lips of Babes

"When the Liberty Bell stamp was
issued, my daughter, aged 3, noticed
the copy I had purchased, and called
my attention to the bell on the stamp.
'Look, Daddy,' she said, 'there's a crack
in the bell. Why is that?' I imme-
diately explained to the little darling
that the bell cracked when it rang to
make us free. 'How could it ring to
make us free,' she replied, 'when there
are only two of us?'—R. F. D.

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age was the same as the amount for
the stamps, I refused to pay for the
stamps. What do you think of any-
body who wants to charge me for the
stamps I took?"—R. P. O.

True Confessions

"Last week, our company got a lot of
precancelled stamps, and I snicked off
a bunch for my collection. Many col-
lectors say they are rare stamps, and
that I could sell them, but I simply
wouldn't do that. Can you imagine?"
—D. O. M.

A Good Act Every Day

"My friend sent me some high valued
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tions, so I cut every stamp."—NARCOTIC.

Today's Gem:

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Weekly Jingles

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kin speshlize er let it be,
But I got no call to pester stamps dat
doesn't pester me;
I been a watchin' speshlists who's allus
on the run,
En de mo dey c'lects, de mo dey
c'lects,
Dey nevah gits no fun,
An' what's de use c'lecting what dey
nevah does git done?"

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In the way of singles, there are three to ten copies of each variety, nicely shaded. This includes the State dollar values in the light and dark shades, the Navy error, together with the special print "Specimen" sets all complete from 1c to 90c inclusive. There is a pair of the \$2.00 State on the specimen paper, and in the specimen shade, without surcharge, something I have not seen heretofore.

The blocks are truly a superb lot. There is a mint horizontal block of six of the 1c Executive, found a few years back in Washington, the only block of this stamp known. There are blocks of four of the Executive 2c and 10c. I know of but one other block of each. Agriculture, Interior, Post Office, Navy, Treasury, and War are complete in block form on hard paper. This includes the 12c Agriculture, the rare Navy 7c, 24c and 90c, the Treasury 24c and the rare War 1c, 2c, 3c, 6c and 12c, the latter an unusually scarce block. Justice blocks are complete through the 12c with several State blocks, including the \$20 with sheet margins on three sides. Most of the soft paper blocks are in the collection, including a superb block of the Treasury 30c. About twelve to fifteen blocks are to be found with "Specimen" overprint.

The collection has been broken, and want lists are solicited. While the rarer blocks have been placed, many of the scarcer ones are still available, together with the singles. These, added to the wonderful lot of used Departments recently purchased and announced, gives me one of the finest stocks of U. S. Official issues now in the hands of any professional.

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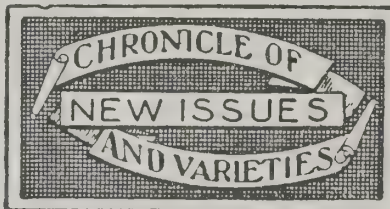
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United States

Burgoyne Commemorative Stamp

Under date of July 15th, the Third Assistant Postmaster General, Mr. R. S. Regar, officially announced the coming of the 2c Burgoyne stamp as follows:—

"Postmasters and others connected with the Postal Service are notified that the department is about to issue a new 2-cent Burgoyne Campaign stamp to commemorate the Battles of Fort Stanwix, Oriskany, Bennington, and Saratoga.

The new stamp is the same shape and size as the special-delivery stamp, 1 1/4/100 by 84/100 inches, and will be printed in red ink. The central design represents the surrender of General Burgoyne, and is inclosed in panels bearing the words "Fort Stanwix," at the left, "Oriskany" at the top, and "Bennington" at the right, with the word "Saratoga" beneath the design. In a curved panel near the top of the stamp are the words "U. S. postage" in white Roman letters, and on ribbon scrolls in both upper corners are the years "1777" and "1927". In an ornamental panel at the bottom of the stamp appears the word "Cents" with the numeral "2" in both lower corners with in circles supported by acanthus scrolls. Immediately beneath the central vignette appear the words "Surrender of Genl. Burgoyne."

The new Burgoyne Campaign stamp will first be placed on sale August 3, 1927, at the post offices at Albany, Rome, Syracuse, and Utica, N. Y., and Washington, D. C., and for the benefit of stamp collectors and dealers it will also be placed on sale the same date at the

Philatelic Agency, Division of Stamps, Post Office Department.

This stamp will be issued in sheets of 50 and postmasters at central and direct accounting offices desiring a supply may draw requisitions for limited quantities on Form 3201, and the words "Burgoyne campaign stamps" to be written plainly on the blank. District postmasters may obtain small quantities of this stamp to meet the local demand by requisition on their central-accounting postmasters."

It will be noticed that this variety will appear for the first time in the cities identified with the Burgoyne Campaign.

Vermont Sesquicentennial Stamp

The Vermont Sesquicentennial Stamp, which we have heretofore referred to as the Bennington Variety, will be also issued on August 3rd, and the following announcement from Mr. Regar gives the official details:—

"Postmasters and postal employees are notified that the department is about to issue a new 2-cent postage stamp to commemorate the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the independence of Vermont and the Battle of Bennington.

This new stamp is the shape and size as the ordinary stamp, 75/100 by 87/100 inches, and is printed in red ink. The central design represents a Green Mountain boy dressed in buckskin leaning on his rifle. Across the top of the stamp in a straight line are the words "Vermont Sesquicentennial" in small block letters, and in an arched panel supported by small ornamental brackets are the words "U. S. postage" in white Roman letters. On ribbon scrolls in both upper corners appear the years "1777" at the left, and "1927" at the right. Within circles in both lower corners is the white numeral "2" with the word "Cents" in a panel connecting the circles. To the left of the central design is a loose ribbon bearing the word "Bennington" in small Roman letters.

The Vermont Sesquicentennial stamp will first be placed on sale August 3, at the post offices at Bennington, Vt., and Washington, D. C., and for the benefit of stamp collectors and others who may be interested, it will also be placed on sale the same date at the Philatelic Agency, Division of Stamps, Post Office Department.

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The Economist Stamp Company advised that they have located a copy of the issue of 1869, with inverted center, showing a distinct stitch watermark. This stamp has not been known heretofore.

Air Mail Notes

The United States Post Office Department has passed another milestone in development of the air mails by award of the first contract for an international service.

The Pan-American Airways, Inc., New York City, received the contract under date of July 18th, calling for carrying of mail by air between New York, Florida, and Habana, Cuba.

This route is classified as foreign service. Air Mail postage is not necessary. Ordinary first-class mail will be handled by Air instead of by steamer as at present. Mail steamers leave Key West 8.30 A. M., and arrive in Habana at P. M., and operate on a similar schedule northbound. The plane probably will leave Key West at 8 A. M. and arrive in Habana an hour later, the distance being only approximately 90 miles.

Under date of July 18th, the Post Office Department invited bids, returnable August 18th, on two additional mail routes, one between Atlanta and New Orleans via Birmingham and Mobile, and the other between Memphis and St. Louis. The successful bidders are expected to begin service on both routes not later than six months from the date of award of contract.

The action followed the return of Washington last Friday of Mr. W. Irving Glover, Second Assistant Postmaster General, from Birmingham, where he conferred with representatives of business organizations from New Orleans, Mobile and Birmingham.

The proposed New Orleans - Atlanta route will link up with the Atlanta - New York route which is expected to begin operation about November 1, and will establish a continuous air line connecting between New Orleans and Boston.

Four of the twelve Federal Reserve Banks—Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Richmond—and two of the twelve Federal Reserve branch banks—Birmingham and New Orleans—are on the route.

Philippines
Mr. C. F. Brown, Disbursing Agent for Philippine Revenues, at Washington, D. C., now announces that the Department has received 500 copies of the 1 peso, perforated 11, which are available at their face value, 50c, plus return postage.

Mr. Brown also states that he has received 300 of the 16c, bearing a portrait of Admiral Sampson, available at each. The latter, however, are poorly centered.

JHIND.—Nasik printing, wmk. Mu Star, "Jhind State" in one line, 3 pieces. Stamp Collecting.

LEEWARD ISLANDS.—Harry E. Hub writes that the 3d on yellow script, plate 16, is announced for issue 1st July, 1927. It will be distributed by the Federal Postmaster (F. de Freitas) from St. John's, Antigua, to all the President Post Offices, so all may benefit from sales to collectors and dealers.—Philatelic Magazine.

LUXEMBURG.—Two stamps will be issued in four shades on September 4, 1927.

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SYRIA (Grand Liban).—From Mr. F. G. Mayhew we learn that "by Decree 1244 of May 21st, all Grand Liban stamps, except the provisionals, are to be overprinted 'REPUBLIQUE LIBANAISE', the correct official designation of the State."—Stamp Collecting.

TURKEY.—Mr. D. Hepworth has kindly shown us a copy of a Turkish air mail stamp. Inscription entirely in Turkish characters. Aeroplane in flight, Star and Crescent in background. Design in green over a pale yellow filigree. Being without any other information we are unable to say if this is of an official or private character.—Stamp Collecting.

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STAMP NOTES AND NEWS

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Australia.—We have now received a supply of the stamps issued to celebrate the opening of the Federal Parliament at Canberra, which show an emblematic figure of Australia waving a sprig of wattle over the new Parliament buildings. The plates were engraved in London by Messrs. Waterlow & Sons, Ltd., but the stamps were printed in Melbourne by the Government printer.

Canada.—A new set of stamps was issued July 1:—1c orange, head of Sir John A. Macdonald; 2c green, picture of the Fathers of Confederation; 3c red, picture of the centre block of the Parliament Buildings; 5c purple, head of Sir Wilfred Laurier; 12c, blue, map of Canada; a Special Delivery 20c red, showing five stages of mail transportation in Canada.

Ecuador.—We have received a set of three stamps issued to celebrate the opening of the new Post Office at Quito. The stamps are of large size and show a picture of the new Post Office. The denominations are 5 centavos orange, 10 centavos green, and 20 centavos purple, all of the same design and dated "1927" in the top corners. They have been printed by the American Bank Note Company.

Greece.—We have received a fresh supply of the new one drachma pictorial stamps in quite a different colour to the first lot we received, which were blue and orange; the new one is evidently from a fresh printing, the colours being blue and brown, and as this is a distinct variety, we are distributing it through our New Issue Service.

Holland.—We have received a supply of the new Red Cross stamps which have been issued to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of the Dutch Red Cross Society. There are five denominations as follows:—2c+2c red, William III; 3c+2c green, Queen Mother; 5c+3c indigo, Prince Consort; 7 1/2c+3 1/2c blue, Queen Wilhelmina; 15c+5c red and blue, the design of this stamp is rather a weird one, which we find impossible to describe. All the stamps are dated "1867-1927." The premium charged for the benefit of the Red Cross is not shown on the stamps.

Japan.—We are informed that a new set of stamps was issued on June 30th to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of Japan joining the Universal Postal Union, the denominations are 1 1/2, 3, 4 and 10 sen. We have not yet seen any of these stamps, but it is said that the design of one of them is a map of the world, and another the likeness of Baron Mayezima, Japan's first Postmaster-General.

Mongolia.—A new set of stamps has been issued for this country with values shown in "mung" and "tuhrik", 100 mung being equal to one tuhrik. It is impossible for us to import these stamps from Mongolia and we are therefore afraid that we shall not be able to distribute them through our New Issue Service. We have been able to secure a few sets at a premium and offer them so far as they will go; our prices will be found on

page 11 of this list. New issue subscribers who are desirous of obtaining these stamps should order at once, as we do not think we shall be able to get any more at the same rate. The full set consists of eleven denominations, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50 mung, 1, 3, 5 tuhrik.

Nejd and Dependencies.—We have received a few sets of the current type, 1/8, 1/4, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 3, 5 and 10 piastres stamps overprinted in Arabic to commemorate the proclamation of King Ibn Saud of the Hejaz as King of the Nejd and Dependencies. Our agent informs us that these stamps are very difficult to obtain, the total issue being 12,000, of which only 3,000 were issued to Jeddah; we assume the numbers referred to are the number of sets issued. It is doubtful whether we shall be able to distribute these stamps through our New Issue Service, but our agent is doing his best to obtain a further supply for us and if he is successful we shall, of course, give our new issue subscribers the benefit. The 3, 5 and 10 piastres stamps have not yet been issued without the overprint.

Norway.—It has been stated in various quarters that new stamps are about to be issued to commemorate the Centenary of Henrik Ibsen, but we are informed that these stamps will not be issued before March 20th, 1928, which is the birthday of Ibsen. Two new provisionals have been made by overprinting the 45 ore Lion type and Svalbard issue "30 ore." We have received also a new Air Post stamp, 45 ore blue, which shows a picture of an aeroplane in flight.

Palestine.—Two denominations of the new pictorial issue have now been received and are being distributed through our New Issue Service this month. The denominations are 3 milliemes light green showing a picture of Rachel's Tomb, and the 13 milliemes dark blue showing the Dome of the Rock at Jerusalem. We understand that the rest of the set will probably be issued about August next.

Poland.—To celebrate the Fourth International Medical Congress held in Warsaw at the beginning of June, three new stamps have been issued, 10 groszy green, 25 groszy red and 40 groszy blue, each bearing a portrait of Dr. Karol Kaczowski, who was Surgeon-General to the Polish Armies in 1831. Another new 20 groszy stamp has also been issued with a portrait of the Polish writer, Slowacki.

Russia.—The 1, 7, 8, 10 and 14 kopeks, Postage Due stamps of 1925, have been overprinted "8 kopeks", for use as ordinary postage stamps. The set exists without watermark and on the watermarked paper. For price see page 17. We understand that the use of Postage Due stamps has now been discontinued in Soviet Russia.

St. Helena.—The three new stamps on script watermarked paper, 1s 6d, 2s 6d and 5s, are being distributed through our New Issue Service this month. It is interesting to note that the broken flag variety does not occur on this new printing, but the variety showing the cleft in the rock, or, as is sometimes termed, the seal's head variety, still occurs on the sheet on the 49th stamp.

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Surinam.—A new set has been issued here in a similar design to the Coronation issue, type "p" in our catalogue, showing a crowned portrait of Queen Wilhelmina, but these stamps are not quite so large as the Coronation type and the dates at the top are omitted. The denominations received are as follows:—10c carmine, 12½c orange, 15c indigo, 20c slate, 25c purple, 30c green and 35c sepia.

Uruguay.—On May 25th an International Philatelic Exhibition was held in Montevideo and to celebrate the event a special issue of stamps was made showing a representation of a building, presumably where the Exhibition was held, and inscribed "Exposicion Filatelica Montevideo 1927". There are three denominations:—2c green, 5c red and 8c blue, printed by Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., Ltd., London, in sheets of four imperforate. The stamps were on sale only at the special Exhibition Post Office and not more than ten blocks of each were sold to any one applicant.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

CUBAN NOTES

By E. M. ASH.

I wish to point out that there appears to be quite the wrong impression with regard to the 10-cent stamp of Cuba, which depicts a view of Morro Castle Lighthouse and an Airplane.

This stamp is not an Air-Mail stamp as stated in your issue of June 6th, but is a "Special Delivery" stamp and is used in the same manner as that type of stamp is used in U. S.; furthermore, there is no airmail stamp or airmail service in the Republic of Cuba at this date.

The imperforate issues of Cuba current stamps, 1, 2 and 5c were out several months ago and were duly chronicled in many philatelic papers; it is understood they were originally to be devoted to use in machines and not proving suitable were sold imperforate (in sheets

only) to those who wanted them.

Since 1917, Cuba has issued one commemorative stamp, and has not yet the design of her stamps, the only variation being the change of unwatermarked paper to watermarked, so that it truly be said that this country's record to be proud of, and one is hard to beat. Can any other country show a better record than Cuba?

ARREST OF R. T. GOODE

Information is at hand announcing the arrest of R. T. Goode, alias Ray C. Salem, Ore. It is charged that he has been circulating fictitious precanceled stamps. A newspaper clipping states Goode has been "flooding the Pacific cities over a period of several months and he will be faced with serious charges."

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NEWFOUNDLAND AIR MAIL ESSAYS

By HARRY E. HUBER.

In the latter days of May, 1919, an
Air Bill was passed by the House of
Assembly of Newfoundland, and with
modifications, was later approved by the
Legislative Council, or Upper House,
giving to the Imperial Aircraft Co., Ltd.
of England, the right to make surveys
for establishing airdromes on Crown
lands, in connection with a proposed
daily service with Montreal. The dis-
tance, it was expected, could be covered
in about 15 hours, as compared with the
four or five days required by the sea
and land route. The Bill also provided
for an inter-town service, with smaller
planes. The service never materialised.

Consideration was also given at the
same time to connecting up St. John's,
with Nova Scotia, and so favorable were
the prospects of this service being in-
augurated at an early date, that in the
summer of 1919, Messrs. Whitehead,
Morris & Co., Ltd., postage stamp
printers, at the request of Dr. J. Alex.
Robinson, Postmaster-General of New-
foundland, prepared and submitted three
essays for air mail stamps. The Car-
ibou's head and an airplane in flight are
common to all three designs (one for
5c and two for 10c denominations), and
oak leaves and acorns in addition, to
the two 10c essays. This probably gave
rise to the rumor that special stamps
were being prepared for the visit of the
Prince of Wales to the island, on August
12th and 13th, 1919, just as the 4c of
the Royal series, with the features of
Queen Mary, had been issued, when
Their Majesties (then Prince and
Princess of Wales) visited Newfound-
land on October 23-24-25, 1901, while
on Empire tour.

In the first essay, 5c brown and black,
a vertical rectangle, tall pine trees at
the right and left frame a view of tim-
berland, with mountains in the distance,
and an airplane above clouds. "New-
foundland" and "Aerial Postage" are in
two lines at the top, and squares in the
lower corners contain the value, with
the Caribou's head, within a circle, be-
tween.

The second essay, a 10c value, mag-
enta and blue, takes the same form,
and with its heavy scroll work at the
sides is the least pleasing of the three.
The value appears in the upper corners,
with "Aerial Postage" between; across
the foot is "Newfoundland," with the
Caribou's head within a circle above.
The vignette pictures an airplane above
cloudbanks.

The form of the third, 10c pale green
and black, is a horizontal rectangle, and
in this "Newfoundland" appears at the
top, with the value 10c on a shield in the
upper right corner. In the lower left
corner is the Caribou's head, with "Aer-
ial Postage" in a straight line to the
right. A view of the town and har-
bor of St. John's (looking out towards

the Narrows), with an airplane in flight,
occupies a central position.

Had success attended the proposed
flight of Major Cotton from Botwood,
Nfld. to Halifax, N. S., in December,
1921, an air mail service would doubtless
have been inaugurated between New-
foundland and the mainland, and air
mail stamps issued in the design of the
third essay. Both the Minister of Posts
and Telegraphs, Hon. W. W. Halfyard,
and Maj. F. Sydney Cotton, the Aus-
tralian aviator, thought favorably of
this design, although Major Cotton felt
that the airplane should be made larger.

Although unsuccessful in securing
from the Newfoundland Government a
concession to carry air mails, Major
Cotton carried, during 1922 and 1923, a
number of local mails to the northern
settlements of Newfoundland, and sev-
eral to Labrador. No special stamps
were issued, and only the inland letter
rate of 3c was charged.

The first flight to Labrador (Cart-
wright) was made from Botwood,
northern Newfoundland, in March, 1922,
and in the following month, another
flight was made to Labrador and back in
nine hours. The plane left Botwood at
10.15 a.m. April 20th, landed at St.
Anthony on the northern peninsula, at
12.30 p.m., and at 2.30 p.m. was over
Battle Harbour, Labrador, but on ac-
count of broken ice in the harbor was
forced to land at Hoop Hole Cove. On
the return trip a stop was made at St.
Anthony, and at 7.05 p.m. the plane was
back at Botwood. On this second flight
to Labrador, the letters carried were
rubber stamped "Per Aerial Mail" in
violet.

On March 24, 1923, an air mail was
carried from Botwood to Hawke's Har-
bour, on the west coast, and on the
27th the flight was continued to Forteau,
Labrador, where mails were left for for-
warding to the northern settlements. On
the return flight to Hawke's Harbour, a
landing was made at Flower's Cove on
the northern peninsula. No special of-
ficial marking was applied to this mail.

In the pictorial series of 1923-24, air
mail stamps of two values, 10c green and
black and 15c brown and black were de-
cided upon, the former in the design of
the third essay (town and harbor of St.
John's), and on the latter a representa-
tion of the Vickers-Vimy machine at
Quidi Vidi, just before Capt. John
Alcock and Lt. A. W. Brown started on
their successful Trans-Atlantic flight on
June 14, 1919. The stamps would have
been ordered had a contract been entered
into with Major Cotton for the winter
carrying of mails, but as this did not
materialize, the planes were shipped away
from the island in October, 1923. There
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In June, 1927, Major Cotton returned to Newfoundland in charge of an expedition, financed in New York, to search in the wilds of Newfoundland and Labrador, for Capt. Charles Nungesser and Francois Coli, who left Paris for New York, on May 7th and since leaving the Irish Coast have not been heard from. Major Cotton's intention was to fly from New York, but later plans were changed, and the expedition with the monoplane "Jeanne d'Arc" sailed from New York, on board the Red Cross s. s. "Silvia," June 4th and reached St. John's on the 9th. Incidentally, a representation of this steamer is to appear on the 5c gray of the Communications series, due for appearance towards the end of the year. The inscription proposed by the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs, Hon. W. J. Woodford, is "s. s. Silvia, 1½ days to Halifax; 4½ days to New York."

THOSE CANCELLATIONS

By H. BEDFORD-JONES.

I have been much interested in the articles by C. E. Eckel and Col. Witbeck regarding the 10c orange used in France, 1917-1919, as I was recently fortunate enough to obtain a large lot of A. E. F. covers addressed to French points. Unluckily, these are now packed and are not available for some time; as these gentlemen are specialists and I am not, the covers are at their disposition later, if they so desire.

There are one or two points not brought out in the articles. Besides the 10c orange and the 1c, the 2c stamp was also used, in blocks, for registration within France. A number of these covers are so affranchised. Also, all of these stamps were used in combination with French stamps, of various values, or were used without French stamps.

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tions such as this paragraph suggest, will
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clippings received from time to time.
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our matter is more pressing.

LETTERS "a long time in transit" are
frequently exploited in the metro-
politan press. After we had mentioned
a few of these we came to the conclu-
sion that their value was nil from a phil-
atelic standpoint.

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ALONG THE WAY

Bids will be opened for an air mail
service between Chicago and Cincin-
nati, on August 18th. The route will
include Indianapolis and its distance is
approximately 270 miles.

Fred Ross, who was one of the first
to collect western franks, passed through
Chicago en route from San Francisco to
New York and called on a few of his
friends in that city.

We have been invited to attend a din-
ner to be given at Westfield, New York,
on July 30th at 6.30 P.M., by Mr. Thomas
H. Pratt of Kingsport, Tenn., and
Mr. Roscoe B. Martin, Forestville, N. Y.
Mr. Pratt will show sections of his
wonderful Confederates that won a
prize at the recent Strasburg exhibi-
tion. We quote: "It is our wish that
each guest bring along a few choice
pieces for display and also some items
for sale or exchange. . . It seems to
us that a gathering of this kind, if at-
tended as we hope it will be, by col-
lectors from Rochester, Buffalo, Cleveland,
Pittsburg and in-between places should
result in a lot of worth while acquaint-
ances." The idea is a good one and has
a practical application.

The Philatelic Club of Los Angeles,
Cal., had Mr. J. A. M. Josephson on
the cards to show his Nineteenth Cen-
tury general collection on July 25th.
Eight new members came into the club
at the preceding meeting.

Under date of July 23rd, 1927, the
postmaster of Springfield, Ill., Mr. Wm.
H. Conkling sent out a supplement to the
Postmark in which it is announced: "We
are telling the world that Col. Lindbergh
has set the date August 15th, to visit
Springfield, Ill.; when 'Lindbergh Field'
will be dedicated to him, this special air
mail flight made, and as it has been
deemed by all concerned practically
impossible to carry this mail in 'The
Spirit of St. Louis,' it will be carried in
a special air mail plane and pilot as escort
to Col. Lindbergh. Remember this is
air mail stamped with, and wrapped in
the heroic history of American Boyhood."
It is shown that mail carried on the
escorting plane will have the cancellation

in a rectangular frame: "Carried in
Mail Plane Escort to Col. Lindbergh,"
in addition to the special Lindbergh Day
cancellation.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., AIR MAIL

The Springfield, Ill., P. O. informs
us of a new Lindbergh Air Mail can-
cellation. We quote from the circular
letter as follows:

"We are telling the world that Col.
Lindbergh has set the date, August 15th,
to visit Springfield, Ill., when "Lind-
bergh Field" will be dedicated to him,
and a Special Air Mail Flight made. As
it has been deemed by all concerned
practically impossible to carry this mail



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ESCORT TO
COL. LINDBERGH**

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achievements will be attached, and a
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RELATIVE RARITY AND CATALOG PRICES

OF NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA

By CHARLES J. PHILLIPS.

Luckily we have complete records of
the "pence" issues of New Brunswick
and Nova Scotia as printed by Perkins,
Bacon & Co. These are quoted in an
interesting article by Mr. E. D. Bacon in
The London Philatelist, Vol. 24, p. 31.

The number of stamps sent to the
Colony was as follows:

| | |
|------------------|--------------|
| Aug. 6, 1851, 3d | 10,080 |
| Oct. 22, " 3d | 2,500 12,580 |

| | |
|---------------|-----------|
| Aug. 6, " 6d | 5,120 |
| Oct. 22, " 6d | 618 5,738 |

| | |
|----------------|-----------|
| Aug. 6, " 1sh | 5,120 |
| Oct. 22, " 1sh | 312 5,432 |

Mr. Bacon goes on to state, "The
'pence' stamps were in use in New Brun-
swick for nearly nine years, and the small
numbers show what little demand there
was in the colony for postage stamps
from 1851 to 1860."

I think that the bulk of the 6d were
used for postage, but that the bulk of
the 1sh were destroyed, as they were
damaged by damp in the vault in which
they were kept (*vide infra*).

In trying to estimate relative rarity of
New Brunswick and Nova Scotia stamps
we should, to some extent, be guided by
the number of people in the different
colonies.

In 1901 there were 331,000 in New
Brunswick against 460,000 in Nova Scotia.

I have no figures available showing the
population 50 years earlier, but it would
probably be much less, and consist main-
ly of people who wrote few letters.

Comparing similar values in both col-
onies, I find the 3d Nova Scotia in ordi-
nary shade a fairly common stamp. The
New Brunswick 3d is five to ten times as
scarce. The 6d yellow-green Nova Scotia
is attainable in fair numbers and in
really good condition, whereas the 6d
New Brunswick is decidedly scarce and
is exceptionally rare with good margins.

Some of these figures are remarkable
and as these stamps are important and
popular ones, they deserve to be studied
in some detail.

The New Brunswick figures are re-
markably small, but the public demand
for these stamps was not enough to use
up this small stock in eight years, as in
the Postmaster General's Report for 1859
he says, in speaking of these "pence"
issues:

"The principal part of those remaining
on hand are unfit for sale, having been
damaged by being stored in the vault,
which was so damp as to cause them to
mold and the color to run."

The 6d yellow has always been a good
stamp, but it will be news to most of my
readers to find that it is nearly as good
as the 1s, according to the numbers
printed.

These three stamps seem to be greatly
undervalued in all catalogues, and at
present prices must prove a remarkably
good buy.

I recently asked two prominent spe-
cialists in New York and one in Canada
what they thought of the relative rarity
of the one shilling stamps of New Brun-
swick and of Nova Scotia. They all

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| 5 | 1857, 5d violet-brown, unused | | \$ 5.00 \$ 2.50 |
| 19 | 1862, 5d red-brown, unused | | 3.50 2.50 |
| 19a | 5d bright red-brown, unused | | 3.50 2.50 |
| 18 | 4d rose, unused | | 1.50 .75 |
| 20 | 6d rose, unused | | .75 .50 |
| 21 | 6½d rose, unused | | 6.00 3.50 |
| 22 | 8d rose, unused | | 6.00 3.50 |
| 24 | 1866, 2c green, unused | | 2.00 1.75 |
| 25 | 5c brown, unused | | 30.00 18.00 |
| 25 | 5c brown, used | | 20.00 12.50 |
| 26 | 10c black, unused | | 7.00 3.50 |
| 26 | 10c black, used | | 3.50 2.00 |
| 27 | 12c red-brown, unused | | 1.25 .75 |
| 28 | 13c orange, unused | | 2.00 1.35 |
| 32 | 1868-73, 3c blue, used | | 1.75 .75 |
| 33 | 5c black, unused | | 17.50 10.00 |
| 33 | 5c black, used | | 15.00 8.50 |
| 34 | 6c rose, unused | | .50 .25 |
| 35 | 1876-79, 1c brown-lilac, unused | | 6.00 3.00 |
| 37 | 3c blue, used | | 1.00 .50 |
| 38 | 5c blue, used | | .80 .40 |
| 39 | 1880, 1c violet-brown, unused | | .80 .50 |
| 40 | 1c gray-brown, unused | | 1.50 .50 |
| 41 | 2c yellow-green, unused | | 2.00 1.00 |
| 98 | 1911 Engraved, 6c, unused | | 1.75 1.00 |
| 99 | 8c, unused | | 4.00 2.75 |
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In attempting to estimate the re-
lative value of the "pence" issues of
Scotia, we have one great difficulty
contend with, and that is, that, in
when the "cents" issues came in,
were large numbers of the "pence"
all values, on hand, and these were
sequently destroyed, and no record
to be available of what number
stamps were destroyed.

Let us see if we can form any id-
relative rarity from the figures and
of the number of stamps sent to
Colony by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon
Sent from London:

| | |
|----------------|-------------------|
| 3d, Aug. 1851, | 10,080 |
| 3d, Oct. 1851, | 5,000 |
| 3d, July 1857, | 1,600,000 1,615,0 |

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| 6d, Aug. 1851, | 5,120 |
| 6d, Oct. 1851, | 1,236 |
| 6d, July 1857, | 400,000 406,3 |

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|----------------|---------------|
| 1s, Aug. 1851, | 5,120 |
| 1s, Oct. 1851, | 312 |
| 1s, July 1857, | 200,000 205,4 |

The only indication I can find of
amount of stamps actually sold is
Reports of the Postmaster General
the 1852 report it says postage stamps
value £355 were sold and in 1857 re-
the value of stamps sold in the two
given as £2855. Taking these two fig-
and forming a pro rata progression
the 8 years the "pence" issues were
use, I reckon that about £13,000
value of stamps were used in that pe-
and as £43,124 face value was sent to
Colony, it appears probable that
£30,000 worth was destroyed.

Now, another point that helps is
different colors in the 6d and 1s stamps.

Mr. E. D. Bacon shows that the
yellow-green were the printings of 1
and there were 6,356 of these. I t
all of us who have handled quantities
these stamps have found out that the
deep green is at least four times as
as the yellow-green, so out of 400
6d deep green (July 1857), I doubt
more than 1,500 to 2,000 were used.

As regards the 1s cold violet, t
were 5,432 of these in the two print-
of 1851. Now, we all know that the
cold violet is the rarer of the two co-
and the printing of July 1857 was 200
in the "purple" color, so out of the

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We have received particulars of the proposed issue by France to commemorate the visit of the American Legion to France to attend the convention at Paris, from several correspondents, one of whom says: "If there were more ambitious plans that called for the production of more than two stamps, they have given way to the decision to issue two stamps, one of which will be of the denomination of ninety centimes which is the rate on postal cards to foreign countries and the other, of one franc, fifty centimes, the foreign letter rate. The 90c will be in red and bear the picture of which and the 1fr. 50c will show Lafayette; color, blue. The stamps will be valid only for the month of September, 1927, and while the number of each stamp to be issued is not announced, it is certain that there will be enough stamps to go around." From a Paris newspaper, sent to us by Mr. Harold C. Brooks, Marshall, Michigan, who was visiting there, we learn that the two stamps are intended to symbolize the bond between the U. S. and this country and that their short tenure of use will add to their interest in a collecting sense. We quote: "Although this issue cannot be made on the improved machines which the government is buying, it is promised that they will be printed with extreme care and will have real artistic merit."

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he establish his stamp loss on the basis of prices that he paid for the stamps in the collection. He has written to one dealer to ask for a record of purchases that he made at auction and presumably to others who have enjoyed his custom. As a precautionary measure, it is advisable to keep a record of important, if not all, stamp purchases in the list of effects on which insurance is carried.

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A correspondent asks why the daily newspapers often have philatelic news in their columns before the stamp papers have; and the question is answered by saying that because the dailies have an advantage over the philatelic press in that they can publish such news as received from the post office department with no delay. We are always pleased when the papers contain stamp news even though we have to play second fiddle sometimes. We want the newspapers to recognize philately and the more stamp news that they present, the better it is for all of us. We are reminded that talk has been heard of a semi-weekly and it will be interesting to see whether collectors are ready for it, in case it does venture forth. Nothing more has been heard of a daily.

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We have seen a good many pictorial envelopes of the Civil War period but one that is submitted by Mr. H. R. Jensen, of Topeka, Kansas, has that appearance of strangeness that betokens scarcity. The picture on the left of the envelope is that of an Andy Gump very much out at the elbow, looking sadly at a play-bill and leaning against a wall and reading: "Now Performing, The Drama, Secession, Principal Parts by Davis & Beauregard. After which, the Farce, Played Out." Below the legend is: "One of South Carolina's noble sons who invested his Cash in Confederate Bonds. The results—many red." The whole design is in washed-out pink. The envelope was sent from New Haven, Conn., in 1862.

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An inquiry came from Mr. R. L. Chichester of New York, some weeks ago, asking how many varieties of Lincoln pictorial envelopes are available for collectors; and an attempt will be made to give an approximation of the number for the benefit of Mr. Chichester and others who are interested in the vogue of pictorial envelopes generally and Lincolns in particular.

We have had in our hands at different times an aggregate of fourteen varieties but an estimate by an authority of the number of these items in existence runs as high as forty, although it is admitted that this figure is beyond what would be our guess. Probably forty is a fair citation when all types and variants are included. These envelopes are to be classified as the political covers of 1860 and 1864; the war designs running the gamut from humorous to serious; and the mourning envelopes that were made after his assassination. The mourning envelopes usually are with a black border and the topical pictures based on the political and actual phases of the war are of particular interest. There are a good many envelopes that show only the portrait of Honest Abe and in an artistic sense, they range from poor to excellent. When Lincoln is represented by a figure that is intended to have no facial resemblance to him, even though the text may show that he is the subject, it is debatable whether the envelope comes under the Lincoln category. The question of just what identifies a Lincoln envelope enters into consideration; and the number of covers may be said to depend upon where the line is drawn. We might say that pictures partaking of the properties of the fable allegory or parable were not true Lincoln pictorial varieties; and there are many action pictures in which Lincoln by suggestion appears. The subject is of interest to some collectors and probably more could be said about it, as we may be made aware.

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Since Mr. Stanley H. Poindexter, New York, takes the time to send in a squib from his camp in the Adirondacks, it is only fair that we give it an airing here. He wrote: "In a foreign stamp paper I find that the text as Englished refers to a stamp packet 'as comprehending rarities.'" He adds: "Thus, you now have an enlarged vocabulary and to stamps, 'included, comprised and contained in a packet,' 'you can appoint,' 'comprehended,' to the joy of advertisers." This is good enough but we would not fare as well as the horrible example, in Mr. Poindexter's mind, if we tried to translate into another language; and we take the side of the earnest seeker for trade in this instance. If one were splitting hairs, "contains" only is allowable in describing the contents of a stamp packet, as "comprises" is used metaphysically, expressing "inclusiveness as appreciated

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by the mind" and "includes" like borders on the mental side. However we are treading on dangerous ground and look about cautiously.

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August Is Vacation Month

and I expect to be away during that period. Any correspondence of importance, however, will be taken care of and forwarded to me. I will be in St. Louis from Aug. 14th to 19th and my address will be Marquette Hotel, 18th and Washington Ave. A.P.S. members that cannot attend the Convention I will be pleased to represent if they will forward to me their proxies.

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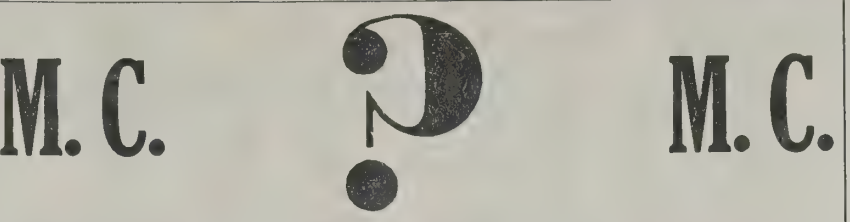
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ceived a clipping from the Buffalo Times
that related how the picture of the Lind-
bergh plane that appears on the stamp
was taken from one that a photographer
for the Times had got a short time be-
fore Lindbergh flew across the water.
The following quotations from the story
in which the Buffalo Times takes par-
donable pride will be of interest:
"To M. J. Ackerman, New York
photographer for the Buffalo Times,
goes the honor of having taken the pic-
ture of Captain Charles A. Lindbergh's
trans-Atlantic airplane "Spirit of St. Louis,"
which was used by the United
States Post-office Department in design-
ing the new Lindbergh memorial airmail
stamp.

The picture was made by Ackerman at
Curtiss flying field, Long Island. Ack-
erman snapped the "Spirit of St. Louis"
as Lindbergh started on a short test
flight. This was only two or three days
before Lindbergh took off across the
Atlantic to unprecedented fame.
In the following story, Rodney Dut-
cher, Washington writer for The Times,
tells how Ackerman's picture came to be
chosen for the memorial stamp and how
the stamps were turned out in record-
breaking time.

By Rodney Dutcher
WASHINGTON.—The Post Office De-
partment has performed one of the fast-
est rush jobs in its history in printing
and issuing the new Lindbergh 10-cent
air mail stamp.
By the time it has finished production
of the contemplated 10,000,000 or
15,000,000 copies of this issue, it will
have given a Buffalo Times photo-
graph of Lindbergh's plane the widest
circulation ever attained by such a news-
paper picture outside of the newspapers
themselves.
Ordinarily it takes from three to six
weeks for a stamp to be issued from the
time the postoffice starts work on it. But

Postmaster General New decided to
make this a 10-day job in order to have
the first stamps on sale by the time of
Lindbergh's return.

Suggestions for the stamp by mail and
telegaph had come from all over the
country. Officials were confronted by
the law forbidding the portrait of any
living man to be used on stamps or cur-
rency. But it was decided that the law's
spirit would not be violated if "Lind-
bergh's Air-Mail" were to be printed on
the stamp, if the plane "Spirit of St.
Louis" were to be shown with the Amer-
ican coast on the right and the European
coast on the left, and if New York and
Paris were to be specifically designated
with a dotted line between them showing
the course of flight.

After New had decided all this and
it had been determined to make a rec-
tangular stamp in which the plane would
measure about one inch by half an inch,
the important question arose as to where
to find the best model for the Bureau of
Printing and Engraving work to copy.

All available pictures of the "Spirit
of St. Louis" in flight were scrutinized.
Finally officials selected a Buffalo Times
photo of the Lindbergh plane as the best.
Artists promptly got to work. They
worked Saturday night, all day Sunday,
and on into a new week, fashioning the
necessary models. The models then
were engraved.

After being printed, the stamps were
dried, gummed, dried again, then perfor-
ated, then cut into blocks of 50 each,
then packed in packages of 5,000 each to
be shipped out on Post Office orders.

Promise was that the first formal Post
Office issue would be at St. Louis on the
occasion of Lindbergh's home-coming
celebration. Meanwhile, however, it was
planned to have the stamps ready for
Lindbergh on his arrival here.

They will be issued to all air mail
route cities and it was expected that
about 6,000,000 would be ready within
two weeks.

Incidentally, Post Office officials pointed
out that St. Louis would be "swamped"
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the nation. Under the new rates the
postage within Germany will be equiva-
lent to 4c in U. S. money, postal cards
2c and local letters 2c.

Following the Hindenberg issue it is
proposed to honor former president
Ebert in a similar manner and this com-
memorative stamp is slated to appear in
August.

Newfoundland --- De Pinedo Air Mail

Of the 300 copies of the 60c Cabot, overprinted in red, Air Mail —
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Junior Glossary

T.—A large "T" overprinted on the stamps of such countries as Abyssinia and Bulgaria generally indicates that they were used as postage due labels.

Tassa Gazzette.—On the newspaper stamp of Modena.

Telegrafos.—Telegraphs.

Tjeneste.—On the official stamps of Denmark.

Toga.—Tonga.

Toscana.—Tuscany.

U. G.—These letters, with numerals to denote the value, form the "design" of the first typewritten stamps of Uganda.

Ultramar.—The only inscription on many of the Spanish issues of Cuba.

Van Diemens Land.—Tasmania.



Z. Afr. Republik.—South African Republic (Now known as the Transvaal).

Perforation Gauges

By EARL W. OSGERBY

I want to offer a few suggestions on the perforation gauge in the hope of saving junior philatelists from the annoyance I experienced on my first attempt to use a gauge, which I found to be inaccurate.

Paper perforation gauges are furnished free with packets of stamps by a number of dealers. I have three such gauges and every one of them is 1/2 point low.

It is a simple matter to make the necessary corrections, then the gauge is as good as any for practical purposes, except that the millimeter and inch scales on such gauges are apt to be inaccurate also.

To correct such a gauge, take from your collection three stamps of which you know the number of perforations with certainty from your catalog, say one of 9 or 9 1/2, one of 12, and one of 15, try each in turn upon the gauge until a row of dots is found that fits and mark it 9 or 9 1/2, 12, or 15 and cross out the old numbers. If these three are found to be 1/2 point low, for example, it is safe to assume the rest are all 1/2 point low and may be corrected by adding 1/2 point to each.

If greater accuracy is desired, a gauge can be bought from various dealers for 10c that is guaranteed to be absolutely accurate.

Paper No. 6—Hard

The hard paper distinguishing the printings of the Continental Bank Note Co. is also wove, but owing to the fineness of the mesh on the "dandy-roll" the paper has a perfectly smooth unwatermarked appearance. The 2c Treasury, which only exists on hard paper is a common stamp that may be used as an example. If this variety and the 5c Garfield are held together before a strong light, and the differences are carefully noted, the beginner should after a little practise be able to pick out the hard and soft varieties with comparative ease.

Stamp News for the Juniors

Is there anything you want to know about stamps or stamp collecting? If so, write the editor. What would you like to see in this department? We have no way of knowing unless you tell us. Mr. Senior Collector, can't you give the boy collector about 50 words of encouragement along practical lines? Address your letter to the Beverly office.

Current U. S.—Violet Cancels

Robertson Angel (address not given) sends us a cover with a "Thornhurst, Pa." cancellation in violet. A collection of these violet markings coming as they do from some of the very small post offices of the country make an interesting sideline. If Rob will send us his address we will return his cover.

"Why I Collect U. S. and Canada, Including Commemoratives"

Charles Hazlehurst, Brantford, Canada, has sent us two sets of the new Canada Commemorative stamps in unused condition, and offers them for the two best compositions on the subject, "Why I Collect U. S. and Canada, Including Commemoratives." All entries are limited to 75 words each, and one prize each will be given to the boy and girl sending the best essay.

To make this contest all the more interesting, the editor of this department will give 10 nice original covers to each of the prize-winners. It will not be possible to acknowledge by mail all entries received. We reserve the right to print any and suitable prize awards will be made for any so used. The contest closes Sept. 15.

Junior Dictionary

Mazagan A Maroc.—Local stamps bearing this inscription have little philatelic value. They were issued in the Sultanate of Morocco, Northwest Africa, about 1891, for a mail service between Mazagan (a seaport town of the province) and Morocco, the Capital. The issue was short lived.

Mazagan-Marakech.—Local stamps bearing this inscription were issued in Morocco for a mail service between the two cities named. They were short lived and the stamps have fallen into such disrepute as to be no longer catalogued. Their date of issue was about 1893.

Mogador A Maroc.—Mogador is a seaport town of Morocco, Africa, with population of about 10,000. Around 1895 local stamps were issued for use on mail between this town and Morocco, the principal city. The use of the stamps was limited to a brief period of time and they possess little if any philatelic value.

Mostro Cio Che Potea La Lingua Nostra.—"He shows that of which our tongue is capable," found on the 40c Dante stamp of Italy issued in 1921.

Muestra.—This word is Spanish for "specimen" and is sometimes found on such stamps emanating from Spanish speaking countries.

Mutilados Da Guerra—Assistencia Social—1-12-1920.—Mozambique on the occasion of the anniversary of the declaration of Portuguese independence, Dec. 1, 1920, issued a set of stamps with the above inscription. The stamps were available for local postage only and were for sale for one day only. The proceeds were used for charitable purposes "Wounded of the War and the Compagnie d'Assistance Sociale."

Narcotic.—U. S. documentary stamps with this surcharge indicate their use in connection with the collecting of taxes levied on narcotics.

Necessity Money.—A name applied to postage stamps used for small change in times of financial stress and scarcity of silver and copper. The stamps are often enclosed in cheap frames for protection in wear.

Nec Temere Nec Timide.—This motto is found on certain Danzig stamps which picture the Arms of the city. It means "Neither rashly nor timidly."

19-10-16.—These figures on Trinidad 1d red represent Oct. 19, 1916, the date of issue of the surcharged stamp. They are accompanied by a cross in red outlined with black. 100,000 were issued and all the proceeds of their sale went to the local Red Cross society.

U. S. on Blued Paper

Walter R. French writes "How can I tell the 'blue paper' varieties of the current set, from the ordinary stamps which have been printed from uncleaned plates, especially the 1c, 5c, 8c, 13c and 15c?" When the stamps have been printed from imperfectly wiped plates and thus have the paper tinted on the face, it is not always easy to identify the blued-paper varieties. The only certain test is that of comparison. The stamp alleged to be on blue paper should be carefully compared with a normal stamp of the same facial value. Even where the bluing is very slight, it will generally show sufficiently on one side or other of the stamp to make its identification possible. But the best plan of all is to purchase these sorts of stamps from firms of good standing who can guarantee the stamps to be exactly what they are represented to be.

Stamp Collecting Ethics

A dealer feels that we are rather slow in emphasizing the need of building up a standard of ethics among the Juniors. He writes bluntly and we will print what he says:—

"The most important item has been omitted so far and that is the matter of ethics in the stamp game. One article would do little good. From my experience as a teacher for twelve years, I have found that continually pounding into the minds of the Juniors is about the only way to get anything into them. I am catering at present to Juniors and am having a terrible time getting stamps back. They are not to blame—they have not been trained and stamp magazines are wonderfully bashful about emphasizing the ethics of the stamp game."

Hobby-Horses

By FRED J. MELVILLE.

"There is no disputing against hobby-horses," said Laurence Sterne in his "Life and Opinions of Tristram Shandy." Everyone has some pad ready to be harnessed as soon as the ordinary toil of the day or the week is over. It may call for the display of literary, artistic or musical talent. It may require physical exercise. But if it be a change of occupation, it is, all the same, a hobby-horse. As Stevenson said: "There should be nothing so much a man's business as his amusement," and the hobby-horse is one of the best forms of amusement. Horace Greeley said that a man draws in vitality from his hobby, and that if he have none, his part in life will soon be played.

A hobby is of value to its rider inasmuch as it is "a rest to his mind, a cheerer of his spirit, a diverter of sadness, a calmer of unquiet thoughts, a moderator of passions, a procurer of contentedness." And the pursuit should "beget habits of peace and patience in those that profess and practise it." Sir Henry Wotton used to say of angling that "it was an employment for his idle time, which was not then idly spent."

While it is easy to agree to the desirability of having a hobby, it is entirely out of the question to come to an agreement as to what is the best pursuit in which to indulge.

There is an ample stable of capital mounts from which to select a hobby, and it only remains to choose one that can be ridden easily and with pleasure to the rider (unless indeed one's liver be troublesome, in which case a more lively mount might effect a speedier cure!), and one that will immediately take its rider from the regular sphere of his labours into an entire change of neighborhood and activity.

The object of these pages is not to compare the hobby of the philatelist with that of somebody else. It is to show to the initiated that there is an abundant interest—educative and recreative—in the

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Inscriptions Defined

By STANLEY PHILLIPS.

(Br.—British, Fr.—French, Ger.—German, Port.—Portuguese, Span.—Spanish.)

Norddeutsches Postbezirk.—North German Confederation.

Norge.—Norway.

N(ouve)lle Calédonie.—New Caledonia (Fr.).

Nouvelles Hebrides.—New Hebrides (Fr.).

Oesterreich.—Ger. Austria (Republic).

Poczta Polska.—Poland.

Posta Romana.—Roumania.

Poste Italiana.—Italy.

Postes de Corée.—Corea.

Postes Egiziennes.—Egypt.

Postes Ethiopiennes.—Abyssinia.

Postes Ottomanes.—Turkey.

Poste(s) Persane(s).—Persia.

Preussen.—Prussia.

P(uerto) Rico.—Porto Rico (Span.).

Regno d'Italia Trentino (or Venezia Giulia).—("Trieste and Trentino.")

Republica Dominicana.—Dominican Republic (not the same as Dominica) (Br.).

Republica Portuguesa.—Portugal.

Repub(lique) Franc(aise).—France.

Romagne.—Romagna.

Roman(i)a.—Roumania.

Sachsen.—Saxony.

Shqipenie, Shqipere, Shqipenies, Shqipnis.—Albania.

S. H. S. Hrvatska.—Jugo-Slavia.

Slesvig.—Schleswig (Plebiscite).

S. Thome e Principe.—St. Thomas and Prince.

S. U'jong.—Sungei U'jong.

Sverige.—Sweden.

Territoire du Niger.—Niger Territory (Fr.).

Toga.—Tonga (not the same as Togo).

Tunisie.—Tunis.

Venezia Tridentina.—Italian Austria (Trentino).

Z(uid) Afr(ikanisch) Republiek.—South African Republic (Transvaal).

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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—J. Rosenberg, Berlin, wholesale dealer, will be at the Claridge Hotel, 44th St., New York, August 24 and following days.

—A Lucerne letter reaches New York and comes to us with this cancellation, New York, N. Y. Rec'd Varick St. St. Page "Sevard."

—M. J. Fenster is in Athens. Two ads at hand.

—Where, oh where, are the publicity agents of the A. P. S. and S. P. A.? Have they succumbed to the hot weather?

—A standardization of parcel post labels is proposed by department officials.

—Mr. Severn will be at the St. Louis A. P. S. Convention. It means that a good report will be run in the WEEKLY.

Gibbons Catalogue, 1928

We have now received a definite official ruling that the importation of our priced Catalogue of Postage Stamps into the United States, in its present form is illegal, a matter on which we have hitherto been in doubt.

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MR. NEW'S ATTITUDE

The following editorial was the "leader" in the Portland, Me., Press Herald of July 25th and is readable as indicating the position of the Postmaster-General in reference to the carrying of mail on special flights and as showing the impression made on the editor as a consequence of the refusal to authorize mail-carrying on the special flight under notice. Collectors will feel pleased that Mr. New has them in mind even though he may not be a collector himself; and we are assuming that while he has an eye for stamps, he is not a collector of them in the sense implied by "philatelist." If he is, so much the better. We have an idea that no single objection to the proposal influenced the decision but that a combination of them prevailed. The editorial is headed: "Is Mr. New a Collector?" and reads:

"A citizen of Augusta requested the Postmaster-General to arrange for a special air mail flight between that city and Boston to stimulate interest in aviation in this State and to advertise the air mail service.

In reply to this request Postmaster-General New replied that the department could not comply with it because 'if all the requests for handling mail on special flights were granted the value of first flight covers to philatelists and others interested would be almost entirely destroyed.'

The special flight was not disapproved of by Mr. New because it would tend to disrupt the Federal mail service. It was not denied because of its expense or because the Post Office Department is not desirous of securing popular support for the extension of the air mail. The only reason given by the Postmaster-General for not approving a special flight from Augusta to Boston is that it would tend to lessen the value of stamps which are being collected by a small group of people.

When the Chamberlin-Levine flight across the Atlantic was about to start officers of the Post Office Department were on hand and took away from the

air pilots some letters which they had undertaken to carry across the sea and mail in Europe. On this occasion Postmaster-General New intervened because some of the philatelists protested that the stamps on the letters the air men intended to take with them would attain a great value and the collectors were opposed to it.

In other words the Postmaster-General appears to be greatly concerned in anything which affects even remotely the interests of stamp collectors. Why the Post Office Department should undertake to function to satisfy the demands of stamp collectors is beyond the comprehension of those who are conversant with the policies which have always been followed by the directors of this important government bureau. The only possible explanation seems to be that Mr. New is a stamp collector himself."

POSTAL SERVICE FACTS

(Clipping from Jos. Cadek.)

There are no longer post offices of the same name in the same State, but in different States there is a great deal of duplication among the post offices. There are twenty-three Buffaloes, twenty-eight Washingtons, twenty-six Madisons, twenty-five Clevelands, twenty-three Monroes, twenty-two Lincolns and seventeen Jacksons.

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"The value of a postage stamp," Dr. Tetley pointed out, "is determined by its maker, the government. Likewise, God, who created us, alone knows the value of a human soul."

"Another thing, the postage stamp does all that is expected of it. When I place a stamp on a letter, I know that it will carry my message to its destination. The stamp also is faithful in carrying the message intrusted to it, whether it be joy or sorrow, business or social."

"When a stamp is struck by a cancellation machine, and receives a dirty smear of black ink across its face, it never strikes back. It emphasizes the lesson taught by the wise man, 'a soft answer turneth away wrath, but grievous words stir up strife!'"

"Then, too, a postage stamp attends to its own business. It never meddles with the affairs of other stamps in the mail pouch. And it never gets discouraged. If it cannot find you at the address it will follow you all over the United States."

"That is what God wants us to do, to stay on the job continuously and tenaciously, until God calls a halt. No man or woman has the right to quit the task until death calls."

The sermon was a repetition of one Dr. Tetley gave last month before the graduating class of the Van Horn school. It was repeated by request.—K. C. Journal.

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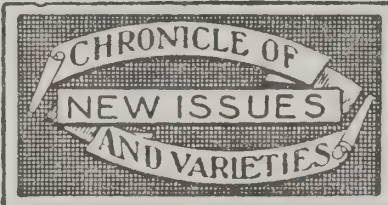
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United States

Burgoyne and Vermont Stamps Appear

By the time these notes reach our readers, the new 2-cent stamps, issued to commemorate the Burgoyne Campaign and the Vermont Sesquicentennial, will have been issued, as they are scheduled to appear on August 3rd, per detailed information previously furnished in this column. The Philatelic Stamp Agency has sent out notices to those on their mailing list, calling attention to these varieties, and stating that they will be available on this date.

It is to be hoped that these two varieties will be followed next year by further issues commemorating famous Revolutionary events. Certainly, Valley Forge should not be forgotten, and if the activities started prove successful such a variety will be forthcoming.

As far as at present known, there is little likelihood of further commemorative stamps during the balance of this year, although new air mail varieties may appear. However, the Post Office Department has been known to make up its mind and issue a new stamp in short order, so that one can never tell when the unexpected may happen.

Air Mail Notes

Mention was made in this column of the fact that an air mail service would be established between Key West and Havana.

I am informed under date of July 22nd, by Mr. Chase C. Gove, Acting Second Assistant Postmaster-General,

that it would be upward of ninety days before the commencement of the service. He further writes, "The service on this route is entirely different from the service on inland contract air mail routes. The Post Office Department is concerned only in the transportation of mails in one direction, namely from Key West to Havana and only first class mails bearing the regular rate of postage will be carried. No special air mail postage is necessary and no special cancellation stamps will be used when the service is inaugurated."

The Post Office Department has solicited bids to be opened on August 18th, for contract air mail services between Chicago, Ill., and Cincinnati, Ohio, via Indianapolis, Ind. The service, which is to be a daily one, will give Cincinnati direct connection with the transcontinental route to and from the west. The distance between the terminals is approximately two-hundred seventy (270) miles.

Mr. C. C. Bacon, has submitted a clipping from a Memphis paper, dated July 18th, giving detailed information relative to bids, which the Postmaster-General will open on August 18th, covering the contract air mail services between Atlanta and New Orleans, via Birmingham and Mobile, and a second between Memphis and St. Louis. Successful bidders are expected to begin service not later than six months after the award of contract.

The Postmaster at Springfield, Ill., announces that the official dedication of the air field in that city, in honor of Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, will take place on August 15th. At that time a special postmark will be used, and it is expected that the trans-Atlantic flyer will be present on the occasion. At first it was hoped that mail would be carried in the "Spirit of St. Louis" by the famous pilot. The quantity already on hand, however, is excessive, and under the circumstances it will be carried in a special air mail plane, and will be escorted by Colonel Lindbergh.

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 of the Chicago-San Francisco trans
 tinentail mail, bearing the special p
 mark in red, instead of violet as her
 fore noted.

Philippines

Mr. Walter Bruggmann has shown
 a horizontal pair of the 16c Philip
 Legislative series, perforate betw
 He states that one sheet showing
 variety was found. He also informs
 that the 2c in similar condition is kno
 although as yet I have not person
 seen the latter variety.

Mr. Bruggmann has also shown
 the 20c Legislative variety, imperfo
 with brown center, of which se
 copies were found from one of
 smaller post offices the balance hav
 been used up for postage. This var
 was described in detail in a prev
 chronicle. Two copies were submi
 for inspection, one in mint condit
 and the other used on a registered co

ESTHONIA.—40mk, about to be iss
 will, according to L'Echo, show the
 cade of the old National Theatre W
 muine at Dorpat.

According to the same source, the
 currency will be "crowns" instead
 marks, and will come into force i
 year.

Tenth Independence Anniversary
 be celebrated in February next,
 L'Echo states that four commemora
 stamps will be issued.—Philatelic M
 asine.

NETHERLANDS.—In reference to the
 sue of Red Cross stamps noted in
 issue Major John Tulleken informs
 full text of the Government's Bill sig
 by the Queen on March 25th last, is
 follows: "In commemoration of the 6
 anniversary of the Netherlands' I
 Cross, the Government will issue I
 Cross postage stamps. The values w
 be: 2-, 3-, 5-, 10- and 15-cent with an
 additional charge to face value of 2c
 stamps of the 2c and 3c, 3c for 2c
 and 10c and 5c for 15c. The design
 the stamps will contain 2c, portrait of
 late King William III, Father of
 Queen; 3c, portrait of Queen Wid
 Emma, Mother of the Queen; 5c, p
 trait of Prince Consort Hendrick, H
 Pres. Red Cross; 10c, portrait of Qu
 Wilhelmina and 15c, Decorative emb
 with subject showing purpose of
 Red Cross. Stamps to be issued for
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 destroyed." Major Tulleken also a
 that he does not think the 7 1/2c value v
 be withdrawn as the postal rate for
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Fiji.—There are many rumours afloat concerning the £1 stamp. Some weeks ago we heard from a reliable New Zealand source that it had been withdrawn, but this information was later contradicted by the senders. Now Mr. P. C. Nyberg states that this value has not been on sale for two years past, the remaining stock of this stamp and of the 6d King Edward being used for fiscal purposes only, cancelled with a large "R." In view of the conflict of evidence we shall be glad to have definite news from one of our friends in Fiji.

Kenya.—A cutting sent by Mr. T. Trenn suggests that the colour of the 10c will have to be again changed from its present black hue as it is used as a receipt stamp and pen-cancellations will not show up clearly on it.

Palestine.—While collectors will welcome the new pictorial series, the first values of which are chronicled this month, they will regret that they are not a little more worthy of the dignity and age-long traditions of the Holy Land. Except in technical execution, they are little better than some of the recent French Colonial stamps. The "Tomb of Rachel" design is not unattractive, but the type illustrating the "Dome of the

Rock" shows a lack of artistic perception which is painful. It is well known that the Palestine administration has to study economy in every way, but it is false economy to skimp the production of a series of postage stamps which will have a world-wide circulation. An artistically designed series, printed from line-engraved plates, would have paid for itself over and over again.

Union of South Africa.—Mr. H. Mallet-Veale tells us that our previous reference to 4d Triangular stamps, with roulette, was incorrect. He has been perforating sheets of these stamps for his own use, as have probably many firms in South Africa, but they have never been on sale officially, either perforated or rouletted.

The South African Philatelist informs us that the remaining values of the pictorial series will eventually be printed in Pretoria when the London contract expires. Postage Dues of new design are to appear in values of 2d, 3d and 6d.

OTHER COUNTRIES.

Belgium.—Congo State.—It is proposed to do away with the beautiful current series and to replace it by an historical issue on which will appear portraits of famous men who have been concerned with the Congo. Among these will be the explorers Livingstone and H. M. Stanley.

Chili.—Colonel A. T. Witbeck confirms Mr. Palmer's notes regarding the official stamps used by the Chilean National Library. He has received the following on official publications from the Library:—

- S.G. Type 64. 5c, slate-blue (opt. red).
- " 49. 10c, black and blue (opt. red).
- " 53. 20c, black and vermilion (opt. blue).
- " 57. 1p, black and green (opt. red).
- " 58. 2p, black and scarlet (blue opt.).

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NEW YORK, Aug. 1—During a 10-minute interval between two heavy rain storms, Clarence D. Chamberlin zoomed into the air from the new flying bridge of the Leviathan at sea, swooped and side-slipped, dipped and climbed above and around the mighty ship and then swung off toward land to disappear a moment later in a driving rain.

A little over an hour later he slipped down on to Curtiss field, greeted those who had helped him groom the Belanca for his flight to Germany, took off again and landed at Hasbrouck Heights, N. J., where he delivered some 900 pieces of mail to the postmaster.

Plans for the establishment of a regular ship-to-shore and shore-to-ship service by airplane for trans-Atlantic mail are under consideration; the Second Assistant Postmaster General, W. Irving Glover, announced August 2. Under one plan of the Department, trans-Atlantic mail time would be cut to less than 72 hours, Mr. Glover said.

The actual operation of a trans-oceanic air mail service depends largely on a number of matters confronting the Department which, Mr. Glover said, will be considered at a conference called by the International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union. This conference will convene at The Hague, September 1. Mr. Glover and Eugene R. White, Superintendent of Foreign Mails, will represent this Government at the conference.

The full text of Mr. Glover's announcement follows:

The feat of Clarence D. Chamberlin in successfully taking off from the deck of the Leviathan far out at sea and landing safely with mail from passengers to friends on shore brings nearer to consummation plans of the Post Office Department which have been evolving for some time for the establishment of a regular ship-to-shore and shore-to-ship service for trans-Atlantic mail.

The Post Office Department has been operating such a service for seven years between Seattle, Wash., and Victoria, B. C., and for four years between New Orleans, and Pilotown, La., and as soon as a number of complications are ironed out, and actual experiments demonstrate which of several plans is most feasible, the same sort of service will be established for expediting trans-Atlantic mail, both incoming and outgoing.

The mail carried by Chamberlin was merely last-minute farewells of passengers who accepted the opportunity af-

forded them of using an unique service for another good-bye to friends ashore. It demonstrated the feasibility of the service but in actual operation the plane would bring in mail from an incoming vessel in order to expedite it rather than an outgoing one.

One of the plans under consideration would attach to each trans-Atlantic liner an auxiliary airplane. The plane would remain on shore until the vessel was from 24 to 48 hours at sea and then catch it with last-minute mail and passengers. The ship would then carry the plane to within an equal distance from the European shore when the plane would hop off with mail and passengers and beat the vessel to port. With such a service in operation it is estimated that the trans-Atlantic mail time could be cut to less than 72 hours.

This plan will involve considerable experimentation and development in the landing control of planes. If land planes are used each liner must be equipped with a superstructure long enough and wide enough to permit landing in stormy weather. If seaplanes are used, as preferred by postal officials now, the problem of hoisting them aboard ship in heavy seas will not be an easy one to solve.

Until some of these mechanical difficulties are worked out it is expected that the initial service will involve the use of seaplanes which will operate between the American shore and incoming vessels, picking mail up at sea in the same way that is now done by the mail boat at Quarantine. It is possible that the same plane, on its way to meet an incoming liner, could drop last-minute mail on an outgoing steamer without stopping.

Another feature that must be thrashed out is the decision as to the service charge that is to be made. The larger liners often carry several thousand pounds of mail and it would be out of the question to expedite it all by air. A service charge must be levied and in making such a levy other countries must be consulted and arrangements made for imposition of the charge.

This question will be taken up at a conference called by the International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union, which convenes at The Hague, September 1, to discuss international air mail postage and transit rates as well as conditions of mailability. The United States will be represented at this conference by Mr. Glover and Eugene R. White, Superintendent of Foreign Mails.

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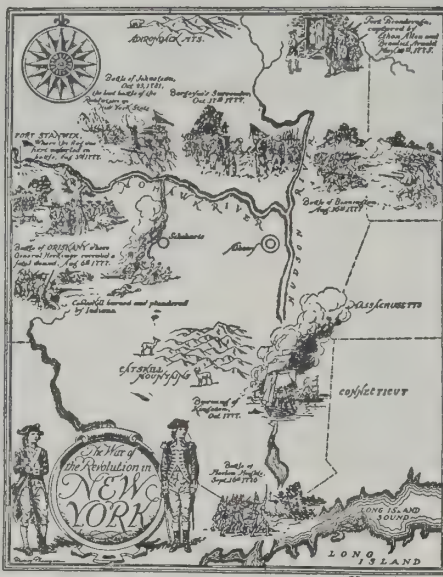
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We have received from Mr. T. J. Irvine, of the London Guarantee and Accident Company, Limited, Toronto office, Canada, a copy of the *Weekly Underwriter*, a paper published in New York that has a good circulation among insurance interests. We read that Mr. Alfred W. McLeod of Vancouver, B. C., and New Westminster, B. C., realizing the attractions of envelopes bearing stamps from countries the world over addressed to his firm has utilized them to good effect as a window display. Crowds were collected before the exhibit and the resulting publicity had its influence that bore favorably both on philately and the exhibiting firm. The article in the *Weekly Underwriter* was illustrated by a row of stamp cuts and one of postmarks; and we quote from the columns of the paper:

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Japan.—Mr. Teramoto shows us a letter which was carried on the first day of mail connection from Japan with Moscow-Berlin air service. This letter, postmarked in Tokyo on May 27th, was carried to Moscow on June 14th, and at Berlin on the evening of the same day.

Kenya.—We learn that only four letters addressed to Jinja (Uganda) were carried on the first flight on February 15th. About 2,000 letters were, however, carried to Khartoum, a few of which were registered.

Newfoundland.—In the course of a round Atlantic flight, D. Pinedo carried 4 lbs. of mail, about 225 letters, to Newfoundland, when he left on the 23rd. The 60c Cabot stamp was specially surcharged for this event with the words in red, in two lines: "Airmail Pinedo 1927."

Norway.—The new 45 ore official stamp was first used on mail on June 6th, we believe. This stamp is of unusual design, and appears in an oblong format, printed in blue-green with the inscription in white red: "Luftpost Norge 45 ore."

Portugal.—A service operating three times weekly from Lisbon to Madrid, Seville was opened early in June.

Sudan.—On the occasion of the opening of the trial service last February, only mail carried from Khartoum was small private one, including a letter signed by the aviator and inscribed with a rubber stamp: "Carried by the Air between Khartoum and Kisumu, Kenya Colony."

Switzerland.—We are indebted to H. Vogler for news of the opening of a regular service between Lausanne, Chaux-de-Fonds, and Locle. This service inaugurated on May 30th, and special cards and covers, to the number of 15, of each, imprinted with the official stamps as designed in 1923, were prepared by "Société Nhora." A Swiss philatelic publication also arranged the issue of 250 sets of 1,000 envelopes imprinted with the current air stamps and bearing a special inscription. Specimens of all these items were deposited at the Federal Postal Museum at Bern. Flown entire received a special official cachet, which will be illustrated next month, and were also postmarked with the ordinary air cancellation at the town of reception.—The Aero Field.

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tion. It has frequently referred to the
work that is being done by the A.
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when the Boston Stamp Book was in its
infancy. While this publication had a
brief career, it was, nevertheless,
highly appreciated by the circle of phil-
atelists to which it appealed. Under
Mr. Kilbon's proprietorship we under-
stand the business management, only to
be a little later to the Weekly
Philatelic Era, which Mr. Mekeel had
founded. In sending his remittance he
said, "This is my second five-year re-
newal, but the first was a long time
ago and the Honor Club has not dug so
into antiquity. I believe my name
has been continuously on the subscrip-
tion list since Vol. 1, No. 1." Mr. Kil-
bon is now Executive Secretary of the
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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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"POSTAL PARAPHERNALIA"
By "SEVARD."

All of us collect stamps, but many collect postal paraphernalia, among which recently came to light the World's Fair canceller, which is set at the closing hour of the closing day of the famous 1893 celebration. Here and about we find many of these rather interesting miscellanies which played rather an important part in our postal history, and we often wonder if someone isn't going to find the originals of the odd cancels we note in the older issues. A philatelic museum is not without consideration, and perhaps some kindly philatelic association may want to house these paraphernalia for historic reasons.

M. T. Dome has queried the cancel on a 200 reis Brazil which reads "U. S. Naval Mission to Bra***Rio de Janeiro, Brazil SEP 30 ****" in three lines with a line stamp in light blue. The cancel is unlike any we have noted as SEA POST or NAVAL. Further, such cancel on a foreign stamp is peculiarly odd and merits distinction.

Some time ago we remarked the SEA POST cancels, which include the PAQUEBOATS. The N. Y. & BUENOS AIRES SEA POST cancel on the S. S. SOUTHERN CROSS is a duplex handstamp but with a 30mm townmark. The 29mm and 31mm grid and bar handstamps make rather clear cancels, and one hopes that these large handstamps will continue in use, if but for the postal markings collectors.

Chicago has an AIR MAIL machine cancel. Is it possible that our AIR MAIL has become so heavy that a machine cancel is necessary?

Those who collect revalued envelopes have shown us some specimens where the revaluation is shown on the backs of the envelopes, which, of course, is not a variety but an oddity.

RETURN TO SENDER marks lack uniformity, except in a few cases, as the RETURN TO SENDER machine marks. The variety of hands or index fingers pointing to the return address develops from puny childish hands to real hams and one hand in particular wears a shirt with cuff-links. Many of the marks are quite verbose in permitting to select some reason why the mail was not delivered. One city has a rubber stamp which outlines the postal authority for returning the mail to sender, and this information stamped on an envelope makes an interesting cover in postal history.

The first class printed permit known as type B is so rarely used these days that we often wonder if our A.P.S. mail from Maryland is the only persistent

user of the privilege. In the past five years, we have noted only one other user of the type set first class permit. This seems to be one of those advantageous offers no one wants to accept.

We saw a white elephant at the circus the other day, a real, living white elephant. All philatelists have dead ones which they hide. Recently, at a meeting of a nearby society, a collector exhibited a volume of stamps and covers. One enthusiast, after viewing the collection, softly remarked to the possessor, "I noticed a counterfeit in that book." "My Gawd," ejaculated the other, "that whole book is a collection of counterfeits."

A number have written that they have planned to summer at the beach, the house in the woods or at the old cha-teau, which is intended to excuse them from thinking stamps during the heat of the sun. These chaps are not going to forget stamps,—they only think they are. And next fall, they will be telling you of the stamps they picked up this summer. For those who have two, three, four or more hobbies, one can but remind them that stamp collecting penetrates deep woods, dark nights and rain on the tin roof.

HATS OFF TO THIS P. M.

Indianapolis, Indiana, has a postmaster who bestirs himself to accommodate the public. He does not take the course of least resistance but meets complaint with action intended to have salutary effect. The propensity of some of the stamps to curl off the envelopes, not to mention other shortcomings due to the contrariness of the original gum has been the subject of the P. M.'s curiosity to know the reason for the nuisance and the results of Robt. H. Bryson's investigation are told in a letter that he has issued, as follows:

"This office has called the attention of the Third Assistant Postmaster-General to complaints received especially regarding postage stamps of the 2-cent denomination. Complaints have been made relative to stamps failing to stick—curling after being affixed to envelopes, and improperly tearing at the perforations.

The Third Assistant Postmaster-General has advised this office as follows:

"These complaints are undoubtedly directed to the new rotary press stamps where the process, because of the extra strain on the paper, which is printed and gummed as a continuous process from roll paper, requires paper stock of a slightly heavier tensile strength. Some of the earlier stamps manufactured on these presses were difficult to separate at the perforations, particularly across the grain of the paper, and as soon as pos-

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sible after this undesirable feature came to notice, steps were taken to increase the number of perforations across the ends of the stamps by approximately 25 percent. All of the stamps now being issued, including the 2c denomination, that are manufactured on the rotary presses, have the new style perforations and it is not believed that there will be any cause for complaint in this regard as patrons receive the new style stamps.

As the same high grade adhesive material is used on the stamps, it is reasonable to believe that many of these complaints are more or less imaginary, due to the slightly different handling qualities and appearance of the new process stamps. Some of them do have a little tendency to curl and if the user does not exercise a reasonable amount of care in moistening and affixing them they may not stick satisfactorily. However, from experiments made in the Department and in view of the constant tests that are being made at the Bureau of Engraving & Printing, it is not thought that the stamps are so unsatisfactory as to cause the loss of postage in the mails to any great extent if the users do not apply too much moisture and will give a reasonable amount of pressure to the stamps as they are attached.

The Department is desirous of overcoming all causes for complaint on the part of the public and the matter of stamp manufacture and inspection is receiving the most careful attention, but, from tests made here and in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, little evidence has been shown that the stamps which are now being issued are to any extent inferior to those available heretofore, although, as stated before, they do have a slightly different appearance and handling qualities.

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St. Louis, the city of the convention of the American Philatelic Society, is ready for its guests and preparations for their advent have been completed, we are told. It is not to be denied that a large attendance at the annual meeting has much to do with the success of the deliberations and that is one reason why the advantage of a good numerical representation is stressed in all the preliminary announcements. It is only fair, however, that the members in a convention city be given favorable recognition for their unselfish efforts to provide attractions for the delegates, and we are hopeful that there will be a long roll at St. Louis.

This year, there are no predictions of the nature of the problems that will be discussed at the convention but it is likely that there will be no paucity of subjects presented for an airing. The annual meeting certainly offers an occasion for the ventilation of ideas and it were better for members who have criticisms to voice them there rather than to take other means to give them attention. Now that philately has emerged into the open, as it were, it is subject to those rules that apply to any pursuit or profession that no longer needs to seek the by-ways but may now march down the avenue.

In formulating plans for reformatory work for the convention, it is necessary to reduce them to definite outlines, and criticism, without constructive measures, is apt to carry little weight. For instance, one member writes that means should be taken to protect members from fraud both within and without the so-

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ciety, but he dodges a formidable question by offering no suggestions for reform. The officers of the society are anxious to improve their organizations in every respect and the member who complains about present conditions will find them receptive to any measure that may accomplish a worthy end.

Mr. Chas. St. Cloud, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, says that the stamps and covers issued to commemorate the great French chemist, Marcellin Berthelot, on the 12th of July, 1927, are very scarce. He adds that a "Pinedo cover has been made as a souvenir of the great Italian Airman travelling the world over." He gives as well some interesting information of Haitian air mail flights.

Perhaps it was three years ago that announcement was made in our columns that Mr. August Dietz of Richmond, Virginia, had confirmed the report that was circulated at the time that he was determined to publish "The Story of the Post Office Department of the Confederate States of America and Its Postage Stamps," a work in prospect that has been engaging his time and effort since the last century. This information was conveyed when the *Southern Philatelist*, in effect, a revival of the old *Virginia Philatelist*, was introduced to provide a vehicle for the material that had been gathered by Mr. Dietz. The huge task which had been undertaken several times by others in former years was underwritten with a stout heart and high enthusiasm. Running through three volumes of the *Southern Philatelist* and increasing in interest as the story unfolded, the history is now drawing to a close. Problems which have puzzled the student for years have been solved; the veil of obscurity surrounding the framed ten cent and the "Ten" cent has been lifted and their story told. Documents from the Confederate archives in the War Department have yielded their toll in data hitherto unknown, thus increasing the interest in these historical stamps. Here it should be said that the author is a master-craftsman of the graphic arts and he has woven into his story a lucid discourse on the various printing processes, typography, lithography and plate printing, illustrating every inch of the picture so that the details may be said to embrace the production of the stamps of any country. Consequently, a text-book of stamp typography will be available and welcomed.

When the call for Mr. Dietz' material in enduring form became insistent, he expressed a willingness to revise and

literally rewrite the story provided that a sufficient number of subscriptions were pledged to justify the printing of the volume. After a three months' canvass, a poll shows that enough support is promised to assure the success of the venture. August Dietz now projects a volume almost unique which will be illustrated in a manner never before attempted in this country but he demands that the history shall be a subscription volume and published for those alone who are friends of the stamps of the Confederacy who care to subscribe and incidentally have their names among the patrons on a tableted page. However, Mr. Dietz tells us that until the first forms are ready for the press, subscriptions will be received but that when the first form is locked, the "No Admittance" sign will be displayed.

In the foreign press there has been no dearth of interest shown in Mr. Dietz' ambitions and it were unseemly indeed if we withheld our meed of appreciation of the service that he is to do philately. Since the work will bear the imprimatur of the Press of the Dietz Printing Co., in Richmond, Virginia, and be fashioned under the supervision of the author, we may anticipate a splendid example of workmanship. The book will appear in three styles: an edition *de luxe*, bound in full morocco, gilt, numbered and autographed, at \$50; a library edition, gray cloth, leather back, at \$10; and a cloth edition at \$5. Payment is half the subscription price on demand and the remainder upon delivery of the finished work. We rejoice in the prospect of having this exceptional volume in hand and to know that material evidence of the regard of our philatelists has sealed the compact with Mr. Dietz so that his crowning philatelic ambition may be realized. Even we have reserved five copies of the book with every confidence that the *quid pro quo* will make us happy in our bargain.

A letter from Mr. Umberto Biocchi, Paris, which was delayed in transit, tells an interesting version of the discovery of the Byrd letters that went to France on the "America", which is translated for the benefit of readers: "The pleasure of not a few fortunate individuals will be enhanced by the report that the stamps have been rescued. Most of the stamps have been found in the bottom of the mail sack, having been soaked off the letters when the plane dived into the ocean at Ver-sur-Mer. The regional director at Rouen was placed in charge of the letters and they were sent to Paris, where they were claimed

August Is Vacation Month

and I expect to be away during that period. Any correspondence of importance, however, will be taken care of and forwarded to me. I will be in St. Louis from Aug. 14th to 19th and my address will be Marquette Hotel, 18th and Washington Ave. A.P.S. members that cannot attend the Convention I will be pleased to represent if they will forward to me their proxies.

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The mention of stampless envelopes makes it incumbent upon us to say the activities of those who are in a position to remove stamps from letters transit while curbed for some time the warning of the post office department that short shrift would be made of culprits when found seem to have been revived. Several examples of this maladroit enterprise have been submitted that would arouse the wrath of a saint. Those who suffer from this form of speculation should lose no time in conveying their complaints to the post office department, in the knowledge that authorities are anxious to stamp out practice.

A COLOR FRAUD

By JOSEPH GODER.

A new "off color" stamp has appeared from Germany. A "red" 100 mark error of the copper-etched series of the network watermark looms forth but the stamp is a fake. It was never printed nor was there a red colored proof made of it. The red color is simply the result of a chemical treatment with soda or similar alkali. Why buy this masquerade when you can make it yourself? Boil the regular brown purple, 100 mark in soda and you have the "genuine" color error.

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Frank E. Hadley is touring Europe
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tion week.

Greetings are at hand from M. J.
Ruter from Algiers, Africa.

J. E. Guest advises us of the death
of his father, John Guest, aged seventy-
one, who died at Chattanooga, Tenn.,
Aug. 29. He will be remembered as an
assistant at the Washington A. P. S.
convention three years ago.

We are informed that Sam Singer
New York City has left upon an ex-
tensive trip which will include a voyage
around the world. He expects to be
back in New York about the end of
March, 1928.

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AN ENGLISH VISITOR

Mr. G. Cameron Rapkin, a partner of
a firm of philatelic accessory manufac-
turers of London founded by the late G.
Rapkin, is to make an extended tour
of Canada and the United States and un-
der September 2nd, his address will be
Chateau Frontenac, Quebec, Canada.
It is certain that Mr. Rapkin's visit
will be anticipated with pleasure in the
city on his itinerary, and perhaps it is
no amiss to say that those who were
privileged to have a personal acquaint-
ance with G. F. Rapkin will be particu-
larly desirous of welcoming the present
partner of the house that has so
successfully made a name for its prod-
uct. No doubt, Mr. G. Cameron Rapkin
will be interested in extending the busi-
ness connections of his firm and will
be in inquiries on this basis.

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Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.
CANCELLED-TO-ORDER COVERS
By ROBERT S. GORDON.

Just why it is that covers collectors
feel inclined to appear apologetic when
exhibiting their personally addressed cov-
ers has always been a bit of a mystery to
me. There is not, it is true, the same
interest attaching to a cover prepared by
the collector as to one which passed
through the mails with no immediate
philatelic destination. But that the mod-
ern practice of sending a batch of covers
to a foreign country to be returned
should be considered reprehensible, is, to
me at least, rather hard to understand.
And yet it seems to be so considered.
Or perhaps it is merely the fashion at
present to belittle such covers, on the
ground that they are "made to order."
Various attempts have been made to
excuse the practice. There are, of course,
some stamps so delicate that soaking
them in water is likely to injure them.
There is also some truth in the state-

ment that such covers are not likely to
come on the market because of their
usually obvious origin.
But why attempt excuses for such
covers? They are, if you wish, "manu-
factured, made- or cancelled-to-order."
If they are, then so are at least ninety-
five percent of the first-day covers now
being sold in such large quantities. It
has now reached the point where the in-
auguration of a new air mail route at-
tracts more "letters"—cancelled-to-order
first day covers—than are likely to be
carried in a week of ordinary air mail
service. A new commercial route can
count with certainty on at least one day
of exceedingly good business—the first
day. One of these days somebody is go-
ing to attempt a collection of second day
covers and find that there aren't any—
whereupon first day covers will probably
suffer an eclipse!
If there is any distinction, ethical or
otherwise, between first-day flown covers
and the "manufactured," personally ad-
dressed covers from foreign countries, I

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was a great success. The liberal quantities, set aside for this quite unusual offering,
were all exhausted, and a supplementary quantity of some of these stamps were taken
from stock in order to satisfy distant customers. Orders came in from all over the
country—and also from a number of foreign countries.
Those who wanted several of a kind got them as long as the quantity was within
reason (a large proportion of the orders were from dealers), and nobody was told:—"Only
one copy to each applicant" or "Owing to heavy demand all copies gone". Inducement
prices quoted don't mean much when orders are met with such answers, I think.
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ing in their orders. Principally for their benefit, I am repeating some of the offers—
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wish someone would point it out to me.
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same boat. And yet I have never seen
any disparaging comment referring to
the flown covers.
I have known quite a few collectors of
modern covers who "made" their own—
when they were lucky. One chap I knew
insisted on picking out his postoffices
from an antiquated and highly inaccur-
ate map; with the result that his covers,
when they were returned at all, usually
came back in the original package, with
a notation to the effect that there was
"No Such Post Office."
For some time now I have indulged in
this reprehensible practice myself. Worse
than that, I have even, at times, sold a
few such cancelled-to-order covers. And
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Junior Dictionary

O. F. Castellorizo.—This overprint on 5c, 10c, 20c, 25c, 50c and 1fr French stamps means "Occupation Francaise Castellorizo." It was the third and last issue of stamps for the island indicated and was made with handstamp on board the vessel La Provence.

O. N. F. Castellorizo.—This surcharge on certain French and French Levant stamps means "Occupation Navale Francaise" and "Castellorizo" the island where the stamps were used.

On L. F. S.—These letters on stamps of India represent:—"On Local Funds Service." It is one of a number of overprints with no official standing and used to prevent the theft of stamps for private use.

One Fraction.—In 1914 Trinidad permitted the local Red Cross Society to use a type-set label as a frank upon letters soliciting donations for its work. They were used only on Sept. 18, 1914, some nine hundred copies being circulated and postmarked in regular form. Upon the stamp appears "One fraction," an unexplained expression connected with its regular use as a Red Cross seal. It passed the post on the one day in place of a half-penny stamp.

1. 1. 17.—This date represents Jan. 1, 1917, and is found on Bahamas 1d Red Cross stamp. It was supposed that this would be the date on which the issue should be sold, but delays in printing and shipping resulted in their delivery at Nassau five months later in May.

Onorate L'Altissimo Poeta.—This inscription on Italy's 25c Dante stamp means "Honored be the most exalted poet."

Orcha.—A native Indian state where stamps were first issued in 1914.

Patzcuaro.—A province in Mexico where provisional stamps were said to have been issued during the revolutionary period, 1867-8. The stamps are catalogued with reserve, their authenticity being questioned.

Particular.—This word is found overprinted on certain official stamps of Nicaragua on which the word OFICIAL has been barred out. The meaning of the word is "particular" or "special" in English, but its special service has not been indicated and the stamps were used for ordinary postage.

Pilgrim Tercentenary.—This name is given to a set of three stamps issued by the U. S. in 1920 to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth, Mass. There are three values, 1, 2 and 5c.

Plebiscite—Olsztyn—Allenstein.—An overprint on German stamps used in the Polish-German plebiscite, Allenstein area. The word "Olsztyn" is the Polish term for the district.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

Stamp News for the Juniors

Is there anything you want to know about stamps or stamp collecting? If so, write the editor. What would you like to see in this department? We have no way of knowing unless you tell us. Mr. Senior Collector, can't you give the boy collector about 50 words of encouragement along practical lines? Address your letter to the Beverly office.

SOME DUTCH RED CROSS STAMPS



William III.

Queen Mother.

Wilhelmina.

Allegorical.

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Two Questions Answered

G. W. Taylor.—The paper used by the National and Continental Bank Note Companies was similar and for all practical purposes the differences, if any, could be told only by an expert. The 1c to 15c values printed by the Continental Co. can be distinguished by the so-called secret marks. In the case of the other values the colors are the only reliable test and it is not possible to describe these lucidly in print. The paper used by the American Bank Note Co. was quite different. It is softer to the feel, slightly thicker, and is more coarsely "woven" so that it appears to be watermarked with innumerable minute dots.

(2) The differences between dies I and II of the 1/2d and 1d King George stamps of Great Britain are as follows:—In die II of the 1/2d the portrait has been redrawn, the features being much more distinct; in die II of the 1d the portrait has also been redrawn but the best test lies in the lion at base which is now shaded all over.

The Seven Ages of Stamp Fever

The passion burns fiercely through the seven ages. A boy stamp collector will cheerfully part with his prize lop-eared rabbit and the book his mother gave him to acquire another boy's stamps.

As he grows older he may forget the winsome face of his childish sweetheart, but he will always remember the expressionless faces of the Kings and Queens of his early collections.

If he grows rich in his old age he will spend his time and money in obtaining the stamps of others, and he will go to the grave tormented by the thought that he has not secured them all. If the problem of the baby or Raphael's Madonna were to confront the philatelist in the burning house he would forget both and save his stamp collection.

"Why I Collect U. S. and Canada, Including Commemoratives"

Charles Hazlehurst, Brantford, Canada, has sent us two sets of the new Canada Commemorative stamps in unused condition, and offers them for the two best compositions on the subject, "Why I Collect U. S. and Canada, Including Commemoratives." All entries are limited to 75 words each, and one prize each will be given to the boy and girl sending the best essay.

To make this contest all the more interesting, the editor of this department will give 10 nice original covers to each of the prize-winners. It will not be possible to acknowledge by mail all entries received. We reserve the right to print any and suitable prize awards will be made for any so used. The contest closes Sept. 15.

Paper No. 7—Dickinson

This is paper having one or more continuous silk threads embedded in its substance. It is so-called from its inventor, John Dickinson, who made a machine by means of which the threads were incorporated in the paper while in the pulp stage. The 5r, 10r and 15r stamps of the 1855-62 issues of Switzerland are common examples of silk-thread paper.

The Two Cent Stamp

Potatoes rise till the price gives pain,
White sugar costs like the dickens now,
We yearn for steak, and we yearn in vain,
And milk—ah, plutocrat with a cow!
But let us cheer for one bright spot
That gleams the while like a signal lamp.
There's one thing yet the trusts have not—
Hurrah for the good old two cent stamp!

Hurrah for the good old, fine old two
That will stick to its job for me and you,
And in spite of drought or of rain or snow
Costs what it did just a year ago!
The two cent stamp—give it glad acclaim,
For the price is always just the same.

They raise our rent, they raise each tax,
They make us pay a lot for shoes,
The shirts and things that go on our backs
Now cost so much they give us the blues,
But this old friend is the one best bet.
We buy it and have no spender's cramp.
The rest increase; it's the same price yet.
Hurrah for the good old two cent stamp!

Hurrah for the fine old, good old two
That we buy today as we used to do!
It's the only thing in our native land
That has not gone up fit to beat the band.
So, boys, cheer! Let us roar and ramp—
Hurrah for the good old two cent stamp!

Bennington Stamps On Sale

BENNINGTON, VT., Aug. 3.—The Bennington sesqui-centennial two-cent postage stamp went on sale here this morning. The first purchase was made by George W. Patterson, 15, of Vergennes. Mail orders, filled during the night and cancelled early this morning, totalled 50,000 stamps. More than 100 purchases of the stamps were made at the window during the first fifteen minutes. A copy has been mailed Colonel Charles Lindbergh in appreciation of his flying over Bennington on his recent hop from Springfield, Vt., to Albany. Eugene Pike, 18, of New York City, walked from Boston, where he is employed, to secure a sheet of the new stamps.

Philately's Freemasonry

There is a good side to philately. It is the most democratizing influence in the world. Its devotees number all ages of men and all classes of society, and constitute a freemasonry that includes all races.

If all diplomatists were collectors there would be no more war; they would never obey the order of recall while a stamp remained in the country. If war ever did occur it would be not to annex fresh territory, but to acquire old collections.

Two Kinds of Reprints

Reprints fall into two classes—Government reprints and private reprints. The former are made by a government and the latter by private individuals into whose hands the plates have fallen. We have dealt with the matter fairly fully in these columns already and though the fact that a stamp has been reprinted is not usually advertised broadcast it does not necessarily follow that the reprints are going to be sold to innocent collectors as the genuine article.

The fact that reprints exist is generally discovered by a specialist or dealer (not one of the "unscrupulous" variety of course!) who has probably been victimized. The leading catalogues generally refer to those stamps which have been reprinted and if the distinguishing points

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are slight the collector had best let such varieties alone or purchase of from a responsible dealer.

The collector who gets "had" with reprints is generally one who buys "bargains" from people of doubtful honesty or, more often, colossal philatelic ignorance. Reprints must, of course, be printed from the original plates but they may differ from the genuine stamps in variety of ways—paper, color, perforation, or all three may be different.

Gum—A Bit of Sarcasm

By VERNON SMITH.

Some collectors collect singles, other pairs, blocks and strips, while others work on shades, perforations, cancellations and freaks, but never have I heard of anyone collecting stamps by the taste of the gum, and this is a great unexplored field.

Gum collectors (i.e.) (those that collect by the taste of the gum) would class the stamps as sweet gum, no gum, non-tastable gum, or objectionable gum or they could class stamps by a better system and much more interesting, such as the following:—

Starting out with our own we could class them as sweet sugar, or can flavor. French stamps might taste of mild wine; the stamps of India, the banana; Italian stamps could be sphagnum, etc., down the line.

This would mean a change in our catalogues, as flavor of gum and variety would be added.

Why, even blind people collect stamps in this manner!

A counterfeit stamp could be easily detected.

Again, I say, there is a great field open in this line and it would be a great aid to Philately if we had an authority on the tastes of gums of the stamps of the world. It would also make identification easier for the junior collector (mint (o.g.) stamps).

Perplexing Surcharges

A.—Architect. Found on early South Australian stamps used in the correspondence of the Government Architect.

A. G.—Attorney-General. Early South Australian stamps intended for use by the Attorney-General of the Colony.

A. O.—Audit Office. Another early South Australian overprint.

A. & T.—Annam and Tonquin. Surcharge on certain French stamps used provisionally in this settlement.

B.—Bangkok. Printed on various Straits Settlements stamps used in the British Post Office maintained in Bangkok, the capital of Siam, until 1886.

B. C. A.—British Central Africa. From 1891 until 1895, the stamps of the British South Africa Company were overprinted with these letters for use in British Central Africa.

B. D.—Barracks Department. A surcharge found on some of the early stamps of South Australia.

B. G.—Botanical Garden. Another early South Australian overprint.

B. M.—Bench of Magistrates. Also belongs to South Australia.

(To be continued.)

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On Saturday, July 23, the San Francisco
known as the Pacific Philatelic Society
the honored guest of the Sacramento
Society. A dinner was given in the
Hotel's Hotel and this was followed by a
exhibition. Not only was this feature
ent, but it received publicity of a high
as the following clipping from the Sacra-
to "Bee" will show. Wm. Wyllie is pres-
of the local society and Walter N. Baker,
etary. Congratulations.—W. O. W.)

Some of the finest stamp collections of
country were on display at the Hotel
Travelers when the Pacific Philatelic
Society of San Francisco was the guest
the Sacramento Stamp Society Satur-
night, July 23.

One of the most interesting collections
of Julius Loeb, Oakland jeweler,
has gathered together the western
stamps, stamps used by the various ex-
companies in the early days of the
st.

stamp and envelope of the first con-
ment of mail to be carried by the
Express in 1860 is one of the val-
features of his collection. As far
known, this is the only one of its
in existence.

collection of Confederate letters
dated during the Civil War was dis-
played by Loeb. The scarcity of paper
the South was demonstrated in the
of paper that the Southerners were
forced to use. Wall paper, wrapping
paper, everything with a blank side, were
used, and envelopes were frequently
lined inside out and utilized a second
time.

Some of the other exhibits were as fol-
low: H. C. Marcus, Danish West In-
dies; A. H. Wilhelm, United States
stamps; William W. Blackwell, United
States and colonies, Great Britain and
colonies; H. W. Doscher, match and
revenue stamps of the Civil
War period; L. Lazarus, Denmark, Nor-
way, Sweden, Netherlands and colonies,
Chile and South America; Dr. F. Fis-
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States cut square envelopes; James Har-
rington, twentieth century stamps of the
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Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.
CANAL ZONE—MORE ERRORS

By HARRY E. HUBER.

(Continued from page 420)

15c CANAL omitted, sharp "A"—In
March, 1926, a sheet of the 15c sharp
"A," was reported from Cristobal, with
CANAL missing on one stamp. On in-
vestigation it was found that the margin
had been folded over, and received the
missing word. The error was simply
one of printing, and not an error on the
overprint plate.

As early as June, 1926, the 20c sharp
"A" (issued April 5, 1926) was reported
with CANAL normal, ZONE inverted
(similar to the error on the 1c and 12c
flat "A"). Only three sheets were said
to exist, but as the printing comprised
125 sheets of 400, more probably oc-
curred. Later in the year, the 20c was
reported with CANAL inverted, ZONE
normal. Oddly, these errors have not
been reported on the 17c, 30c and \$1
sharp "A," overprinted from the same
overprint plate, unless it is that more
than one sharp "A" overprint plate was
made for the horizontal rectangular
stamps.

The 1c flat "A," 17c and 20c sharp "A,"
are also known overprinted ZONE
CANAL, and the 17c CANAL only,
caused by misfeed to the press. The
overprint was applied too low to the
sheet, so that the first horizontal row of
the sheet received only CANAL, the
second row ZONE CANAL, etc.; the
lower margin would probably be over-
printed ZONE only.

The 10c "POSTAGE DUE" on postage,
flat "A," is known with the local over-
print "POSTAGE DUE" double, and also
with the final "E" of "POSTAGE" missing.

SUMMARY

Flat "A"—
1c overprint inverted
a. CANAL normal, ZONE inverted.
12c CANAL normal, ZONE inverted.

"POSTAGE DUE" on 10c postage, "POSTAGE
DUE" double.

a. Final "E" of "POSTAGE" missing.

Sharp "A"—

3c ZONE ZONE.

5c " "

10c " "

12c " "

15c " "

20 CANAL normal, ZONE inverted.

a. CANAL inverted, ZONE normal.

Postage Due, 1c ZONE ZONE.

2c " "

10c " "

I have also seen some very interesting
errors on the Panama overprinted series
of November, 1921 (Centenary of In-
dependence, 1821-1921). These were lo-
cally overprinted at the Mt. Hope Print-
ing Plant, and normally the 2-line over-
print reads up. But the 1c, 2c, 10c and
15c exist with the overprint reading
down. The 2c is also known with the
"CANAL ZONE" overprint doubly im-
pressed.

1c green Vallarino, overprint reading
down.

2c carmine, Land Gate, overprint read-
ing down.

10c violet, Municipal Palace, overprint
reading down.

15c light blue, Balboa, overprint reading
down.

2c carmine, overprint reading up, but
double.

CANCELLATIONS

(We are indebted to Everett C. Erle, vice-
president of the San Jose (Cal.) Philatelic
Club, for the following notes. Mr. Erle is ac-
tively interested in the San Jose Club and
sends us a couple of clippings from local
papers dealing with the club's activities. The
club meets every Friday evening in the "Mer-
cury-Herald" Junior Clubrooms.)

Running thru my small collection of
U. S. "used abroad," I find a few items
which may be of interest to other cover
collectors.

Cancellations of the U. S. Virgin

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Islands are very similar to those used in
the States.

Christiansted, Saint Croix, is the only
one that I have with the machine cancel
as described by Mr. Parker.

Frederiksted and St. Thomas use a
handstamp.

Cruz Bay uses a fourth class cancel,
bearing the name of the city, and hour
and date of mailing in circle, with four
horizontal bars cancelling the U. S. stamp.

Kings Hill, St. Croix, has a very dis-
tinctive cancellation. It has the general
features of the ordinary fourth class
cancel, but is composed of two circles—
a small within a larger one. Between the
outer rim of the small one and the inner
rim of the large is "Kings Hill St.
Croix". Within the circle in three hori-
zontal lines is the date, "Nov.—3—1926".
The stamp is cancelled with four hori-
zontal bars.

Other interesting cancels on U. S.
stamps are:—

(1.) A fourth class cancel in blue
black "U. S. Naval Hospital, Canacao,
P. I."

(2.) Handstamped in black "U. S.
Receiving Ship at Guantanamo Bay,
Cuba."

(3.) Handstamped in black, "New
York, U. S. M. C. Br. Port au Prince,
N. Y."

(4.) Large fourth class cancel in a
deep black, "U. S. S. Marine Corps, Port
au Prince, Haiti". The stamp is can-
celled with 3 horizontal bars.

(5.) Fourth class cancel "New York,
N. Y.—Submarine Div. Battle Fleet Br."
Stamp is cancelled with 3 bars and
within these is "San Diego—Calif."

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It gives me great pleasure to announce that I have recently acquired a new find, consisting of a mint, horizontal strip of seven of the Confederate States. Scott's 2209, 10c milky blue with outer lines. This strip has been in the possession of a lawyer for upward of fifty years, he in turn having received it from his grandmother. A block of this stamp is unknown in either used or unused condition, and no larger strip is known to exist. While at this writing, the item has not been sold, nevertheless, it will probably be placed before the appearance of this advertisement.

It is mentioned as a matter of record, and in order that our readers will appreciate that I am always in the market to purchase anything rare or rare in the way of United States Postal or Revenue Issues.

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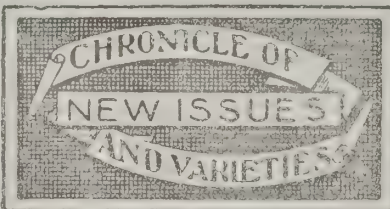
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United States

Unofficial New Orleans-Atlanta Air Mail

Mr. Harold C. Frederick has just sent an air mail cover from New Orleans, bearing postmark of "Atlanta, Ga., July 28, 11.30 A. M., 1927." In addition there is a green rubber stamp marking in seven lines reading, "This message was carried from New Orleans by an unofficial experimental aeroplane flight from New Orleans to Atlanta, via Mobile, Pensacola, Montgomery and Birmingham, through the courtesy of Major Sumpter Smith. New Orleans Association of Commerce."

Mr. Frederick in writing from New Orleans, states that this is the first test flight from that city to Atlanta, and that an attempt is being made to have the local post office handle the mail. As the cover does not bear New Orleans

postmark, there is no doubt but what the covers were carried to Atlanta, and then posted there, in accordance with arrangements previously made with the Chamber of Commerce, of that city.

Reverend J. Dreyer, kindly sends me clippings from the *Times-Picayune* of July 28, describing the service. Major Smith who piloted the plane is a government aviator and left Callendar Field on Wednesday the 27th, reaching Atlanta, after stopping in the cities named, on the morning of the 28th.

While the flight was unofficial in character, it will, like the other unofficial fore-runners, be recognized as the first carrying of mail between these two distant points.

Through Mr. Frederick's activities, the special postmark was used.

Key West-Havana Air Mail

Announcement was recently made in this column that a contract had been awarded for the carrying of mail from Key West to Havana. The exact date of the opening of this line has not been set, although it will probably be during the first two weeks in October. The postal rates applying will be the normal first class rates, that is, 2 cents per letter, and this firm will handle all the first class mail going to Cuba. We are told that a special Cuban 5-cent air mail stamp in addition to a two-cent stamp will be required to take a letter back from Havana to Key West.

The Pan-American Airways, Inc., further writes, "It may be of interest to your readers to know that the Pan-

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It is to be hoped that the Department will arrange a first day postmark for this special occasion, although up to time they have not decided to do so.

Albany-Cleveland Air Mail

Under date of July 27th, Mr. Walter Irving Glover, Acting Postmaster General, announced that the Colonial Western Airways, Inc., of New York, had been awarded the contract for carrying mail via air between New York, N. Y., and Cleveland, Ohio, via Schenectady, Syracuse, Rochester, and Buffalo. It was expected that the company will begin operation within ninety days. Mr. Glover has been advised that this company has a contract with the American Express Company, so that both mail and express will be carried from inception of the service. The distance is approximately 452 miles, and the bound planes leaving Albany at 11 A. M. are scheduled to reach Cleveland at 1 P. M. the same day. Planes will leave Cleveland at 12.15 P. M. and arrive Albany at 5.30 P. M.

Byrd Mail To Europe

The Information Service of the Post Office Department announces under date of July 28th as follows:—

"The mail sack which was carried by the airplane 'America' by Commander Richard E. Byrd, U. S. N., on his memorable flight from New York to France was returned to the office of Acting Postmaster General W. Irving Glover today. The sack, which contained letters, weighing four pounds and sixteen ounces net, was one of the new foreign sacks with closing, sealing, labeling device attached and was addressed to 'PARIS, FRANCE, per Airplane 'America.'"

The sack of mail was saved from a damaged plane 'America' at Ver-sur-Mer, France, and delivered to the French postal authorities at Ver-sur-Mer on Monday morning, July 2, by the Prefect Cherbourg to whom it was delivered by Commander Byrd, in the presence of American Consul Wiley, on Friday night July 1. Mail was then delivered to addressees in Paris on July 3.

I have not, as yet, seen any of the covers, and can give no information of their postal markings.

ALGERIA.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown the 60c green, surcharged "65" black and the 80c bright orange with overprint "90" also in black.

In addition to the above the Economist Stamp Co. report that they have received the 1fr5c brown with the value "1f10" surcharged in black.

ANTIGUA.—Mr. R. Roberts sends following new items of this colony: blue and lilac on blue and 2sh6p bl and carmine on blue, both script watermark.

BAHAMAS.—Mr. R. Roberts sends note the 2p King's Head type, script watermark in pale grey.

CANADA.—We have to thank Mr. Charles Hazelhurst for sending to us a set of the three values of the so called Historical set, which the Canadian Government withdrew last year without giving any reason. The 5c plum bears a portrait of Thomas D'Arcy McGee, Canada's great Irish Statesman who

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AUTOGRAPHED by BOTH LIEUTENANTS

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assassinated in the late sixties. The 12c green is of oblong format and shows the likeness of Sir John A. Macdonald in an oval frame at the right while an oval frame at the left carries the picture of Sir Wilfred Laurier. The figures of value are in each lower corner with "Cents" between. The 20c red is the same size stamp as that of the previous value but of a slightly different design. It pictures two more men prominent in the history of Canada. They are Baldwin at the left and La Fontaine at the right. Mr. Hazelhurst further informs us that they were issued on the 8th of July last. Mr. R. D. Rideout in advising as to the Diamond Jubilee stamps calls our attention to the word "Expres" of the 20c value which is spelled with a single "s" and not with two as previously reported.

CEYLON. — Mr. R. Roberts sends for chronicle the 1c brown, script watermark. This issue is printed from plate 1, Die 1b, large "C".

We learn from the *Philatelic Magazine* that they are informed by Mr. Oswald Marsh that high value stamps are on order in the Nyasaland type as follows: 1 rupee, purple and brilliant rose; 2 rupees, green and red; 5 rupees, green and purple; 10 rupees, green and orange, and 20 rupees, purple and blue. Also the 100 rupees change of color to purple and blue is foretold.

CHILE.—Yvert Supplement No. 10 lists the following Air stamps: 40c on 10c, brown and blue; 80c on 10c brown and blue; \$1.20 on 10c brown and blue; \$1.60 on 10c brown and blue and \$2 on 10c brown and blue.

CHINA.—Mr. Tsan Wen Wan writing to us from Peking under date of June 14th last sends us a copy of the current 8c stamp with a one-line surcharge in native characters which means "Limited to be used in Kiring and Heilungkiang Provinces." The stamps so overprinted are the set from 1/2c to \$5. Mr. Wan adds that they were placed on sale in April.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—Dr. Walter A. Glines of San Juan, P. R., writes that this country recently issued a 2c red and

5c blue stamp to commemorate an Inter Island Exposition. The two-cent variety in the first row of the plate, third stamp from the bottom, has an accent over the conjunction "e." The rest of the stamps in the plate lack this mark, which by the way is grammatically correct.

DUTCH INDIES.—Reminders of the Brandkast (floating safe) issue are shortly to be overprinted for use as postage stamps in Curacao and Surinam.—*Stamp Collecting*.

EGYPT.—Mr. R. Roberts calls our attention to a new issue of the 5m brown, bearing the portrait of King Fuad and adapted from the previous type. The stamps are printed in Cairo by photographic process.

FIJI.—There are many rumours afloat concerning the £1 stamp. Some weeks ago we heard from a reliable New Zealand source that it had been withdrawn, but this information was later contradicted by the senders. Now Mr. P. C. Nyberg states that this value has not been on sale for two years past, the remaining stock of this stamp and of the 6d King Edward being used for fiscal purposes only, cancelled with a large "R." In view of the conflict of evidence we shall be glad to have definite news from one of our friends in Fiji.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal*.

FRANCE.—The Economist Stamp Co. and Mr. R. Roberts have shown us the 25c Sower type, in pale brown color. Mr. Cecil F. Blogg sends the following information reported in a recent edition of the *Tacoma News-Tribune*:

"Delegates to the American Legion's convention in Paris in September will have special stamps provided for them by the French postal authorities. They will be of artistic as well as philatelic interest.

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Whitfield King & Co. report that an International Exhibition connected with flying was opened at Marseilles on June 25th, and will remain open for one month. Two special Air Post stamps have been issued which are sold only at the Exhibition and in limited quantities, only one of each being allowed to each purchaser of a ticket of admission. The values are 2 and 5 francs of the current French stamps overprinted "Poste Aerienne" and an aeroplane.

GERMANY.—We learn from Mr. J. L. Riedel that on October 2nd, the German President, Marshall von Hindenburg, will celebrate his eightieth birthday. On this occasion a special set of three stamps of 5, 10 and 20pf values will be issued bearing the President's portrait and inscribed October 2nd, 1847-1927. The stamps will be sold at double face and the premium devoted to a fund for War invalids.

GREECE.—Stamps of the Navarino Commemorative set will be of the following values and colors according to the *Philatelic Magazine*: 1.50 drachma, green and pale green; 4 drachma, blue and pale blue; 5 drachma, bistre; 5 drachma, red and 5 drachma, brown.

HEJAZ.—The Economist Stamp Co. and Whitfield King & Co. send for chronicle copies of the 1p grey-green postage due stamp.

Whitfield King & Co. also further advise that they have received in addition to the above mentioned value a 3 piastres, olive; 5 piastres, chestnut; 10 piastres, chocolate in the current design and 2 piastres, purple in the postage due set.

LEEWARD ISLANDS.—Whitfield King & Co. and Mr. R. Roberts have shown us the 3p purple on yellow, Die 2, script watermark.

MEXICO.—The Economist Stamp Co. have shown us the 4c green design with Colon Statue in the centre.

NETHERLANDS.—Mr. P. Gordon notifies the following from official sources:—

"A request was made to the P.M.G. by a prominent Dutch philatelist (Dr. Daamen) for the issue of a set of stamps to commemorate the seventy-five years since the first stamp was issued in Holland, which request was refused. This talked of issue need not therefore be expected.

A new 6c postage due is to be expected. 20,000 sets of the Red Cross series were sold on the 17th inst. at the Society's Jubilee celebrations at the Botanical Gardens. A special Red Cross cancellation was used.

Forecasts of the denominations and colours of the proposed Olympic Games set are mere guesswork, no official decision having been made as yet."—*Stamp Collecting*.

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NORTH BORNEO.—Mr. R. Roberts sends for chronicle copies of the 6c green and black, and 12c deep blue and black, of the Postage set, and the 5c brown and black; 10c pale blue and black, and the 12c deep blue and black of the Postage due series with new perforation. It is now 12½.

PARAGUAY.—The Economist Stamp Co. and Whitfield King & Co. report a new 50c blue of different design, this issue having the familiar star at the left centre and the large "50" below to the right.

PARAGUAY.—Mr. J. E. Lea, the well-known Manchester dealer, kindly shows us an envelope franked with a block of ten of the recent 50 on 60c provisional, with surcharge inverted. He also brings to our notice the same stamp with "Habilitado" omitted and with the remainder of the surcharge sideways. This variety occurred in the following way: A sheet of 98 stamps (two stamps at bottom right-hand corner missing) was completed for surcharging by attaching two specimens horizontally in the vacant spaces. They were not properly closed up to the stamps above them, so that the word "Habilitado" fell in the gap, and the rest of the surcharge was of course

sideways.—Stanley Gibbons *Monthly Journal*.

POLAND.—Whitfield King & Co. report the appearance of a 20gr stamp bearing the likeness of Slowaski. The color dull red.

RUSSIA.—Whitfield King & Co. draw our attention to two more additional values in the provisional postage stamps overprinted on Postage Dues have just come to hand. They are 2 kopecs, violet, and 8 kopecs on 3 peccs, blue, both on watermarked paper. Our correspondents also add that have not received the stamps on unwatermarked paper and do not believe they exist.

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A few years back a reasonable expenditure would result in a satisfactory collection, but today a fine collection of our stamps runs into hundreds of dollars. As a result, many of the collectors are limiting their activities to the 20th century issues, hence, these varieties have been jumping with leaps and bounds. Today, they are still a good investment, for the increased demand is diminishing the dealer's stock, and as a result many of the stamps that are priced at but a few cents, are difficult to obtain.

This year a few of the Postmaster Provisionals moved forward. The two 5c Baltimore Provisionals are now priced at \$1,000.00. The Brattleboro moves up \$300.00, while the New York "R. H. M." is listed at \$750.00. All of the St. Louis varieties increase for the first time in several years. The Postmasters seem to be slow movers, hence practically stand still in value.

In the general issues, the 1847 5c is now \$35.00 unused and \$8.00 used, with the 10c in used condition going to \$35.00. The splits have increased somewhat, as have the reprints, which will now cost you \$15.00 a set. There are a few changes in the 1851 series, and the variations are slight. The 1c type II is priced at \$4.50 used, while the type IV is listed at \$3.25.

The double impression 3c is mentioned for the first time, and is priced at \$1,000.00. The 12c unused goes to \$60.00 and the same stamp printed on both sides to \$800.00.

Changes in the 1857 series are even fewer. The 1c type V used, and the 3c are listed at \$1.00 and 8c respectively. The 10c type V used, is now priced at \$2.00. All of the reprints of this issue increase from \$1.00 to \$5.00, and rightly so, for they are in greater demand, and the supply is not plentiful.

Most of the August issue of 1861 are increased. We see that they price the 12c at \$3,000.00 and the 30c at \$2,000.00. If any of these are available, I would like to have them at an increased figure for the 30c has brought \$3,600.00 at auction, and one recently changed hands from one of the larger collections broken up, at \$3,000.00. The 90c which is priced at \$1,250.00 is a decidedly good buy at the figure. The 3c imperforate is priced for the first time, at \$150.00, which is a fair value. Few of the September issue changes, although the 3c pink is now priced at \$100.00 mint, and a good copy

is certainly worth it. The 12c in unused and used condition, is listed at \$13.50 and \$2.50 respectively. The 1862-66 varieties stand still, and the same remarks apply to the odd size grills. Only three stamps of the balance of the grill issues change, the 11x13, 1c and 10c, and the 10c 9x13 take slight advances. It is surprising that the re-issue of this series stands still, for practically all of them are bringing catalog and more at auction. Several of them are decidedly cheap, if they can be picked up at full catalog.

The changes in the 1869 issue are small, with only a few cents or a dollar added here and there.

In the Bank Note issues, several of the unused varieties increase, and some of the odd values, such as, the 7c and 12c in used condition are shown to be more desirable. One stamp that has increased is the 30c National, which now lists \$50.00 unused, and \$3.50 used. This is a decidedly scarce stamp, and a most difficult variety to pick up in fine mint condition. Half of the collections that I purchase show the copy of the "Continental" in the "National" space. The special prints of this series on both hard and soft paper stand still. It is noted that the 10c Continental horizontal pair, imperforate between, is still priced at \$450.00, although two pair are known. If one could obtain the variety at this figure he would be able to make a very handsome profit.

Practically all of the unused varieties of the 80's increase slightly. It is particularly noted that the 4c green, special print, is still priced at \$85.00. I would like to buy a few at double this figure. All of the 1890 in used and unused condition, with few exceptions, advance, as do most of the Columbian series. The 4c Error is priced at \$300.00 unused, this quotation having been previously announced.

All of the early Bureau issues of 1894, 1895 and 1898, move into new high ground. The 1894 \$1 type II, as well as the \$2, are now being priced at \$20.00 each, while the \$5 goes to \$50.00. The same stamps of the next series are priced at \$12.00, \$10.00 and \$20.00 respectively. I see that they still allow the 2c part perf. errors to remain at the same price of several years back. I certainly would like to see some for sale at materially higher figures. In the 1898 series they price the 2c rose carmine used at 65c. In all my experience, I have never seen a used copy, and if they exist, they are certainly as rare as the same stamp unused. The Omahas all increase with the exception of the \$2.00. The 8c part perf., is still priced at \$80.00. If anyone has a pair or block, I would like to be able to buy it at a substantial increase. I have not seen this variety on the market for several years.

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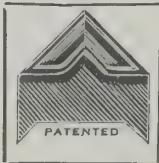
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The Pan-American issues take slight increases in the case of the normal stamps with the three invert, now being listed at \$100.00, \$1,000.00 and \$200.00 respectively. All of the 1902 issue increases with the exception of the 2c, 8c and 13c which are still plentiful and rightly remain at the old figure. The \$1.00, \$2.00, and \$5.00 in mint condition are priced at \$6.00, \$9.00, and \$20.00 respectively. The coils advance, while the 5c imperf. remains as heretofore. The Louisiana, Jamestown, and 1908 values in each and every case, move higher. It is noted that the 2c St. Louis part perf. is priced at \$100.00, which is entirely too low, for the stamp has changed hands several times in the last few years at much higher figures. The 10c coil which has always been a scarce stamp, is listed at \$35.00. All of the blue papers are advanced, with the exception of the 1c and 5c. Why they allow the latter to remain stationary, I cannot see, as it is an exceedingly scarce stamp, and underpriced. The 4c and 8c are now listed at \$225.00 each.

From this point on, practically every stamp increases, the 10c perf. 10 Panama Pacific going to \$5.00 and it is well worth this figure. All of the perf. 10 normal stamps take good advances, the 50c watermark being priced at \$5.00, and the \$1.00 at \$6.00. In the unwatermarked series the 3c lists \$5.00, the 20c \$2.00, the 50c \$15.00, and the \$1.00 at \$7.50. The 20c is a decidedly good buy at full catalogue, and the 50c has been selling at auction and privately around \$20.00. The \$2.00 is one of the few stamps that has decreased, now being priced at \$4.00, due no doubt, to the fact that the Scott Company learned that they are available through some of the post offices. The 5c Error is now listed at \$1,000.00. None of the unused 1917 change with the exception of the \$1.00 black-brown, which is priced at \$7.50. This lack of change, of course, is due to the fact that they are still available at the Philatelic Agency. All of the used varieties move slightly forward. The 24c Airplane invert is priced at \$800.00, while the 1918 \$2 and \$5 are listed used at \$3.50 each. I cannot understand the increase in the latter stamp, as they are more plentiful than ever, and they are coming out in used sheets.

In the offset prints there are increases throughout, the 1c perf. 12 1/2 listing 35c. Of the Errors, they increase No. 525c, which by the way, is the commonest variety, and the one that can be most readily obtained. The two scarce varieties, No. 529f and No. 536a remain as heretofore, although the stamps have been bringing much more for some time. Two very popular stamps No. 545 and No. 546 are priced at \$1.25 and 50c respectively, the latter stamp should have been increased somewhat more, as it is quite a scarce little stamp. In the 1922 issue, the 2c flat plate imperforate vertically, has been dropped to \$25.00. Why I do not know, as a block recently sold at auction for \$225.00, and has been selling

around the same figure and more privately.

It is true, a further sheet with a diagonal perforation has been found, but this certainly cannot be classified as this error. I doubt whether any of these can be had on a basis of the new catalog price. The 1922 1c and 2c perf. 11x10 are now priced at 25c and 15c, while the same stamps perforated 11 are priced at \$35 and \$2.00. If the compilers of the catalog have any of this former stamp, I would like to buy a few at \$35.00 each. The 2c at \$2.00 is fairly priced. Six of the rotary stamps are now listed, but not priced on double paper, for the first time. The catalog makes note that these varieties were caused by overlapping the ends of rolls of paper in the rotary press. Two other advances of interest, are the Norse-American 2c and 5c which are now priced at 10c and 25c unused, and 5c and 20c used.

In the Departments, but few changes are made. The 6c Executive is now listed at \$27.50 both ways. The 90c Justice unused at \$75.00, and the 2c Navy Error at \$75.00. The Post Office 6c split increases \$10.00, while all of the dollar value States increase. The 1c Treasury lists at \$2.50 and the 90c at \$3.00. The 12c War on hard paper is priced at \$4.00, and is still cheap at this figure. Why the soft paper Treasury 30c and 90c remain the same, I cannot see, as the two stamps have been bringing more at both auction and privately for some time. The price on the 3c War imperforate has been deleted. There is only one increase in the Carriers, No. 1813 used, being priced at \$30.00. This certainly does not reflect today's interest in the Carrier varieties. There are slight changes noted in the Special Delivery's, and in the Newspapers I note but one stamp which changes, namely, 1875 3c. The reprints of the 1895 issue are priced separately for the first time at 75c each.

There are a few changes in the prices of the postage due stamps. The 1914 perf. 10, unused is now listed at 60c. If anyone has one or two loose copies that they desire to sell at several times this figure, send them on. The unwatermarked 1c is listed at \$5.00 unused, while the 2c goes to \$1.50. They omit a price on the perf. 11 30c, which leads some to believe that this is rare, which is not the case. They have been selling around 75c each in mint condition, and 15c or 20c each used with the possibility of the price lowering as they become more plentiful.

As I do not take a great interest in the early envelopes, I have not waded through the pages of prices. It is noted that most of the recent surcharged envelopes are now priced, and the quotations throughout seem to be in line with the prevailing prices.

Few changes are noted in the Revenues. The 1c Telegraph imperf. going to \$10.00, with the 3c Playing Cards in similar condition, moving up to \$300.00. The ever popular, as well as scarce 6c Proprietary is listed at \$125.00. The imperforate \$1.30, \$1.90 and \$2.50 move into

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The thirty-third annual convention of the Society of Philatelic Americans convened at 10 a. m., in the Sagamore Room of the Walton Hotel, Philadelphia.

Percy McGraw Mann, chairman of the local committee, called the meeting to order, and introduced Dr. Thomas W. Davis, official representative of Hon. W. Freeland Kendrick, Mayor of Philadelphia, who extended a warm welcome on behalf of the citizens of Philadelphia and paid tribute to the philatelists present who represented the vast number of American citizens who perpetuate the history not only of America and its institutions, but of the world at large. This is being done in the various emissions of postage each year which depict current historical events which should be of particular interest to the residents in this the cradle of American liberty, the birthplace of "Old Glory," the U. S. Constitution, and the formation of the independent government for the common defense and future prosperity of the leading nation in the world. He stated that he felt that all present stood for church, home, the public schools and American institutions and principles, and recalled that when put to the test that the United States would not enter the late world war because we needed foreign dye stuffs, we proved conclusively that we made the three principal colors that would never run—the red, white and blue, and that we stood for construction and progress in every essential.

The response to the address of welcome was delivered by Major Guy W. A. Camp, of New York City, unopposed candidate for President of the organization, who, in a few brief words expressed the thanks of those present for the warm welcome extended, and felt sure that the convention would be of mutual benefit to the visitors as well as those visited. A wise selection was made when Philadelphia was chosen as the place of meeting.

At 10.25 the Chairman turned the convention over to Secretary William Lycett (of Cape May, New Jersey), who, in the absence of President William L.

Doepke, called the meeting to order and suggested the selection of a permanent chairman for the convention.

Upon motion of Albert E. Gorham, a former Secretary, Major Guy W. A. Camp, Chairman of the Board of Governors, was elected as Chairman of the convention and as presiding officer and as such was escorted to the platform and assumed charge of the convention.

The annual report of President W. J. Doepke, which outlined the progress of the organization during the past year, and showed a steady and healthy growth, was read.

Upon motion of Mr. Gorham it was voted that this report be referred to a committee of three. Albert E. Gorham, Carl A. B. Motz and Eugene L. Pollock appointed.

REPORT OF SECRETARY LYCETT.

CAPE MAY, N. J., August 1, 1927.

Fellow Members:—

The Secretary takes pleasure in presenting this, his fourth, report to the Society assembled in convention, and prefaces it in phrases almost identically the same as last year, which being statements of facts cannot well be altered.

The past year has been one of progress, smooth working, and great accomplishments. The membership has increased noticeably; the Sales Department, under the able direction of Dr. Hussey, assisted by Miss Helen, has largely increased in business and in the quality of stamps on circuits; the Exchange Department, superbly managed by Mr. Wyer, is now the largest in the country and continually growing, and while last year we stated it was excelled by none, we now report it is equalled by none; all old Sales Department claims of members of the Society have been paid; our funds are largely increased in the aggregate, and we are on a firm financial basis. It truly has been a year of progress, for a full conception of which you are referred to the reports of the various officers. This is only a general report, but we record here our appreciation of the officers who have taken part, which includes the entire roster. All have worked together for the good of the Society, each

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The following members proposed ten or more members during the year, and are therefore given special mention; Helen Hussey, 103; Wm. Lycett, 85; R. C. Bach, 46; Dr. A. E. Hussey, 18; M. G. Hanna, 15; and F. F. Greeley, 10.

One year ago at Cincinnati, Miss Helen Hussey was credited with having proposed 66 members, and received special recognition there. She pledged 100 applications for 1926-27, and, as can be seen, has more than fulfilled her pledge, and we believe that some special recognition should be given her at this convention and heartily coincide with and second the President's recommendation that she be made a Life Member. Furthermore, she has indicated a purpose to propose another hundred, and we believe she will, and incidentally state that there are two of them already in the Secretary's hands.

The statement of membership is as follows:—

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Membership August 1, 1926, | 910 |
| New members admitted during the year, | 353 |
| Reinstated, | 14 |
| Restored, | 7 |
| | — 374 |

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| Deceased, | 1284 |
| Resigned (and 4 pending), | 12 |
| Suspended non-payment of dues, 110 | 31 |
| Expelled (unethical conduct), | 2 |
| | — 155 |

Membership July 31, 1927, 1129 of whom 12 are shut-ins, 5 honorary, and 18 life members. During the year Mr. V. M. Anderson took Life Membership No. 18.

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The Secretary uses every honorable means within his power to keep members in, and has rarely suspended a member at the first opportunity, but held them and wrote and wrote and wrote again until he wore his typewriter out and had to buy a new one, which already shows signs of wear. Most of the resignations are because of cessation of philatelic activity, and cannot be avoided, although in a few cases we have induced the withdrawal of tendered resignations.

Death, too, has cut into our ranks, there being twice the number of last year. In one case an applicant died before his card was granted. Many of the deaths were of comparatively new members, some of whom were beginning to be active in the Society and gave promise of good work to come. We mourn their loss and revere their memory, and recommend appropriate tribute to their memory by the convention.

4260, J. J. Stelshin, died Dec., 1925; 2085, E. E. Meyer, June 10, 1926; 4128, B. A. Quesnel, September 7, 1926; 2102, Frank V. Newell, September 8, 1926; 4332, Daniel N. Jay (a shut-in), October 26, 1926; 3356, C. R. Fuller, November 16, 1926; 4773, E. P. Barr, January 28, 1927; 4657, I. A. Hurovitz, February, 1927; 4635, A. R. Mengel, February, 1927; 4709, G. Harrison Townsend, April, 1927; 4613, J. D. Ferris, May, 1927; A. S. Matter, May, 1927.

Four notable features mark the year. The first is the Philatelic Exhibition, where the Society had a booth and where it was brought well to the attention of

the attendants, with the result that some new members were obtained and a good impression of the Society made upon many who were unaware of its existence. We believe the effects of this will be accumulative.

The second is the establishment of a Junior membership in accordance with the action of the Cincinnati convention. As a result there are already 94 enrolled and 17 applications pending. Our laws were not made with a Junior membership in view, and much judgment has had to be used in dealing with them. Many of them are taking an active interest, are proposing their friends, and give promise of becoming a permanent asset of the Society. We recommend that a committee be appointed early in the session to devise ways and means for better enactments for the young ones and incorporation of them in our laws. The Secretary has been assiduous in his attention to this younger element, and helps them in every way possible. One of our officers, No. 1127, who modestly wishes his name withheld, has been presenting packages of stamps to the new Juniors, and for a while to all new members. He probably gave 200 such and deserves the thanks of the convention.

The third is the amount of paid advertising in boys' papers and the philatelic press, which has had good results, but which could be carried on to a much greater extent. A business maxim is that "Advertising pays," and the results already achieved warrant not only its continuance, but a large increase in

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amount, and we believe our member

lishers should be given a large share

it.

The fourth is the wiping out of

indebtedness to our members in the

Sales Department, a noteworthy ach

ment and one that reflects great cred

the Society. It only remains now for

non-members to be paid, and the

will be clean. This will be accomplish

too.

A good official organ is one of

best features a society can have, and

organization has been fortunate in

respect. Our organ has given fine

vice to the entire satisfaction of

members, and your Secretary has

his duty so to announce at all times,

believes that where efficient service

being given by an officer or member

the Society, due credit therefore sh

in justice be given him also. We be

the verdict of the Society as expres

by their votes, will sustain me in

belief.

No new Branches have been organ

during the year, except Junior Br

No. 1, at Savannah, Ga., the charter

which has been granted, but not yet

sued. We believe a greater effort sh

be made toward the establishment

Branches, which can be made effi

adjuncts to the society at large.

The finances will be reported by

two treasurers. We report that t

is much more in the aggregate

than last year and that the Secretary

collected in dues and initiations

of buttons, \$2,279.62, which has been

rated as follows: General Fund, \$1,132

Official Organ, \$752.56; Board of

errors, \$374.30; Life Membership F

\$20, and that he has drawn warrants

the General Fund for \$1,108.69 and

the Sales Department Insurance F

for \$36.44, besides financing the Y

Book separately, the receipts and

penses of which were \$322, the Socy

paying \$24.50 thereon.

The Year Book was issued in time

a few copies to be distributed at

Exhibition, which was two months

the adjournment of the convention.

The response for ads was not so good

previous year, so that the Society

truly had to pay a small amount toward

but this was made necessary by the

clusion of the Constitution which

\$63.25. If the members would

liberally assist, either by a dollar

or by advertising their stamp busi

the book could be improved and

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We again report that we have endeavored to serve the Society and the individual members to the best of our ability; that we enjoy the work; that our correspondence with members has been most enjoyable; that we thank the members for their continued confidence, and that we will endeavor to continue to do so; and that we wish for a still more prosperous year under our new President for whom we bespeak the hearty cooperation of all the members, coupled with thanks to and appreciation of our President Mr. Doepeke, under whose presidency the Society has grown from 718 to 729 members and acquired an impetus which will help us for a long time to come. The Chairman appointed the following committees: (Credential, Arrangements, Finance, previously announced).

Officers' Reports: Albert E. Gorham, B. Motz, E. L. Pollock.
Finance: Percy McG. Mann, R. L. Mann, Dr. William Evans.
Year Book: Helen Hussey, Fred Megson.
Meeting: Paul Wise, H. B. Skinner, Dr. M. G. Skinner.
Program: George E. Graff, Mary E. Hanna, M. G. Hanna.

Institution: Guy W. A. Camp, Wm. B. Sloan, George B. Sloane, F. L. Bickert, Peyton Hopkins.
Secretary Lycett submitted a resolution: Suspension of Constitution by unanimous consent and admission of application favorably reported by Recruiting Committee to membership, at present Voted, that same be adopted.
Secretary Lycett recommended appointment of Albert E. Gorham as Journalist (official reporter). Confirmed.
Report of Major Guy W. A. Camp, Chairman of the Board of Governors presented. (Will be published next week.)

That The Report of the Board of Governors and all other reports of the Board be referred to the Committee on Reports, unless otherwise specifically ordered.
Secretary Lycett read telegram from President Heusinger, expressing regret and also read and referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports the report of officers.

Mann submitted letter from a resident in Costa Rica, forwarding to President a first flight cover between Costa Rica and Panama. Accepted on behalf of President Doepeke. Adjourned.

Second Day, Aug. 9. 1927

A convention was called to order at 10 a. m.
Committee on Election of Officers and Credentials submitted its report, which was adopted. 611 ballots were cast and following were elected:—
President, Guy W. A. Camp; Vice-President, E. W. Heusinger; Secretary, M. Lycett; Treasurer, D. G. Bray; Board of Governors: N. R. Hoover; Officers at Large, F. L. Coes, P. P. International Secretary, G. C. Counterfeit Detector, Gustav
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HONOLULU, HAWAII

TYPE I

**HONOLULU
HAWAII**

(Universal Style I)

Honolulu precancels are to be found in two distinct styles of type. Type I is the overprint produced by the 100 subject copper electroplate. This has appeared on all the regular series since 1912 and is still current. In spite of the long service to which this plate has been put, it is still in good shape and able to produce satisfactory impressions.

Speaking first of the perf. 12 stamps which exist with this overprint, it is well to note that only one variety of double impression of the cancellation is known in this type and that it occurs upon the 1-cent 1912. The catalog figure of two dollars would be a fair price to pay. Normal impressions exist upon the 3, 4, 5 and 6 cent of the 1908 series, and 1, 2, 10, 12, 15 and 20 cent of the 1912 issue. The 8 cent 1912 seems to have been overlooked, but it may exist precancelled in spite of the fact that it is a variety unknown to collectors. Inverted overprints on this perforation are unknown. The 1, 2, 3 and 12 cents are perhaps the varieties easiest to procure. The others are exceeding hard to pick up.

The perf. 10 issue is known precancelled only up to the 12 cent denomination, with the 7 and 9 cents missing from the list. The 2 cent exists inverted and is truly a rare specimen. The 3 cent, while priced at 70c, is fairly common, as is also the 12 cent priced at 80c. The 4 cent is not often met with, nor the 8 cent or 10, and the 11 is quite a rarity. The 1, 2 and 5 are less scarce than most of the others, while the 6 is seldom seen.

In the 1917 perf. 11 series, the Honolulu missed precancelling only two values in the set from one cent to one dollar. These are the 11 and 13, which are not known to exist in the above type. The 30 cent is not listed in the catalog, but I am informed that it does exist. The 50 cent comes inverted, as well as normally cancelled, and is rare in either case. The \$1.00 is an item that I deem Honolulu's rarest precancel. The 3 cent Surface Print is chronicled in the catalog, and priced at 20c, but in my opinion does not exist as I cannot remember ever having seen a copy, though I have examined possibly a hundred of the ordinary 3 cent, which is quite common. Of the balance of the series, the 7, 8, 10, 15 and 20 cents are notably scarce. The 3 and 9 cent are to be acquired in block form,

with greater ease than any of the others, save possibly the two lowest values. The 1 and 5 cent Due Stamps were precancelled with this plate, known as Universal Style I, and possibly others of the series exist.

The current series must be treated in two groups, as there are two perforations to consider, since the rotary press printings have made their advent. I have seen specimens of all varieties from the 1/2 to the 20 cent, except the 14 and 17 in the type under discussion. Also there has been reported the precancelling of the balance of the set up to the \$2 stamp, but I have only seen these with the hand-stamped precancellation, which is known as Type II. The 15 cent is very scarce.

The following Rotaries have now superseded the perforated 11 flat press stamps at Honolulu; 4, 5, 6, 7 and 10. Possibly others, but I have seen only these to date, and just the 5, 6 and 7 precancelled in Type I. The 1 cent inverted, perf. 11 new series, appears to be more common than the normal overprint. Other inverts are rare, however.

TYPE II

**Honolulu
Hawaii.**

(Universal Style 60)

This overprint is produced by a 25 subject rubber handstamp. It was received by the Honolulu office during the latter months of 1920 and used extensively during the Christmas season of that year and has been in constant service since that time. It is known as the emergency stamp, and is supposed to precancel supplementary to the regular electroplate. The printed precancel stock often becomes exhausted and handstamping must be the resort until a new supply can be printed by the plate. Also a small quantity of a certain stamp is often required, which is not sufficient to warrant a special printing, and the handstamp is called into use. It has not as yet shown appreciable wear, in spite of the fact that it has been used to overprint thousands of sheets.

When this handstamp made its advent at the Honolulu office, it precancelled certain values of the old perf. 10 issue that were in stock. I am unable to give an accurate list of the varieties of this series that exist, but they shall appear in a future issue of the Standard Precancel Catalog. At present none of this issue are listed in Type II.

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EDITORIAL

The convention of the American Philatelic Society at St. Louis on August 16th, 17th and 18th, has started its sessions with the inspiration of a large attendance. Delegates are in good number from the central part of the country; and Chicago, Milwaukee and other cities of the middle west are well represented. The local members are dispensing hospitality all along the line and the feeling is that the convention will be one of the constructive kind. There are no political differences to lend interest to the result of the voting for officers and the question of the place of the next convention seems to be an open one.

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It was only eight years ago that the American Philatelic Society met in St. Louis before and it is pleasant to see that some of those who were most active in providing cheer and comfort in those days are again at the helm. Though little has been said of the entertainment that is ready, the program discloses that much work has been done to make the occasion a happy one. The earnest efforts of all the hosts to make the visitors feel at home are characteristic of the St. Louis committee as of philatelic convention city entertainers, generally.

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The two new commemoratives were issued on August 3rd, and collectors got their supplies promptly from the Philatelic Agency. As usual, collectors speak their minds freely about the two newcomers and opinion of them is divided. The Vermont Sesquicentennial is given general approval while there is some inclination to speak of the design of the Burgoyne Campaign commemorative as crowded. However, as an historical

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picture, the design is well-handled and the mass of detail is so distributed that as a whole the effect is a good one. The Vermont Sesquicentennial stamp is made distinctive by what is literally the outstanding figure of the Green Mountain Boy and will be received with enthusiasm.

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Mr. Arthur L. Wainwaring, New York, says that steps are to be taken to consider plans whereby Great Britain may federate the colonies of Zanzibar, Uganda, Tanganyika and Kenya. If the federation were accomplished, the stamp changes would be important ones for the collector. As a statistician informs us, the far-seeing collector is always on the alert to foretell what the result of new political alignments will be on collecting.

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Just as we began to feel a complacency that arose from a contemplation of the fullness of philately this summer season, a reader disturbs our serenity by filling three sheets of paper as a bill of complaint. He berates the tendency of the times to emphasize the dollar aspect of collecting and thereby destroy the sentiment of the real amateur. It is admitted that his criticisms do not lack plausibility but his whole objection is built upon the declaration that commercialism is the curse of philately. The allegation is not a new one and it is suspected that our correspondent who wishes to remain anonymous is somewhat influenced in his stand by the advent of commemoratives in some volume or stamps that are needless postally. It is true that the dollar enters decidedly into collecting considerations today and to a greater extent than the cent did when our pursuit was in its infancy. As philately grew as a form of investment, it was natural that the market side of collecting became increasingly prominent. However, from the beginning, there were evidences that the pecuniary side of collecting was not neglected and the staple question then, as now, was in effect. How much is it worth? To check commercialism would be impossible as long as human nature runs true to form. This commercialism is not a menace but rightly directed it has a tonic effect on philately. We have been conservative in dealing with the subject because we shrink from advising in a speculative sense. Rather than risk a failure and work hardship on the immature, the subject is skirted, as a rule. However, when we can secure the conclusions of a man such as "Calabar" we gladly avail ourselves of the trained judgment and seasoned findings of this market expert. Readers want market information and when it is of a reliable kind, it becomes the most acceptable of reading material.

There are millions of dollars now invested in stamps and it follows that there must be much talk of prices, profits and losses, in consequence. We deny that commercialism is "rampant" today even though it is admitted that in some ways that it were better regulated would be desirable.

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The fashion to decry commemoratives seems to be waning and now we have experienced collectors openly espousing their cause, when some time ago they were silent, at least, on the subject. There is no doubt but that the special stamps have been winning favor from all ranks of collectors these recent years and the disposition to combat them has been changing. In fact, the changes that are taking place in philately are making it necessary for philatelic followers to revise their opinions on the theory of other times, other customs. While the collector does not need to follow the crowd, he should not remove himself from it so far that he no longer recognizes its drift. There are specialists and individualists in stamps who are sufficient unto themselves and are not bound by ordinary rules of philatelic conduct, but we are speaking of the great mass of collectors who are the main-stay of the pursuit. Even though the times change, the alteration from day to day is small and no collector is left high and dry by receding waves if he is awake. The commemorative stamp is here and it is now a recognized representative of philately. Little is now heard of its possible harmful reflection on collecting but on the contrary the idea seems to prevail that it may be made the agent of good.

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The fact that the Associated Press issued a cablegram with the Paris date line, August 4, to announce well edited news of the special stamps to celebrate the Legion convention next September is of moment. Over one hundred words were used to describe the stamps and thus we have learned of the details of the designs before our correspondents in France could get their information to us.

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An operative of a private detective agency whose services were called upon in a recent theft of stamps expressed himself of a few opinions that may lead collectors to be more watchful of their property. He said that having had occasion to call on collectors and dealers by reason of the developments of the case, he was surprised to see the carelessness exhibited by the owners of valuable properties. It was evident that they

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placed too much reliance upon the posed ignorance of the bulk of the place on stamp values. He told of astonishment to find that there were many stamp folks and said, in his dom that was born of experience, all manner of crooks that any "business" that attracted so many people to participants or hangers-on was certain have in its wake a few chaps who had eggs. To make opportunities to vite them to ply their arts is to a disaster; and it is time for all of us to resolve that it is folly to leave valuable stamps around, without protection. We have known philatelists to trifles, such as books of stamps worth hundreds of dollars in their desks at night when a vault was available, householders to leave their beautiful albums around the room as they would the latest piece of fiction.

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MANAGING EDITOR



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and I expect to be away during that period. Any correspondence of importance, however, will be taken care of and forwarded to me. I will be in St. Louis from Aug. 14th to 19th and my address will be Marquette Hotel, 18th and Washington Ave. A.P.S. members that cannot attend the Convention I will be pleased to represent if they will forward to me their proxies.

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The president of the Bronx Philatelic
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161st St., a referendum may be
held on the question of an open air
stamp bourse in one of the Bronx parks.
The meeting is set for August 16th and
intended to organize a Junior Club
of the society, in which collectors from
16 to sixteen years will be eligible
for a guardian's guarantee of responsi-

bility. "Calabar" has resumed his market
on British colonials after a short
absence from home on a trip to the far
north.

Mr. Charles J. Phillips is resting for a
while in the mountains of Vermont after
a crowded stamp season. Commenting
on the effect of a small advertisement
which was inserted twice in the WEEKLY,
Mr. Phillips wrote "orders are still coming in and up
this morning I can trace 63 distinct
orders with remittances for stamps from
all over the world." This shows that
the advertisement is a country much in the popular

we thank our correspondents who
in covers bearing first day Vermont
centennial and Burgoyne Campaign
stamps and assure them that their kind-
ness is not regarded lightly, by any
means.

Mr. James A. Cook, Waterloo, Iowa,
an old collector who at one time devoted
himself to publishing a magazine for
collectors of philatelic literature writes
us that he will attend the St. Louis
convention. Incidentally, he says that
his scant reference to the death of Dr.
H. Stein of Muscatine, Iowa, did not
mean to be in accord with our custom.
He is right, but a promised biography
of the good Doctor from one of his
pupils is still expected.

Mr. Irving Gordon, 1710 E. 17th Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y., informs us that on
August 13th, he lost two Scott albums,
one leaf and linen-hinged, in the down-
town section of New York. Only U. S.
stamps included in the books and among
them were forty copies of the 10c of
1913, with three strips of three and two
each; and one cover with Canadian can-
tonment. Mr. Gordon will reward any
person who furnishes him with informa-
tion that will lead to the recovery of the
albums.

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days, for a "First-day city" for the "BURGOYNE CAMPAIGN" stamp, and left out
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class for collectors generally. The con-
tinued article by Mr. John L. Stroub,
the president of the society, on Nicara-
guan stamps is worthy of comment, as
he is a real specialist in the manifold
issues of the country.

The International Stamp Company of
Emporia, Kansas, sends out "Poor Rich-
ard's Almanac" as its contribution to
philatelic literature.

Mr. M. A. Vogel, Chicago, says that
on August 1st, Lindbergh Day in Cleve-
land, the air port there was presented to
the city of Cleveland, and also that the
day was the first anniversary of the
Cleveland Air Port. Consequently, the
air mail covers with that date are inter-
esting souvenirs.

The Burrows Brothers Co., booksellers
of Cleveland, have acquired a large pri-
vate collection and have it on display
prominently under charge of Mr. Fritz
Janssen, a stamp expert.

The Chicago Precancel Club now has
sixty-one members and the meeting held
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plans were discussed for the annual con-
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By "CALABAR."

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advantage of by those lacking this scarce
little variety. Whilst numbers sold (none
of which, to my knowledge, were official)
have from time to time appeared
in various quarters of the press, the
official figures unquestionably are small—
much smaller, one may safely assume,
than those of the other recent rarity of
this Colony, viz., the 1/- 1921. At any
rate, its undoubted rarity, combined with
the popularity of modern Turks stamps,
promises a most brilliant future for this
much sought-after stamp, which is well
worth buying at present rates.

Incidentally, the enhanced prices
brought by used copies of the scarcer
Colonials is well illustrated in the case
of the above stamp. In a recent issue
of a contemporary I note the stamp offered
at 28/- mint, 38/- used!

Virgin Ids.—The 5d script (now with-
drawn) is another little stamp with ex-
cellent future possibilities. Already it is
listed at 10/- in both the Gibbons and
Whitfield King Catalogues, and is quite
worth picking up at recent quotations of
\$1 or \$1.50.

S. W. Africa.—I understand that the
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South Africa Pictorials is to be changed
as it has been decided that henceforth
the ovpt. must fall on the frame of the
stamp and not on the central design, as
at present. The current S. W. Africa
Pictorials are therefore worth buying up
at once before the impending change goes
into effect, which is believed will be very
shortly.

Whilst S. Africa and S. W. Africa
issues are not as popular here as else-
where, the new Pictorials will doubtless
awaken further interest in both these
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| Spain, 30 cs. sepia | 12 |
| Switzerland, Air Post 1927, 20c green | 10 |
| India (Jhind State), 1 1/2a rose | 04 |
| (Jhind State), 2a 6p orange | 08 |
| Netherlands (wmk. & sync. perf.), 2c | |
| orange | 02 |
| 2 1/2c green | 03 |
| 3c green | 04 |
| 4c bright blue | 06 |
| 5c green | 08 |
| 10c red | 15 |
| 15c ultramarine | 18 |
| Netherlands 1927, Red Cross, 2c scarlet | |
| 3c green | |
| 5c violet blue | |
| 7 1/2c ultram. | |
| 4 Varieties | 20 |
| Belgium 1927, 1f.75 on 1f.30 blue | 15 |
| 3c on 2c olive bistre | 02 |
| 10c on 15c maroon | 05 |
| 35c on 40c carmine | 15 |
| Belgium East Africa 1927, 1f.75 on 1f.50 | |
| blue | 15 |
| Congo 1927, 1f.75 on 1f.50 blue | 15 |
| Australia 1927 (wmk. close), 1/2p orange | 02 |
| Australia Commemorative 1927, 1 1/2p | |
| red brown | 06 |
| Union of So. Africa Post. Due (new | |
| type), 1p carmine | 05 |
| Palestine 1927, 3m apple green | 04 |
| Gibraltar 1927, 1/2p green | 02 |
| Federated Malay 1927, 3c brown | 04 |
| Spain Air Post (Alfonso Jubilee) 1927 | |
| 5c black and violet | |
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| 15c ultramarine and orange | |
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C.—Customs. An overprint on certain early South Australian stamps used on official correspondence relating to Customs business.

C. D.—Convict Department. Also a South Australian overprint.

C. Ch.—Cochin China. Found on various French stamps used for a short period in this settlement.

C. E. F.—China Expeditionary Force. A surcharge found on several Indian stamps. These were first issued for the use of the troops forming Britain's part of the expeditionary force sent to relieve the foreign legations in Peking during the Boxer troubles of 1900. As some of the Field Post Offices then established are still in existence, these overprinted stamps are still in use.

C. L.—Crown Lands. A South Australian surcharge.

C. O.—Commissariat Office. A surcharge found on certain early South Australian stamps.

C. P.—Commissioner of Police. Another South Australian overprint.

C. S.—Chief Secretary. Also found on early South Australian stamps.

C. S. A. R.—Central South African Railways. A surcharge found on some of the stamps, bearing King Edward's portrait, of the Orange River Colony and the Transvaal. It was at best of a semi-official character and these varieties are only of interest to the specialist.

C. Sgn.—Colonial Surgeon. A South Australian surcharge found on certain stamps used prior to 1874.

C. T.—Commissioner of Titles. Another South Australian overprint of the same period.

Paper No. 8—Silk

This is paper having short pieces of colored silk thread embedded in its substance. Many of the United States revenue stamps were printed on silk paper and patches of these threads can be plainly seen on all the paper currency of this country.

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MANAGING EDITOR.

Stamp News for the Juniors

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How to Treat Stamps

By FRED BAMBER (Age 9).

Do not steam stamps to get them off the paper, because they will fade, or soak them in hot water, for the same reason. Soak them in cold water. Do not tear them from the paper, because you tear the stamp.

Eyes And No-Eyes

There is one thing the stamp collection should teach, which will be of value in every phase of daily life—the power to observe closely. Stamp collectors have been sneered at as students of dots and dashes, and perhaps there is a school of cranks who attach importance to minor variations which have no real connection with the history of the stamp. But there are variations of almost microscopic character which do tell the advanced collector much that he wants to know, while there are also quite important differences in designs and inscriptions, which do not jump immediately to the eye, but which have to be looked for with care.

It is only by studying the stamp catalogue and looking out carefully for these variations that the collector can avoid classing many stamps as duplicates which really belong to quite separate issues. A good catalogue will give enlargements of these details which will at once enable the reader to pick out the stamps described, and a search through a mass of what were thought to be duplicates, on these lines, will result in the addition of a large number of new stamps to the collection, with a corresponding increase in the collector's power to observe small things carefully.

As a few typical examples we may quote the Russian stamps (1889-1904) with and without the tiny arrows ("thunderbolts") across the posthorn; the stamps of Germany (1875-1880) with "pfennig" or "pfennige," or (1900-1902) with "Reichspost" or "Deutsches Reich"; the stamps of Hayti (1891-96), on which the tree has drooping leaves, or upright leaves; and many others. This is without taking into account differences in watermark, paper, or perforation, or the numerous variations in shade of colour, which will enable the collector to add still more varieties, if only he will study his catalogue and exercise his powers of observation.

A quick eye has its practical value, for a stamp which may be valueless in its most common form, may be quite rare when some small detail differs from the normal. Knowledge, which the catalogue, and a continual study of actual stamps, will give, and perception, which will come with time and training, are the chief factors in forming a stamp collection successfully, whether the maker of it is out solely for amusement, or has an eye also to the main chance.—*Stamp Collecting for All.*

Hawaiian Islands

A group of islands in the north Pacific Ocean having a total area of 6,450 square miles. The islands are of volcanic origin and all are mountainous. They were formerly known as the Sandwich Islands and this name will be found frequently in connection with their stamp issues in the older philatelic publications, albums and catalogues. The islands were discovered in 1549 and in the 19th century were recognised as an independent kingdom. In 1893 the reigning queen was deposed and in the following year a republic was formed. In 1898 the islands were annexed by the United States, and on June 14, 1900, they were constituted the Territory of Hawaii. The first postage stamps issued in the islands made their appearance in 1851 and the three crude labels comprised in this issue are now among the "great rarities" of philately.

Hair Lines

I.—A term employed to describe certain varieties of British stamps. These are small white lines drawn across the exterior angles of the 4d, 6d and 9d stamps of the 1862 issue and they were added to the design to distinguish the impressions from certain plates for those stamps. They really, therefore, take the place of the plate numbers shown in later editions of stamps of similar design.

II.—The term is also employed to describe fine colored lines sometimes shown upon certain stamps. These lines are, as a rule, simply traces of the "guide-lines" drawn on the plates and which had not been entirely erased in the final process of preparing them for printing.

B. L. C. I.

These letters appear on many of the stamps of Bhopal, one being placed in



each of the four corners of the design. "B. L." are the first and last letters of "Bhopal," while "C I" stands for "Central India."

Junior Dictionary

Plebiscite Stamps.—A name given to certain issues of stamps occasioned by plebiscites taken in various districts at the conclusion of the World War under the terms of the Versailles Treaty. Schleswig, Allenstein, Marienwerder, and Upper Silesia are notable examples of plebiscite issues.

Pohjois Inkeri.—This inscription on the first issue of Ingermanland stamps means "Northern Ingria," a name synonymous with Ingermanland.

Posta Ceskoslovenske Armady Sibirske.—This inscription is found on certain stamps issued for the Czechoslovak Army in Siberia. The translation is:—"Post of the Czechoslovak Siberian Army."

Poste Par Avion.—The French Syrian stamps may be found with this inscription for aerial mail between Aleppo and Alexandretta, the overprint meaning "Post by airplane."

Primer Congreso Postal Pan Americano—Buenos Aires Agosto de 1921.—In Aug., 1921, the first Pan-American postal congress was held at Buenos Aires, Argentine, and a special set of stamps was issued in connection with the event with the inscriptions above indicated appearing thereon.

Prosorine Kubernes Kretes—Tax (Udromike) Uper (Esia).—This inscription on Crete, 1905 issue signifies "Provisional Government of Crete—Postal Service."

Provisorisch Wert in Schweiz Frank.—This overprint found on certain stamps of Liechtenstein means:—"Temporary Value in Swiss Francs."

R. de C.—This abbreviation on Nicaragua, 1921, means "Recargo de Construcción," or "New charge for construction." The stamps are intended to provide a fund for reconstructing post offices and one must be used on each letter or parcel in addition to the regular postage. This would seem to take them out of the class of regular postage stamps and place them with the "war tax" stamps of Spain or the Austrian "newspaper tax" stamps as for revenue purposes.

Reggenza Italiana del Carnaro.—This is a surcharge on certain stamps of Fiume. It was applied Nov., 1920, and means "Italian Regency of Quarnaro," which was the name given by D'Annunzio to the city of Fiume and its environs, then held by this Italian adventurer.

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ANNUAL CONVENTION S. P. (Continued from page 405)

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Official Organ: *Stamp Collector's Magazine* (515 votes), *Philatelic Gazette* (79 votes), and the *S. C. M.* was declared elected.

Report of Sales Manager was read also reports of Exchange Manager, Librarian, Trustee Samuel Bennett, Director at Large A. H. Wilhelm, and telegram from Member of Board of Governors F. Greeley; which were all referred to Committee on Officers' Reports.

Committee on Officers' Reports submitted its report, which was approved the financial matters in the reports of Secretary, Sales Manager and Exchange Manager being referred to the Finance Committee. Mr. Ferraro being absent the Acting President appointed Dr. L. L. L. in his place on the Committee.

Committee on Year Book submitted report recommending one and it was accepted.

Invitation to hold the 1928 Convention in Washington, D. C., was submitted by Mr. Gorham and accepted by unanimous vote.

Application for charter for a branch society was submitted by the member present from Washington, D. C., and referred to the Board of Governors for action.

The following amendments to the Constitution were unanimously adopted:

Art. XII, Sec. 1 (a) to read: No name shall be placed on a ballot unless the member or Journal is eligible and shall have been nominated by petition, etc.

Art. XII, Sec. 1 (d) to read: None but members in good standing shall be eligible to office, and the official shall be chosen from among magazines published by a member or members of the Society in good standing.

Add to Article X:

Sec. 10, 1% shall be charged against the net value of the book submitted, the Sales Manager, with a minimum charge of 25 cents; this shall be deducted when the book is retired and forwarded to the Treasurer who shall hold it in separate fund known as the Insurance Fund.

Sec. 16. Claims for substitutions and other losses shall be made on regulations provided by the Society. The forms shall be sworn to and notice given the Sales Manager within ten days from receipt of the retired book by the owner. Forms shall be provided through the Sales Manager.

Sec. 17. Examiners of Sales Book. Two members of the Society in good standing shall be appointed by the Board of Governors, these to live in the vicinity of the Sales Manager, to act with him in making examinations of all books received for circulation, and their action shall be binding upon all parties.

Sec. 18. The Society shall furnish count books for the Sales Manager. These books and all correspondence of the Department shall be and remain the property of the Society. The books shall be open at all times for examination by the Board of Governors or their representatives.

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PRECANCELS U. S. IDS. ETC.

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occasionally the cancellation is to be found doubly printed, or reading lengthwise on the stamp. The 11 cent normal is the rarest variety of the series, being even scarcer than the 13 cent or one dollar. The 13 cent is generally the scarcest stamp of a series, but Honolulu had much more use for it than the 11. With the overprint inverted the 11 is more common and the 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 12, 15 and 30 are difficult to secure, more so than the balance of the set. The 8 and 9 cent are frequently seen in large blocks.

The 1923, perforated 11, series may be had with normal and inverted cancellations from 1/2 to 15 cents. The 2 and 3 seem to be the scarce ones, and also the 13, among the normals, and the 6, 9, and 13 among the inverts. The 17 cent may exist but I do not feel positive about it. From 20 cents to 2 dollars the balance of the set is to be found with the precancellation reading up or down. The 20 cent is fairly common, but not so the others, the 25 cent and 2 dollars being particularly scarce. I consider the latter a real "precancel gem," and know of but two copies in collections in this country.

The Rotary Press stamps will be plentiful in time. As I write this my eyes rest upon a fine block of 25 of the 5 cent.

The Postage Due stamps, 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10 are used and I have them all except the 10 cent invert. It is practically impossible to get these from any place except from a source in Honolulu, as their use is naturally local. Being fortunate in having such a source, I have received numerous Due stamps, including blocks of all denominations except the 10 cent.

Certain special issues have been precancelled with the handstamp, as has heretofore been mentioned. The 2 cent Harding is not scarce, but still it is not to be picked up with ease. I understand

that the Special Delivery stamps of the current issue, 10, 15, 20 cents and 25 cent Special Handling stamp were precancelled, but none have reached me for corroboration of this report. Fortunately commemorative issues, outside of the black Harding, have not been precancelled. I say "fortunately," because so often the precancellation of a commemorative issue by a postoffice is done at the instigation of a collector, and it is this feature that spoils the reputation of the issues from many cities.

Certain crude counterfeits of the above style were produced in 1924 by a collector of Baldwinville, Mass. This party is supposed to have been "cracked in the upper story" and if a sample of his handiwork is an indication of his mentality, the report may be accepted as the truth. A reddish-purple ink, as well as a bright orange-red, was used in the production of most of his spurious precancels. Such was the case in the Honolulu specimens. The 2 cent Harding and the 14 cent are the only stamps that Hall used for his Honolulu varieties. It might be well to mention that this man is not now among the living, so another like deluge of counterfeits need not be feared.

(To be continued.)

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By Dr. R. C. FISHER.

On Saturday, July 30, collectors of Western New York, Eastern Ohio and Northern Pennsylvania gathered at the Murray Hill Hotel in Westfield, N. Y., for a stamp fest and dinner.

The affair was put on and over by Roscoe Martin of Forestville, N. Y., and Thomas H. Pratt of Kingsport, Tenn. All collectors who attended were the guests of these two public spirited collectors from the time they arrived in Westfield until they left for their homes. As it was expressed in the invitations sent out, it was "a philatelic get-together, and get-acquainted dinner."

The invited guests began arriving about noon and by the time dinner was served at 6.30 P. M., forty-one enthusiastic stamp men had assembled at the hotel. During the afternoon, the large spacious veranda of the hotel was the scene of stamp talks, buying, selling and exchanging at the several small tables provided for the purpose. Everyone was busy looking at what his brother collector had brought along to show or sell.

The Buffalo Club had 14 present, 11 came from Garfield Perry, 8 from Chautauqua county and the others from in-between places.

Mr. Pratt showed portions of his wonderful collection of Confederates that took a prize at the recent Strasbourg exhibition. Of particular interest and showing close study, was his platings of the general issues.

Just before dinner, all visited the beautiful home of Dr. Busck, a short distance from the hotel. The genial Doctor showed portions of his stamp collection, books, antiques and other beautiful things. During the dinner, which was especially fine and contained the juice of the grape that has made Westfield famous, Roscoe Martin acted as toastmaster.

Nearly everyone present responded with remarks, including Louis Hanford, President Grant and Mike Lloyd, Alvin Good, Shaughnessy of Sharon, Dr. Busck, Mr. Sleight of the Buffalo Club and Hall and Townsend, Gundlach and Flierl.

Thomas Pratt was then called on for the evening's treat. He told of his collection and mentioned the high lights in collecting stamps of the Confederacy. He is a very enthusiastic collector and entertaining speaker and his talk was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by all present.

It was early morning before the last guest had reluctantly departed for his home. The occasion will long be remembered by those fortunate to be there and everyone agreed that Thomas Pratt and Roscoe Martin are splendid fellows and hosts. It has been suggested that a similar meeting be held annually and efforts will be made to carry out the suggestion.

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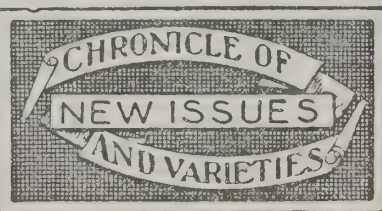
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United States**Vermont and Burgoyne Stamps Appear**

The 2-cent red Burgoyne variety, together with the 2-cent red Vermont Sesquicentennial stamp, appeared on August 3rd, in accordance with schedule. The former looks somewhat like the 2-cent Lexington-Concord, but is not as attractive. The stamp is overcrowded, and does not begin to compare with several of our former commemoratives. Little can be said for the attractiveness of the 2-cent Vermont variety, which also appears overcrowded. Mr. John N. Luff writes that he cannot express any great admiration for them, and I believe this would be the general consensus of opinion of the philatelic world. Several collectors obtained these stamps from the cities where they were placed on sale, and mailed them from other points of historical interest. I wish to thank Mr. Edward Bright for covers from St. Vincent, Rome, Oriskany, and Herkimer, New York. Mr. Bright writes, that St. Vincent is of particular interest in regard to the Burgoyne Campaign, in that it is the Post Office for Carleton Island, on which was situated Fort Haldimand, at which site General Barry St. Ledger collected his forces and from which he departed on July 20, 1777, on his way to the siege of Fort Stanwix.

Rome is the site of the former Fort Stanwix, where the Stars and Stripes were first unfurled under fire.

Oriskany is the scene of the battle in which the patriot forces, under General Herkimer, were ambushed by the English and Indians, and fought a bloody

battle, in which General Herkimer was mortally wounded.

Mr. F. H. Armer remembers me with a first day cover from Johnstown, N. Y., Mr. D. C. Fulmer sends one from Syracuse, while Mr. H. R. Hunt sends one from Utica in a special envelope, showing a map, which indicates the scenes of the Revolutionary events celebrated. I also wish to thank Mr. Frank Fasel for a first day Vermont cover from Bennington. Mr. James S. Brownell sends what he designates as a second day cover from Woodstock, Vermont, where the Vermont Stamp was placed in general use after having been first sold at Bennington and Washington.

Valley Forge Stamp Requested

In further reference to our recent remarks relative to a proposed stamp to be issued next year commemorating the Valley Forge Encampment, I have a communication from Reverend W. Herbert Burk, president of the Valley Forge Historical Society, advising that the society will do its utmost to back up my recommendation, supported by Senators Reed and Vare, for such a stamp. It is to be hoped that the variety will be authorized sufficiently in advance of its appearance, to enable the Bureau to turn out a real work of art.

Air Mail Notes

Under date of August 3rd, Mr. Warren Irving Glover, Second Assistant Postmaster General, announces that effective September 1, 1927, the air mail service now operated by the Government between New York and Chicago, will be superseded by contract air mail service. The route will be known as number C. A. M. 17, and will be operated on a daily schedule, planes stopping, as at present, at Cleveland.

American Legion Mail

The Postal administrations of the United States and France have made special arrangements to insure the expeditious handling of mail matter addressed to and sent by Legionnaires who will attend the American Legion Convention to be held in Paris in September and October.

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At the American Legion headquarters in Paris a temporary post office is provided where representatives of the French Postal Service will co-operate with those of the American Legion in handling the mails for Legionnaires patched from New York under special arrangement mentioned.

During the Convention special patches of mail from Legionnaires to the United States, likewise, will be by the French Postal Service to New York, Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia, San Francisco, St. Louis, New Orleans and Washington.

All mail regardless of how addressed from the United States to Legionnaires in France, as well as that originating among Legionnaires in France and destined for the United States, will be subject to international postage rate conditions.

It is understood that the French government is preparing two special stamps for the use of the American Legion showing a portrait of Washington and the other of Lafayette.

ASCENSION ISLANDS.—The Philatelic Magazine furnishes the information a five penny stamp in purple and salmon order with the Crown Agents.

BELGIUM.—Congo State. — It is proposed to do away with the beautiful rent series and to replace it by an historical issue, on which will appear portraits of famous men who have been connected with the Congo. Among these will be the explorers Livingstone and Stanley. — Stanley Gibbons Monthly Catalogue.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA. — The Economist Stamp Co. have shown us the 50h design as Scott's SP3, with no watermark.

COSTA RICA.—Mr. R. Roberts advises that he has received the 5c type of S. A74, in green. Also that the 20c air post stamp is on sale, line engraved by Messrs. Waterlow and Sons, London.

In addition to the above new issues the Economist Stamp Co. show us three series of pictorial stamps of oblong format printed by Waterlow and Sons. The first is of a different design and the year date "1926" in two places. The values are 6c brown (Asilo Chapui), 10c orange (Escuela Normal-Heredia Building), 45c grey-violet (Ruinas de La Fortuna).

ESTHONIA.—Champion's Bulletin states that the new currency will be in "Crown" each of which will be sub-divided into

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FRANCE.—Whitfield King & Co. and the Economist Stamp Co. have shown us the 60c violet, Sower type, surcharged "50" in black.

Mr. J. L. Riedel writes that for the Congress of the American Legion two special stamps will be issued, the first one 90 cent will show the likeness of Washington, and the second value of 1fr50c will bear the likeness of Lafayette. In addition to the above Rev. J. Dreyer, S. M., sends us a clipping from a French paper which states that they will be good for postage during September only. Mr. Bokanowski, Minister of P. T. & T., selected the subjects. As the new printing presses will not be ready until the first of next year they will not be available for the work on these stamps, but they will be very carefully printed nevertheless and the issue is expected to have an exceptionally artistic appearance.

INDIA.—We have received from Mr. R. Roberts copies of the 10R carmine and green, Nasik printing watermarked multiple star. Also the 12a claret, printed at the same plant, overprinted "Service," multiple star watermarked as before.

ITALY.—Whitfield King & Co. submit for chronicle two provisionals of the pneumatic post stamps. The 20c has been surcharged "Cent 15" while the 40c bears the overprint "Cent 35." Both in black.

KENYA.—A cutting sent by Mr. T. Trenn suggests that the colour of the 10c will have to be again changed from its present black hue as it is used as a receipt stamp and pen-cancellations will not show up clearly on it.—Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.

LUXEMBURG.—We are now able to give further brief details of the projected commemoratives forecast last week. They will comprise four denominations, viz., 50c grey-black, 50c black, 1fr vermilion, and 1fr carmine, each having the engraved portraits of the Grand Duchess and Prince Felix in a frame resembling that of the first Luxembourg stamp (1852).

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NETHERLANDS.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown us the 2 1/2 gulden in the new Queen type, in rose shade, perf. 11 1/2.

The 22 1/2c bistre brown also has been issued, copies having been received from the Economist Stamp Co.

NIGERIA.—The 2p stamp is on order in brown, according to information furnished by the Philatelic Magazine.

RUSSIA.—The Economist Stamp Co. and Whitfield King & Co. send copies of the new 14 kopecs Esperanto commemorative stamp. The oblong format is used and the stamp is printed in green with the picture of the Mr. Esperanto at the right in brown. Also the dates "1887 1927" appear.

SPAIN.—The Madrid Filatelico illustrates new postage and Express stamps which should be issued shortly. The postage stamps will show a new portrait of King Alfonso. This monarch is singularly unfortunate in his stamp portraits. In the new one his head is out of all proportion to the size of the stamp, though otherwise the portrait is not a bad one. On the Express stamp, Pegasus will again appear, but the format is normal instead of oblong.—Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.

ST. HELENA.—The following new values are on order with the Crown Agents according to the Philatelic Magazine; 5p green and red on emerald and 2sh purple and blue on blue.

SUDAN.—Mr. R. Roberts sends copies of the 3m and 5m with a new S. G. watermark which Mr. Roberts describes as follows:—

"This wmk. consists of the letters S. G. repeated all over the sheet. The letters are sans serif capitals 6 1/2mm high, the two S and G measuring 13 1/2mm across, the space between these initials being 9mm apart horizontally and about 3mm vertically. They are so spaced that the S. G. falls just above the 9mm space between the initials below."

SWITZERLAND.—Whitfield King & Co. report the appearance of a 5c magenta on buff, design as Scott's A26.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the appearance of the 6p orange and green, printed locally by the Government printer at Pretoria, English and Afrikaans inscription alternately. The color is a brighter orange and the green is lighter than heretofore. The centre vignette is much duller and the detail in this is not nearly so good as the London print.

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Professor Junkers, one of whose planes, the W33, yesterday shattered the endurance record, spent the morning writing letters to American friends and scientific societies and bodies fostering German-American friendship.

The flyers found themselves deluged with shaving outfits as a result of a humorous remark made to newspaper correspondents by Cornelius Edzard, one of the holders of the new endurance record, who said that while he and his partner would carry a minimum amount of personal baggage on the transatlantic hop, they certainly would include shaving utensils, partly to relieve the monotony of the ocean crossing.

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| 42 " 50c ultramarine | 1.30 |
| 43&45 " 60c & 1fr, the two | .30 |
| 46 " 2fr scarlet | 1.10 |
| 47 " 5fr red brown | 4.75 |
| 48 " 10fr carmine | 3.25 |
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| 54 " 40c orange brown | .60 |
| 55 " 50c ultramarine | .50 |
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| * 15-22 " same set cancelled | .75 |
| * 23 " 9pi bistre | .75 |
| * 23 " same used | .85 |
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| * 24 " same used | .85 |
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THE REUNION AT ROCHESTER

Mr. Grant Buckley, the president of the Rochester Philatelic Association, reports that local collectors were fortunate in having Mr. Thomas H. Pratt of Kingsport, Tennessee, exhibit his remarkable Confederate collection in Rochester, N. Y., on August 6th. Too, Mr. Roscoe B. Martin of Forestville, N. Y., showed his early U. S. on the same occasion, which was under the auspices of the Rochester Philatelic Association. No little publicity resulted from the display and the *Democrat and Chronicle* came to the fore in this wise:

"Complete platings of the first stamp of the general issue of the Confederate states were exhibited by Thomas H. Pratt, of Kingsport, Tenn., and a rare collection of early issues of United States stamps was opened for inspection by Roscoe B. Martin, of Forestville, Saturday evening in the Municipal Museum, at Edgerton Park. The exhibition was under the auspices of the Rochester Philatelic Association.

Mr. Pratt, whose collection of Confederate stamps is said to be the largest in existence, is a world authority on Confederate stamp issues. His collection won medals in the international exhibition in New York City last October and in the exhibitions at Strasbourg, France, in June. Stamp collecting is his hobby, his vocation being newspaper publishing. Before displaying parts of his collection, Mr. Pratt discussed the history of Confederate stamp issues. He said that for a period of four and a half months after the opening of the Civil War, Southern postmasters were without official stamps, and a number of provisional devices, such as the printing of envelopes, were resorted to by different postmasters.

Mr. Martin, who is president of the First National Bank of Forestville, is a specialist on early United States stamps. His collection, which is especially strong in the '47 issues, is considered one of the most complete in the country.

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By HARRY E. HUBER.

Since the appearance of my articles in
the WEEKLY of June 27 and July 25,
1927, I have seen copies of the 60c black,
King Henry VII, of the Cabot series
issued June 24, 1897, which was over-
printed (300), for use on the air mail
conveyed by Commr. Francesco de
Pinedo, from Trepassey, Nfld., May 23,
1927, on the final legs of his four-conti-
nent flight; which terminated at Ostia,
at the mouth of the Tiber, 15 miles from
Rome, on June 16, 1927.

The overprint is in red, in three lines,
"Air Mail" (initial caps only) measur-
ing 13mm, "DE PINEDO" (all caps)
17½mm, and "1927" 7mm. The overall
height from the bottom of "1927" to
the top of "M" of "Mail" is 10mm. The
stamp being printed in black, and the
overprint type not being of a bold char-
acter, the overprint shows up very in-
distinctly.

On covers the overprinted stamp is
cancelled by one of the electric post-
marking machines at the G. P. O., St.
John's, a single lined circle (21mm)
lettered "St. John's Nfld.—1927" around
the inside, with the date and hour in two
lines in the center, "MAY 20—10=A.M."
At the right is a flag of seven wavy
lines, with the fourth one cut short at
the left and the numeral "1" inserted.
On the face also is the cancellation of
"Trepassey, New'd" (in circular form
but without the usual outer circle), with
the date in the center in two lines "My
21—27."

I have seen two covers, addressed to
the Postmaster at Rome, which have
face markings as above described for St.
John's and Trepassey. These have the
handstamping on the back "ROMA CEN-
TRO *CORRISPONDENZE ORDINARIE" in a
single lined circle, 31mm, with the date
across the center, in a single line "15.6-
27.10." This is evidently an error, as
Commr. de Pinedo did not arrive at Ostia
until the afternoon of June 16th.

Two other covers, addressed in care
of a business house in Liverpool, Eng-
land, have face markings of St. John's
and Trepassey as above, but on the back
have the electric machine (not hand-
stamp) cancellation of "ROMA *CEN-
TRO" between two concentric circles, 25
and 15mm, with the dating in three lines
in the center, "19—20—22. VI—1927," and
to the right the five line advertising slo-
gan, within a single lined frame (50x
22mm) "Le Piu Belle Terme—Del
Monde—Salsomaggiore—Periodo di cura
—Marzo—Novembre." Owing to the fact
that the British P. O. Dept., abolished
some years ago (just as in the U. S.) the
practice of backstamping, there is no
evidence to show that delivery of these
letters was effected in Liverpool, on
June 24th or 25th.

Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY

In addition to the air mail bearing the
overprinted 60c Cabot stamp, a small
supplementary mail, of approximately 75
letters, with ordinary unoverprinted 60c
Cabot stamps, was also conveyed by
Commr. de Pinedo from Trepassey,
Nfld., to Ostia, Italy.

These do not have the face marking of
St. John's, and the Trepassey cancella-
tion (MY 21—27) appears alongside
but not on the stamp. On receipt at
Rome, the 60c Cabot stamp was hand-
stamp cancelled "ROMA CENTRO *COR-
RISPONDENZE ORDINARIE" with the date
across the center in one line "22.6.27.17."

On the back is the electric machine
cancellation (and the advertising slogan),
described above, but with the dating
given as "16-17—22.VI—1927."

Twenty of these letters were sent in
care of the American Consul at Rome,
and are backstamped additionally in pur-
ple, "American Consulate General—June
23, 1927—Rome, Italy" within a single
lined horizontal rectangle, measuring
2"x1".

The sending of this supplementary
mail, with the ordinary 60c unover-
printed Cabot stamp, was done princi-
pally to satisfy some business people of
St. John's, who had presented letters
for the mail, after the overprinted stamps
had been disposed of. There was com-
plaint that sufficient time had not been
given in which to prepare letters for this
mail, the advertisement having appeared
in the daily papers of May 18th, and the
stamps having been completely sold out
by the following morning.

As a matter of fact, it was not certain
that the mail, even after it had been pre-
pared, would be taken by Commr. de
Pinedo, and for this reason Mr. W. J.
O'Neill, the Private Secretary of the
Minister of Posts and Telegraphs, went
down to Trepassey, with the air mail, to
interview Commr. de Pinedo on his ar-
rival Friday evening, May 21st. In pre-
vious cases, Commr. de Pinedo had
refused to take a mail—a case in point
being that which the Postal Administra-
tion of Haiti, at Port au Prince, had pre-
pared after receiving the assurance of
the Italian Charge d'Affaires that a small
mail would be accepted. Yet when
Commr. de Pinedo arrived, he refused
absolutely to take the mail prepared,
claiming that he had always met with
mishap when mail had been carried.

But in Haiti a special stamp had not
been prepared for the purpose, whereas
the Newfoundland Department of Posts
and Telegraphs, presented the Comman-
der with 20 mint copies of the over-
printed 60c Cabot stamp. This giving
of complimentary stamps was a prece-
dent established when the first Trans-
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A. P. S. ANNUAL CONVENTION

St. Louis, Mo., August 16, 1927.

Although we were ready to go to press at the time of the opening session of the American Philatelic Society now in convention at St. Louis, our forms were held open long enough that we might be able to give our readers the reports of the first day's activities.

The forty-second annual convention of the American Philatelic Society now in session at the Marquette Hotel in St. Louis, was called to order by President A. H. Wilhelm of San Francisco.

Mr. H. A. Diamant of St. Louis, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, reporting the results of the election of officers of the Society for the ensuing year, greatly pleased the convention with the news that President Wilhelm and Secretary Davis had been re-elected to their respective offices by an almost unanimous choice.

A. J. Michener, Postmaster of St. Louis, gave the address of welcome on behalf of the city. He spoke briefly on the workings of the Post Office Department and before closing extended an invitation to the members to visit the Post Office that they might be better able to understand the enormous quantity of mail matter handled and the efficient system employed to insure correct and expeditious dispatch of all matter going through the mails.

A. L. Royta, Post Office Inspector for this District, then commented on the work of the Philatelic Bureau in Washington, and assuring that the Government is leaving nothing undone as far as it is able, to encourage through this medium, the collecting of stamps.

Mr. Ralph Eilers of St. Louis came before the meeting saying that he had just received Air Mail Covers carried by Capt. Charles A. Lindbergh from Springfield to St. Louis yesterday and these were distributed to those present as souvenirs of the occasion.

The rest of the morning was taken up with the usual reports of the various committees and officers who had closed their official year. Mr. J. E. Guest, Manager and Superintendent of the Sales Department, reported that for the eleven months just passed his department had disposed of \$60,000.00 worth of stamps belonging to members. With 2,000 circuits going all the time with a net worth of \$500,000.00 certainly speaks well for the efforts of he and the Mrs. who, we understand, carries considerable of the burden.

H. A. Davis, Secretary of the Society, made an interesting report as the total membership is now 4,143, an increase of 373 over September, 1926.

With the weather very fine, temperature around 75, a good attendance inspired with philatelic enthusiasm, everyone is predicting the banner convention of the Society.

—STRAIGHT EDGE.

REPORT OF OFFICIAL EXPERT

PHILA., PA., Aug. 1, 1927.

To the President and Members of the A. P. S.:

As promised you at the New York Convention last year, I have investigated the latest help for detecting counterfeits, the Ultra Violet Ray Quartz Lamp, a marvelous invention by the help of which I can examine a stamp and find painted in portions and repairs clearly. The colors of forgeries also appear entirely different under these rays. I have used this lamp now for several months and have examined all stamps submitted by members of the American Philatelic Society with the help of the lamp.

While this lamp is a costly matter, I have gone to additional trouble and cost and acquired a high power binocular microscope for purposes of examining for type varieties.

With these two mechanical helps, together with my reference collection, I believe we are well protected against forgeries.

Not many new cheap forgeries have become known during the year, but I cannot help calling attention to two important ones. A beautiful Newfoundland 1 shilling orange made from an original 1 shilling rose by carefully painting in the new color with a very fine brush. This forgery was so well made that it passed through the hands of three experienced stamp dealers before it was detected.

Another important forgery which also passed through the hands of two specialists was a Turkey unsevered pair of 25pi and 5pi, Scott's catalog No. 57b. This was a beautiful pair slightly paler than a similar pair in a well known specialist's collection. Under the powerful rays of the Ultra Violet Lamp this was found to be a forgery of two separate stamps artificially joined.

During the last fiscal year I had more than the usual number of stamps to examine, altogether 900, the examination of which took more time than I ever gave before.

Respectfully submitted,
EUGENE KLEIN.

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We have had several requests for a contract that would give a special rate on 2000 lines to be used in a year. We have now added it to the list of contracts found regularly upon our editorial page:—

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MANAGING EDITOR.

HENRY FORD

according to the papers, had the honor of being the first passenger to ride with Lindbergh in the famous SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS, the plane depicted on the last issued ten cent air mail stamp. The occasion was the celebration of "Lindbergh Day" at Detroit, the hero's birthplace.

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PICTURE ON THE WHITE PLAINS
by JASON SAMUEL PARKER, M.D.

Your issue of July 25, Mr. Henry Kendall called attention to what appeared to be a tactical error in the position of the artillerymen and ammunition on the White Plains stamp. This observation shows the picture even more interesting and shows more clearly just what it was added to illustrate. There is nothing to distance today that could be photographed to represent the Battle of White Plains, so whatever scene was used had been reconstructed in the mind of an enlisted man—The Private—was placed in the background. Much research was devoted to the restoration of the picture, old prints and histories were studied, and we were helped by an old gentleman who when a boy was well informed of the details of the engagement. He says "artillery was organized in those days as it is now. One or four men would fire a cannon and as there was powder and ball. That is the picture we wished to show. The problem was to depict the action of the men, the intensity of the action, rather than the literal interpretation. Edmund F. Ward painted "Alexander Hamilton's Battery" especially for the stamp and it is thought that he has captured the spirit of the action as nearly as possible to visualize it. The pile of projectiles was taken from two cannonballs found by Mr. Ward's grandfather on the field where history says Washington saved his country at White Plains." The painting is a remarkably vivid bit of action, the intense facial expression being wonderful. While the position of the men may be according to "regulations" it shows Continental Soldiers in their tactical uniforms, one of whom is an infantryman filling the place of a fallen comrade, and taking their last shot at the advancing enemy.

BENNINGTON SECOND DAY COVER

Ernest A. Pember sends us the particulars of the use of the Bennington stamp at Woodstock, Vt., prior to its being used in general use. We quote from Pember's letter:—"I tried to get a first day use of the stamp at Woodstock at the same time Bennington had it, and being a member of the State Commission I struggled valiantly, but to no avail. My idea was to visit each town in Vermont that was having a sesqui celebration have a first day use of the stamp. The decision was made for me. Mr. Brownell, a local collector, and I, tried to think up some way of getting our town and its small celebration on the map and we staged a special second day use before the general use of the stamp. I believe this will be the Woodstock cancellation an interesting feature for cover collectors."

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THE MICHIGAN STAMP CLUB PUTS PEP INTO A MID-SUMMER STAMP SHOW

Reported by HERMAN W. BOERS.

The Michigan Stamp Club of Detroit held its second public exhibition for the current year at its clubrooms in G. A. R. Building, the last meeting in July. Living up to its high aim of promoting philately amongst those living in "Detroit the Dynamic," and in order to demonstrate what a stamp club can do on a summer evening this exhibition was planned. It was a hot night and there were those who thought the attendance would be small, but over one hundred were present, surpassing all expectations. A number of out-of-town visitors attended.

Each member showed his own stamps, many bringing three and four books illustrating their special interest in philately, and demonstrating to the non-collectors the many-sided aspects of stamp collecting.

The arrangements for the exhibition were made by a committee consisting of Harry Carter, Karl Koslowski and Herman W. Boers. The following served as judges:—William F. Fratcher, John Jungwirth and Charles Keller. These several appointments by Pres. Brisley gave general satisfaction and everyone was well pleased with the consideration shown exhibition entries. The opinion was freely expressed that a third exhibition should be held the latter part of the year upon a larger scale than either of the previous ones. Prizes were awarded as follows:—

Special Award

Silver cup donated by Pres. Charles L. Brisley for best collection, U. S. or foreign. Possession will be given exhibitor winning three times, not necessarily in succession. Winner will hold for one year until such time as next exhibition is held. Awarded S. E. Andrews for collection of West Indies Islands.

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- (1) \$10 gold (H. F. Hartwell) awarded to A. G. Meiers for general U. S. and Colonies.
- (2) \$5 gold (W. F. Fratcher) to J. E. Scott for U. S. Specialized and U. S. Cancellations.
- (3) \$2.50 gold (C. F. Maher) to Fred Ganger for general U. S.
- (4) Magnifying glass (Herman W. Boers) not awarded.

Class II. General Foreign

- (1) \$10 gold (Harry Carter) to Harry Carter for general collection U. S. and foreign, three volumes.
- (2) \$2.50 gold (Dr. H. Preston Hoskins) to Horace Hartwell for general foreign collection in several volumes.
- (3) Netherlands No. 6 (N. R. Hendershot) to Bramston Beach for U. S. specialized, three volumes.
- (4) Subscription to *Gossip* (Karl Koslowski) to Dr. H. Preston Hoskins, for precancelled and Michigan specialized.

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- (1) \$5 gold (Robert Meyer) to John Kay for fine complete collection of cardboard proofs, U. S. specimens, complete set U. S. Departments, including errors.
- (2) \$2.50 gold (Alex Livingstone) to Mrs. Florence H. Kling for specialized collection of 2c Hardings.
- (3) \$30 U. S. Revenue (S. E. Andrews) to Karl Koslowski for two volumes of U. S. collections, cancellations and fancy covers.
- (4) Year's subscription to MEKEEL'S (Anthony Cournier) to Bramston Beach for U. S. collection.

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- (1) \$5 gold (V. Wilson) to S. E. Andrews for Pacific Ocean Islands.
- (2) \$2.50 gold (William F. Markert) to Charles L. Brisley for Canadian covers and early airmail covers.
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STOLEN

Mr. S. Newbury, Chicago, sailed for Europe on July 23rd, on a two months' trip; and like the complete philatelist, Mr. Newbury took a part of his collection on his travels as he always does whether his destination is South Africa or the South Sea Islands. He anticipated much pleasure in meeting stamp folks and in showing his stamps, which are superb, to interested collectors. A postal card from Holland came to us from Mr. Newbury telling of his pleasant voyage and his peace of mind generally. Almost the day after the receipt of this message, we read in the Chicago Tribune of August 14th, the dispatch from The Hague, dated August 13th: "Tourist Robbed of \$4,920, Says He's From Chicago," which says that Saul Newbury who was staying at a hotel at Scheveningen was robbed of 2,300 guilders, a credit voucher for \$4,000 and a stamp collection which he appraised at \$5,000. The Tribune says that the name of Saul Newbury is not found in any Chicago city directory, thereby backing up the implication of the head-line which takes the prize for the best example of journalistic restraint. We suppose that the nodding Tribune was awakened from its nap by many a telephone ring, inasmuch as Mr. Newbury is a foremost merchant of his city. Just what stamps Mr. Newbury lost we cannot say—whether his early Brazil, early Colombians, Shanghai, or early U. S. Mr. Newbury was a robbery victim last year in Australia when valuable jewelry belonging to Mrs. Newbury was stolen. Too, we could name several other instances where he suffered philatelic loss, but we cannot become too personal; he will see it through with a smile, we are sure.

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S.P.A. CONVENTION—THIRD DAY

Reported by A. E. GORHAM.

Aug. 10, 1927.

The convention was called to order at 10 a. m. by the Acting President.

Secretary read telegram from Milwaukee Association of Commerce extending invitation to hold 1928 Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Voted, that inasmuch as the Convention had unanimously decided yesterday to hold its 1928 convention in Washington, the Secretary be directed to advise the Milwaukee Association of Commerce that, if agreeable to that body, it would consider the invitation as applicable to 1929; carried.

Committee on Necrology submitted its report, which was adopted, and the members stood in silent meditation in memory of the following members who had passed on: J. J. Stehelin, E. E. Meyer, B. A. Quesnel, Frank V. Newell, Daniel N. Jay, C. R. Fuller, E. P. Barr, I. A. Hurovitz, A. R. Mengel, G. Harrison Townsend, J. D. Ferris and A. S. Matter.

Mr. N. R. Hoover, of the Board of Governors, introduced a resolution that the elected officers refrain, as such, from taking sides in elective contests. Debated for and against by the following: Messrs. Hoover, Hussey, Bennett, Mann, Gorham, Bach, Lycett, Camp, Creed, Petty, McKelvy and Wise. The motion to adopt was lost.

Mr. Paul Wise introduced a resolution that any officer interested financially by virtue of his office be required to resign his office; motion to adopt was by a similar vote declared lost.

Acting President Camp, on behalf of the Board of Governors, presented to Miss Helen Hussey a handsome testimonial for submitting during the past

fiscal year 103 accepted applications for membership, and stated that the Board of Governors had been giving close attention to applications received, and that the Society had liquidated all indebtedness to its members and now had a clear sheet, with an increased membership of 219; sales in the Sales Department of \$13,071.40 and advance credits to members in the Exchange Department of \$12,690.05.

Miss Hussey made suitable response of acceptance and stated she was going to bring in more applications during the present year.

A rising vote of thanks was extended Maj. Guy W. A. Camp, who, at two conventions had presided, and who had been largely instrumental in liquidating the indebtedness of the Society and bring it to its present prosperous and harmonious condition.

Secretary Lycett introduced a resolution of thanks to the local committees, press, Hotel Walton management, and others who, with the officers had done so much to make this a successful convention and unanimously carried.

Secretary Lycett also announced 12 applications for membership had been received for the new year.

REPORT OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Aug. 8, 1927.

Officers and Members:—

The past year has been a rather busy one for your Board of Governors, so much so that to detail its proceedings would take much more time than this Convention can allow, hence I shall make this report brief and to the point.

Some fifteen meetings of the Board have been held during the year and the attendance of its members has been ex-

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traordinary in that two of them been present at every meeting and have missed but one meeting each.

It was with great regret that Board was compelled to lose the ser of so valuable a member as Mr. Bal Schlesinger, its Treasurer, who forced to resign at the beginning of year on account of ill health. How it was fortunate in being able to fill vacancy with Mr. A. W. Deas who not only an ardent and enthusiastic lector but a man of extensive business experience as well.

The great International Philatelic Exhibition was held in New York City last October, and, as the Board prom the Society was well represented at affair, it having retained part of a in conjunction with Branch No. 1. S tary Lycett was present at the Ex tion constantly and devoted his tim explaining what the Society is and i curing applications.

In conformity with the expressed w of the Cincinnati convention the B authorized the establishing of a Ju Membership in November, and ac tised the Society in several publica soliciting such membership. These forts were well rewarded as is witne by the goodly number of Juniors no the Society, many of whom undoubt will become full-fledged members, attaining the required age. The B also authorized some advertising senior members.

Early in the year learning that funds in the custody of the Treas were in a bulked account, the B directed that the various funds be gregated with the result that the In ance Funds of the Sales and Exch Departments and the Life Member Fund are now in depositories where are drawing interest.

A number of controversies, several them important, have come before Board, but they have all been adju equitably to all concerned. It has found necessary to expel several m bers, and while this is unfortunate, it is the disposition of the Board to t no one a member of the Society w veracity and honesty cannot be depen upon. It wants the world to know any person who is a member of Society is one who can be trusted, to this end the Board will strive to the ranks clean from objectionable terial and will jealously guard the ho and reputation of the institution.

During the late spring Mr. Clifford Kissinger, whose invitation to hold convention at Reading, Pennsylvania, accepted by the Cincinnati convention, peared before the Board and stated that account of the poor condition of his he it would be impossible for him to t upon himself the responsibility of stag the convention as he had proposed, that there was no other person in Read to whom this responsibility could be d gated with the assurance that the af would be carried through successfu. Realizing the situation and believing to have been the wish of the Cincinnati

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Information that the affair should be held at the State of Pennsylvania, the Board of the Philadelphia as the place, and the valuable assistance of Secretary of the suitable support for the gathering was found.
The membership shows an excellent growth, amounting to 25 per cent, undoubtedly is due to the fact that the increased number of members have been applications. This increased interest in the affairs of the Society is to produce good results. In this connection I desire to make special mention of Miss Helen Hussey who heads the list with 103 applications to her credit. She is followed by Secretary Lyett with 46 and Dr. Hussey with 46. The record of Miss Hussey is remarkable that it should not only attract the attention of our members, but also incite them to emulate the example has set in such an admirable way, and which has assisted so much in the attainment of our net increase of approximately 220 members.

The work of the officers of the Society, men of the highest order and Secretary, Sales Manager Hussey and Exchange Manager Wyer have conducted their respective departments in a way that is worthy of great commendation. The Sales and Exchange Departments have been so carefully operated that no appreciable loss has occurred, and is indeed an accomplishment of the respective managers have a right to be proud.

Probably the outstanding achievement of the Board of Governors for the year has been that of completing the payment to all members of the Society who had losses in the old Sales Department. This was made possible through the efforts of Dr. Hussey, which yielded a donation by Mr. Gustav of \$9.08. It has been a long struggle, but constant and persistent effort has won out and today the Society can stand with head erect knowing that all obligations to its membership have been discharged in full.

It is to be remarked in this connection that there are still nine old claims in the so-called Class B, all quite small aggregating but \$168.81. They are individuals who were members of the Society at the time the losses occurred, who severed their membership thereafter and have rendered no aid in the rehabilitation of the organization. However, notwithstanding this, they deserted the Society in the face of its greatest need, it is the intention of the Board to also liquidate these claims at the earliest practical date. In connection with this subject of liquidation it is proper to note that the old Finance and Means Committee in order to make payment on these claims used \$160 from the Life Membership fund. This amount the Board intends to return to that Fund as soon as possible. When this shall have been done and the member claims shall have been paid, the efforts of the Board, in this connection will have been completed.

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THE PRECANCELS OF THE U. S. ISLAND DEPENDENCIES AND SHANGHAI

By FREDERICK W. ALLEN.

(Continued from page 469)

SUMMARY

The precancellations of Honolulu afford an interesting study and several well known philatelists possess fine collections. Probably the most complete is that owned by John Gribble of Honolulu. Walter V. Allen, who is with the Hawaiian Dredging Co., a very fine showing. The late General C. A. Coolidge expressed interest in the issues of this city and had a number of good things. The General's collection of these stamps was purchased by C. F. Richards of New York, who is known to collectors throughout the U. S., as a specialist of the postal issues of Hawaii. Mr. Richards has decided to collect the precancellations, and probably has the most complete showing of them in this country. They surely will lend interest to a specialized collection of this group. Mr. Wilbur A. Harvey of Washington, D. C., is also the possessor of a remarkably fine showing.

There are six permit holders in Honolulu who use large quantities of precancels. Most of the parcels go to nearby localities, but quite a few find their way to this country, especially the Pacific Coast.

The securing of specimens for a collection is not an easy matter, but that lends interest to the chase and to the collection.

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, HAWAII

During 1924 when Harding precancels were the "craze" there appeared a five-line cancellation as illustrated. The first specimens known were the Hardings, being later followed by certain values of the regular issue. We have always considered these stamps as rankly speculative, it being our opinion that they were simply made for collectors by a party stationed at the Barracks. If their status is clear then I am open to conviction, but several efforts to establish their authenticity have been met by failure. A

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friend in Honolulu writes me as follows, in regard to this issue:

"The Honolulu P. O. has two branches, first Bethel Station and second Schofield Barracks. Schofield uses Honolulu precancels and had no right to use that cancellation. I see that the Catalog lists the 2 and 20 cents present issue. These are fakes pure and simple."

This leads me to believe that the whole issue is simply a private speculation, and that the so-called precancellations were issued without any authority whatsoever. It will therefore be best for collectors to steer clear of the stamps.

WAILUKU, MAUI, HAWAII

Wailuku, situated on the island of Maui, is the only office in the Islands, outside of Honolulu, that is permitted to precancel stamps. This procedure is made use of only during the holiday season. The device used is a 25 subject handstamp. The overprint reads "Wailuku, Maui—Hawaii" in two lines of lower case serif type, between bars.

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All varieties known are irreproachable. Quite a number of the 2 cent Harding were precancelled at the time of issue. About half a dozen varieties exist of the current issue. Specimens of these precancels are hard to secure in any condition and collectors cannot be too particular if they wish to make a showing from this office.

WAILUA, HAWAII

This office has never used precancels, but specimens exist with a bogus overprint. It is hardly worth mention, being a crude affair of tall thin capitals between lines and handstamped in red. I have it on the 1917 series, 2c and 5c.
(To be continued.)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR STAMP EXHIBITIONS

We have received from T. E. Steinway, treasurer of the Association for Stamp Exhibitions, Inc., a financial statement showing the cost of the 1926 Exhibition. Accompanying it is the report of the auditing committee certifying to the correctness of the receipts and disbursements. In the report is this statement:—

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| Donations, | \$31,710.52 |
| Rentals of Booths & Frames, | 14,112.56 |
| Catalogue Sales & Advertising, | 10,370.61 |
| Entrance Fees, | 2,634.00 |
| Tickets, | 10,980.25 |
| Donations for Medals, | 3,420.00 |
| Miscellaneous, | 2,513.19 |
| Total Receipts, | \$75,741.13 |
| Disbursements | |
| Construction, | \$17,041.18 |
| Exhibition & Administration, | 57,064.86 |
| Miscellaneous, | 124.84 |
| Total Disbursements, | \$74,230.88 |
| Balance—Cash in Bank, | \$ 1,510.25 |

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From Mr. Bernard E. Charter, Milford, Connecticut, we have the declaration, supported by competent testimony that the special markings described as a cancellation on the Hartford air mail cover mentioned in the issue of August 8th, have no official significance, even though they are of some interest. Mr. Whittemore, the Assistant Treasurer of the Colonial line that operates the Boston-New York route, in writing to Mr. Charter, says: "The Colonial Air Transport tried in vain to get permission from Washington to use a special cancellation on the occasion of the Lindbergh celebration, but were refused. There was no special cancellation to indicate a particular occasion. Many of the envelopes were stamped in the opposite corner, 'Lindbergh Celebration, Hartford, Conn., etc., but it was nothing official and was not more than anybody could have done to an envelope. The Post Office Department gave the celebration no official recognition."

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Mr. W. R. Parker, Sacramento, California, whose collection of western franks has given him a wide celebrity has written us of his later activities in searching for data to establish further California operators. He says: "Since my return from the Exhibit, I have put in most of my time 'researching' at the Bancroft Library, University of California; and am now delving into the oldest California newspaper files at the State Library, State Department, Sacramento, Cal. Early newspapers are searched for any news item and advertisement and nothing else, outside of town directories, is being used; and consequently, all the information is as near correct as possible to obtain. Dates of operation, names of

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In Mr. Parker's discovery list new names to the number of sixty are shown and in the majority of cases he can furnish dates, routes, etc. The compilation is as follows: Brown Knowlton & Co., Gilbert's Express, I. Green—connects with Langton, Gridley's Oroville and Honey Lake, Randall & Co.'s Express, Rogers & Green, Billings Express, Auburn & North Fork Express, G. M. Falls Letter Express, Snell & Hunters, Sierra Valley Snow Shoe Express, Steele's Express, Stimson & Co., Taylors Express, Thoms Express, U. S. & California Express Co., Wm. Walker's Express, Washoe Express, Watkins Express, West & Co.'s Express, Telegraph Stage Co., John W. Whisman's, Wood's Yuba Express, Woodman & Co. Express, Grandville Zachariah's, Hall & Crandall, Halsteads Express, Hanfords Express, Haren & Livingston, S. F., Henley, McKnight Express, Hoffman & Little Express, Hubbs Express, Jacobs Express, W. S. Dean Express, Davie & Co.'s Express, Cooks Snow Shoe Express, W. F. Montgomery's Express, Birch's Express, Camp & Co., Owen Doud, Clippings Express, Kent & Smith Express, G. H. Leland's Express, Lount & Co.'s Express, McDonald Express, Money's Folsom Express, Colt & Co. Express, Jones & Co. Express, Kimball & Co.'s Express, Leonard & Co.'s Express, Melzeard & Co.'s Express, Monson & Co.'s Express, Alexander & Bannings Express, Nevada City Express, Angle, Young & Co.'s Express, McDowells & Co.'s, Oroville & American Valley Express, Oroville, Quincy & Indian Valley Express.

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A man reeking of ready money, stood looking at the window display in a stamp shop near Broadway and Forty-Second street, New York, shortly after closing hours. After having absorbed stamp atmosphere to the full, he crossed the street, when he was accosted by a man of middle-age, who represented that

he was the janitor of a bank and that it was his custom to sell the stamps of desirable kind that were the fruit of his enterprise to the dealer across the way, but that inasmuch as the place was now closed, he could accommodate the well-fed individual by disposing of them to him on the same terms, that is, provided the window-shopper was interested in good stamps. Moreover, he had the stamps in the box under his arm and he removed the lid and gave the trusting collector a cursory glance at the contents. There at the top were things that were rather intriguing to the eye; and with polite expressions on either side, the box changed ownership for a mere five dollar bill. Now let the victim have a word: "I could scarcely wait until I got home to delve into the stamps in secret, but alas for the vanity of human expectations. True, there was a thin layer of attractive specimens on top, but underneath the trash was worthless. I was stung and by far the greater part of the five bucks had to be charged up to experience. The janitor knew human nature, spotted me for a come-on and cashed in neatly on his sharpness. If you tell the story, leave out my name as I do not want to get on all the sucker lists in the country."

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In a few cities there are men who have been known to make a practice of establishing points of contact with dealers' customers. The chap who leaves the place before the liberal buyer does and waits for him in the hallway or street and tries to enter into conversation with him is a comparatively crude worker. A good bit of finesse is needed by the fellow who lies in wait at the stamp shop window and then in a natural way gets the ear of the likely-looking person who stops to gaze at the stamps and he is a smoother product. Then, plausibly enough he leads up to the assertion that he can undersell the dealer and can prove it to the satisfaction of anyone interested. In some cases, the unsuspicious collector finds that his bargain is a dubious one at best. All in all, we do not suppose that these games are very flourishing, but it is just as well to know that they may be attempted from time to time.

LINDBERGH AT SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

On August 15 "Lindbergh Field" at Springfield, Ill., was dedicated and a feature of the day was a special Lindbergh flight when mail was carried and given a special marking described and illustrated in a recent issue of the WEEKLY. The cancellation is in violet. We extend thanks to J. W. Stoutzenberg and Albert E. Gorham for courtesies extended.

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KUTTIN' KORNERS AT THE KENT VENSUN

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The krowd which has been waiting sum wurd for the ekseckutive bel kwite unrulie till the Mng. of the kalled at the Pres. Sweet and infoe the Seck. that the boys are down t so the Pres. throwing a robe over bear sholders went out on the bell and with wun breef statement electe the world with his announsmen not chus to run."

Immediately after this statement v is so tipikal of the Pres. he withdrew the waiting bath. Altho this news received with sumwhat of dubious prehenshun 2 cent greens were of at 22 1/2 cents a bushel with no tal. Finally selling at 17 1/4 under pressu marked a new low level for this po variety.

However, upon recet of news tha Pres. had emerged from the bath was kontemplating taking nourishu 1 cent Columbians began buling the ket at 3 cents each with apparent scarcity of buyers.

10.00 a. m. Weather kool and forttable. Pres. Wilhelm enters cot shun hall followed by three men have no stamps to sell.

10.05 a. m. Korum reported pr and meeting called to order. Pres. natty in his new dark grey soot of hair, clean shave and very nifty hat. Shoes to match, tie drooping in can fashion over a wonderful creatio shirts of pale untramareen, boosum showing. Dr. H. A. Davis on his and a beautiful lady in the role of next to him, to lend their moral sup complete the circle, which sertenly dignity to this okashion.

12 m. noon. Opening seshon. Pres. Wilhelm re-elecked which st that altho "Chuse" may mean "won Vermont it dont mean a thing in ifornia.



August Is Vacation Month

and I expect to be away during that period. Any correspondence of importance, however, will be taken care of and forwarded to me. I will be in St. Louis from Aug. 14th to 19th and my address will be Marquette Hotel, 18th and Washington Ave. A.P.S. members that cannot attend the Convention I will be pleased to represent if they will forward to me their proxies.

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Riga Liberation Issue.—Latvian stamps, type A2, issued June 6, 1919, to commemorate the liberation of Riga from the Bolsheviks. The taller female figure typifies Latvia, the other, Riga. The line of buildings in the background represent Riga's waterfront.

Ringgold.—A town in Georgia where during the Civil War a provisional envelope was issued by the postmaster. It had a very limited life.

Riversdale Bond.—Parts of these words indicating the trade name of the paper, are found as watermarks in the 1918 issue of Argentina. Not all the stamps in the sheet are thus watermarked.

Royal Mail Stamp Packet Company.—A 10c carmine stamp with this inscription is reported to have been used upon steamships of this company plying between the ports of the West Indies and the Caribbean Sea.

Att

The value in which most of the stamps of Siam are expressed from their introduction in 1883 until 1909 when the cur-



rency of the country was changed. An att was the sixty-fourth part of a tical and had a value of about a third of a cent in United States money.

Doings of the Melville Junior Stamp Club

By LYLE E. BEAL, 42 Elliot St., Keene, N. H.

(Based on the Junior Cartoon Aug. 1.)

"Say, fellows, let's buy an album and things for Fred Towne, he's a cripple and shut in most of the time and I hear he has started a stamp collection" exclaimed Leon Irving.

"All right, let's," cried a chorus.

So the treasurer got the stocking in which their money was kept, and counted it.

"Ten dollars and twenty cents," he exclaimed, "we can buy lots of things with that!"

So they trooped down to "Ye Olde Stampe Shoppe" and bought Fred a stamp album, a catalog, watermark detector, stamp hinges, etc.

Then they went to Fred's house and gave him the surprise of his life.

"How can I ever thank you," he exclaimed. "The days won't seem so long and dull now."

Later, as the boys went back to the club house they all felt happy because they had made someone else happy.

Stamp News for the Juniors

Is there anything you want to know about stamps or stamp collecting? If so, write the editor. What would you like to see in this department? We have no way of knowing unless you tell us. Mr. Senior Collector, can't you give the boy collector about 50 words of encouragement along practical lines? Address your letter to the Beverly office.

JUNIOR STAMP STUDIES

New Zealand A29
1sh Red



Pictured above is a very interesting stamp of New Zealand. It is the 1sh red and shows a pair of the kakas or hawk-billed parrots peculiar to the islands. Their notable feature is the beak which is very much longer, especially the upper part, than is found in other parrots. The bird is found in both of the large islands but is not as plentiful as formerly, for it is not particularly shy and is not rapid in flight, two qualities which cause it to suffer much from the shotgun. Its general color is brown above with a red tinge beneath. It feeds on berries and grubs, is found in flocks, and as usual with parrots is very noisy. The name kaka is of native origin and comes from its cry. It has excellent powers of mimicry and the Maoris train it for a decoy.

Stamps With Perforated Initials

John Fletcher of Los Angeles, Cal., sends us a small lot of stamps with perforated initials and suggest that some of our readers, with himself included, will be glad to know about their use. Stamps punctured with these small holes are quite commonly used nowadays, and the perforations are applied privately by certain firms as a safeguard against petty pilfering upon the part of their employees. While interesting as a side-line, they are not in the stamp market.

Why I Collect U. S. and Canada?

(A few entries. Others will follow.)

Superb engraving, rich, standard colors, sedate and charming portraits,—these lend irresistible charm to the United States and Canadian issues. Coils, precancels, grills, odd cancellations, bi-sections,—these augment the zest of searching for our North American stamps. Our beautiful commemoratives are neither too numerous nor too few: they give us visions of the limitless expanse of our continent, with its intriguing history. We have to buy foreign stamps. We find the stamps of our homeland.—RICHARD E. TIMS (15), 1201 State St., Tama, Iowa.

This is an age of specialization. Stamp collecting is a good example because the general collector is giving way to the specialist. I have found the most satisfaction in concentrating my efforts on a collection of the stamps of United States and Canada.

Its minor varieties, and its commemorative issues make it of more philatelic and historic value than any general collection (within the reach of the ordinary man) could possibly be.—JAMES G. ARMSTEAD, 812 Col. Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.

I save every U. S. and Canada stamp I can get. I save them all because even if they look the same, they may be different in shades, cancellations, grills, perforations, precancels, etc. Many different things you can find when you study them carefully. Every old U. S. and Canada stamp is a treasure and has a story of its own.

The Commemoratives are very interesting and very beautiful. They show historic events and the portraits of the brave men who make history. There are many besides myself who can learn history from their stamp albums better than they can from their history books.—PAUL WESTCOTT, 189 Eagle St., North Adams, Mass.

Atjeh

A residency of the Dutch East Indies embracing the northern portion of Sumatra. It is sometimes known as Aitchin and has an area of 20,550 square miles with a population well in excess of 500,000. In 1882 a curious looking label purporting to have been issued for use here was chronicled in the philatelic press. It consisted of a ground of small lozenges on which "Atjeh," "1 Real 1," and a formidable looking scimitar were shown but an investigation of its status proved it to be entirely bogus.

The Current 14c U. S.

The 14-cent current issue bears the portrait of the Indian named Chief Hollow Horn Bear. This Indian died several years previous to the issuance of the stamp. The stamp was first placed on sale in Muskogee, Okla., the home of five civilized Indian tribes. Chief Hollow Horn Bear was a personal friend of President Roosevelt, and marched with him in his inaugural parade.

France's Special A. L. Stamp



Acme Photo.

This stamp is valid only during September when the American Legion Convention will be held in Paris. The design shows Lafayette on the left and Washington on the right. In the center are an Atlantic liner, the Statue of Liberty and Lindbergh's plane flying high.

Austrian Levant

For many years Austria, like France, Great Britain, Germany, etc., has maintained post offices at the chief towns in the Levant. Special stamps for use in these offices were issued on June 1st, 1867, these being like the contemporary stamps for Austria itself but with values in "soldi." In 1886 Austrian stamps with values in Turkish currency surcharged across the base were used while since July, 1908, stamps similar to those now in use in Austria have been issued but with values in "para" and "piaster."

Halerz, Halerze, Halerzy

Polish forms of "heller," the Austrian money used in that portion of Poland formerly belonging to Austria. "Halerz" is the singular form; "halerze" the plural form used with the numerals 2, 3 and 4; and "halerzy" the plural form used with the numeral 5 or more. 100 halerzy make a korona.

What Collectors Should Do

By JOS. A. STEINMETZ.

(1.) Secretaries of every philatelic society should request each member by letter to give of their duplicates to boys and girls and help them start.

"Every great collection began with its first stamp!"

(2.) Big brothers start a book for the kids and inoculate them with the collecting virus.

"Two collectors are better than one!"

(3.) Exhibit your collections freely to friends, talk stamps, show your collection at the local fairs and sociables, have stamp parties at home.

"Competition is the life of trade!"

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Auckland Exhibition

A surcharge applied to four of the then current stamps of New Zealand, 1913 to mark the Exposition held in Auckland. These stamps were only available for postage in New Zealand and to the neighbouring Commonwealth of Australia.

Paper No. 9—Granite

This is a similar paper, but with silk fibres so minute that they are difficult to distinguish without the aid of magnifying glass. The Austrian stamps of 1890-1902 and most of the Swiss stamps since 1881 are on granite paper.

Perplexing Surcharges

D. B.—Destitute Board. Found on certain early South Australian stamps.

D. J.—Djibouti. These letters were overprinted on the 5c stamp of the 18 issue of Obock to show it was intended for use in this town.

D. R.—Deeds Registration. A surcharge found on some of the early stamps of South Australia.

E.—Engineer (in chief). Another Australian overprint.

E. B.—Education Board. A surcharge appearing on various South Australian stamps used prior to 18 on the official correspondence of the Department charged with the control of Educational matters.

E. R. I.—Edwardus Rex Imperator (Latin for Edward, King and Emperor.) A surcharge shown on some of the Provisional stamps issued by the British during the South African war.

G.—Griqualand. This letter was applied to certain stamps of the Cape Good Hope which were used in Griqualand from 1877 to 1880.

NEWS ITEMS:—

—In the Boston Review of July 30 an article dealing with the activities of Charles E. Hatfield, president of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., New York City. He is a former mayor of Newton, Mass. also a former chairman of the Republican State Committee of Massachusetts but at the present time is engaged as an officer or director of some 15 institutions.

—Joseph Demers, 723 Owen St., Saginaw, Mich., offers to expertize blue paper varieties of the U. S. 1908 for a Junior who will write him and meet registration expenses both ways. Mr. Demers makes no charge for his service and we thank him for his offer.

—We thank Pres. Brisley of the Michigan Stamp Club for a Detroit Lindbergh cover cancellation issued in connection with Lindbergh Day.

—The August price list of the Economist Bulletin is a 24-page production full of stamp news and stamp offerings.

—J. L. Riedel our Nurnberg, Bavaria advertiser has been favored with call from Mr. Gutttag of N. Y. C., and Mr. Reimers of Ft. Worth, Tex.

—Louis Senf, one of the founders of the world-famous firm of Senf Bros. Leipzig, and editor of the Senf catalog was 75 years old, August 2. Mr. Senf is still busy as an editor of the Post, a job which he has held since 1894.—J. L. RIEDEL.

—A. P. S. sales reach new high of \$61,954.28 for fiscal year ending August 1st, as against \$55,267.59 last year and \$19,262.97 for the year 1920-21, the first year of Mr. Guest's administration.

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Enclosed you will find what I consider a wonderful first day cover. This double first day cover traveled entirely by air and without any special favors besought for or received by the offices through which passed.

I mailed the covers at Bennington, at 7.00 A. M., Aug. 3, received them at Albany, N. Y., by general delivery about 2.30 P. M., and stamped them with the Saratoga stamp addressed them to Liberty, N. Y., of final destination.

Many dealers were taking their covers to automobile between the two cities so they get both first day stamps on the cover, but such covers will not stand up with either the mails or general first day stamps.

I am also enclosing a statement from Mr. M. at Bennington, Vt., relative to the first purchaser—George W. Patterson, aged 15 years. He arrived at the window four-thirty in the morning. The Hon. Walter H. Berry, Bennington, Vt., was the largest purchaser. Berry was State Senator for his district many years and also Presidential elector on several different occasions.

The Bennington office mailed about 100 first day covers. The whole office worked all night and met you the morning with a smile, one fine lot follows. Special mention should be made of Postmaster Howe and his assistant for the attention they showed philatelic mail.

The Bennington office received 250,000 stamps. The stamp was sold only at Bennington and Washington on the first day.

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AT RANDOM

Tom Slattery, 400 10th Street, Bismarck, North Dakota, is about fifteen years of age and suffers so acutely from heart trouble that he has been bedridden for a long time, but is now able, Henrietta J. Lund, director of the Children's Bureau, Board of Administration, North Dakota, informs us, "to be around occasionally." Dr. Thorlief L. Stangebye of New England, North Dakota, vouches for Tom, who is "thrilled" over the prospect of receiving some stamps. We miss our guess if Tom doesn't deserve consideration and at any rate, we know that he will get one little lot of stamps.

Mr. F. W. Pederson of LaCrosse, Wisconsin, says that on a card from Worms, Germany, that he received, there is a special cancellation larger than the ordinary that "happened from the second to the fourth of July in the year of 1227."

Ray Jones got the shock of his young life when he found displayed on the screen an enlarged photograph of an envelope bearing a 2c stamp of the 1912-22 type and he was so surprised that he did not notice the postmark nor the address.

The "Return of Peter Grimm" was the picture which had been passed by the National Board of Review.

Some time ago, Mr. Richard E. Tims, Tama, Iowa, wrote: "In the 'Strong Man,' featuring Harry Langdon, there was a mistake that any stamp collector would have noticed. The scene was that of a doughboy in No Man's Land, during the late war, who received a letter from home. The postage on the missive was prepaid by means of a five-cent Roosevelt stamp."

A correspondent sends a clipping from a Kansas City, Mo., paper showing pic-

tures of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Jasper, who are given the tribute of over a column under the head: "Hobby Becomes Business with K. C. Philatelic Wholesaler." It is said that the Philatelic Wholesaler has achieved a circulation of "more than 35,000" in five months, among the wholesale stamp dealers of the world!

The Honolulu, T. H., Advertiser says that a number of letters that were actually carried from the coast to Honolulu in the first flight are in possession of Ernest Smith and Emory Bronte, trans-Pacific fliers, addressed to people in Honolulu. These particulars are given:

"Delivery of letters will be made as soon as possible, Smith said last night. He wishes to present each letter personally at its destination.

The pack of letters included two to James D. Dole, originator of the Dole flight next month; two to Col. John H. Howard, head of the army air service at Wheeler Field; two to Mayor Charles N. Arnold, one to the secretary of the mayor, two to Mrs. Percy Swift, and letters to Robert Shingle, John McCandless, A. Hemming, Willia Schneider, Jr., Riley Allen, Capt. H. T. Lake, Lester Petrie, Carl Hoffman, Dr. Frank Silva, Earl Hedemark, M. R. Peck, Arthur Hemberger, Edward Buckley and H. Connor.

Those to whom the letters are addressed have been asked to be present at the reception tomorrow night at the Royal Hawaiian hotel, when Smith and Bronte will personally present the letters."

Naim H. Bikhor, 55-115 Takia Street, Bagdad, Iraq, says that he has never seen a mint copy of Mesopotamia, Scott No. 50 and that as an Iraqi philatelist, he would like to hear from any one who possesses such a specimen. He has is-

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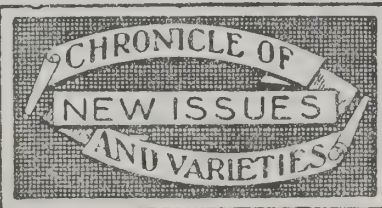
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| 1916 No. 109 | 17 1/2c on 30c Provisional | .12 |
| No. 110 | 87 1/2c on 1fr Provisional | .20 |
| 1917 No. 111 | 17 1/2 deep brown | .10 |
| No. 112 | 87 1/2c orange | .40 |
| 1921 Nos. 120-122 | 1fr to 5fr complete | .75 |
| 1923 No. 139 | 10fr black, a good stamp | 1.00 |
| No. 142 | 3fr dark blue, a beauty | .30 |
| 1921 Nos. 301-303 | Charity complete, cheap at | .20 |
| 1915 #508-522 | Official Set Complete, 10c to 5fr—15 var. FINE | 4.25 |
| 1923 Nos. 539-543 | 80c to 10fr, 6 var. complete | 2.00 |
| Nos. 539-543 | Singles at half cat. | |

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The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa., who will also be pleased to pass on oddities and varieties of all U. S. stamps from 1900 to date. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 75 Electric Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States

American Legion Stamp

Hon. Ernest R. Ackerman kindly mails a clipping from Paris illustrating the first American Legion Stamp, which will be placed on sale September 15th, in honor of the American Legion, which meets in Paris at that time. The stamp shows portraits of Washington and Lafayette at the right and left, the steamship "Paris" in the center, with Lindbergh's airplane at the top. In the distance is seen the Statue of Liberty. Two denominations of the same design are to be sold, one of 90c red, to pay postage on international postal cards, and the other in blue, with the value of 1fr 50c, for payment of postage on international letters.

Mr. Ackerman, writes that he has suggested to the Post Office Department at Washington, that a similar stamp be issued here. Judging from the illustration, it is possibly the handsomest stamp ever issued by France, and if we turn out one as attractive, it will no doubt be sold in large quantities.

New Stamp Plates

Through the courtesy of Mr. A. R. Hall, Director of Bureau of Engraving and Printing, I am enabled to bring our

list of stamp plates up to those issued to August 12, 1927. In this list it will be seen the first plates for the Lindbergh, Vermont, and Burgoyne stamps. The Post Office Department has issued instructions to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, calling for twenty million of the Vermont Sesquicentennial variety, and twenty-five million of the Burgoyne stamp.

| Plate No. | Denomination. | Series. | Subj. |
|-------------|---------------|----------|------------|
| 18965-996 | 2c | 1922 | 400 Curved |
| 18997-19008 | 10c Lindbergh | | |
| | Air Mail 1927 | 200 Flat | |
| 19009-012 | 2c | 1922 | 400 Curved |
| 19013-016 | 10c Lindbergh | | |
| | Air Mail 1927 | 200 Flat | |
| 19017-034 | 2c | 1922 | 400 Curved |
| 19035-042 | 2c Vt. | | |
| | Sesqui. 1927 | 400 Flat | |
| 19043-046 | 2c | 1922 | 400 Curved |
| 19047-048 | 1 1/2c | 1925 | 400 " |
| 19049-052 | 2c | 1922 | 170 " |
| 19053-056 | 2c | 1922 | 400 " |
| 19057-058 | 1 1/2c | 1925 | 400 " |
| 19059-060 | 2c | 1922 | 400 " |
| 19061-069 | 2c Burgoyne | | |
| | Camp. | | |
| | Sesqui. 1927 | 200 Flat | |
| 19070-071 | 2c | 1922 | 400 Curved |
| 19072-073 | 1 1/2c | 1925 | 400 " |
| 19074-075 | 2c | 1922 | 400 " |
| 19076-079 | 2c Due | 1894 | 400 Flat |
| 19080-081 | 2c | 1922 | 400 Curved |
| 19082-085 | 2c Due | 1894 | 400 Flat |
| 19086-087 | 2c | 1922 | 400 Curved |
| 19088-089 | 5c | 1922 | 400 " |
| 19090-093 | 2c | 1922 | 170 " |
| 19094-095 | 2c | 1922 | 400 " |
| 19096-099 | 3c | 1922 | 400 " |
| 19100-101 | 5c | 1922 | 400 " |
| 19102-103 | 2c | 1922 | 170 " |
| 19104-105 | 13c | 1925 | 400 Flat |
| 19107-110 | 2c | 1922 | 400 Curved |
| 19111-112 | 3c | 1922 | 400 " |
| 19113-114 | 5c | 1922 | 400 " |
| 19115-116 | 2c | 1922 | 400 " |

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| 16 Nevis. Scarce lot of early stamps. Cat'd \$90 | 19.00 |
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| 128 Roumania. Many early stamps. Good collection cat'd about \$100 | 15.00 |
| 30 St. Christopher. Good surcharges, etc. Nearly all mint. Cat'd \$68 | 16.00 |
| 20 St. Lucia. All first type. Cheap lot. Cat'd over \$100 | 23.00 |
| 38 Southern Nigeria. All mint except eight. Cat'd \$36 | 9.00 |
| 78 Trinidad. 1896, 5sh, 10sh, £1. Mint and rare, etc. Fine lot. Cat'd \$112 | 33.00 |
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| *45 Bosnia, 5k dull blue | |
| 513 Brazil, 10,000r orange & g. | |
| 193 China, \$5 scarlet & black | |
| 221 \$2 blue & red brown | |
| 222 \$5 red & slate | |
| 6c Corea, 5c green, pair | |
| 68 Costa Rica, 2c red & b. cto | |
| 4 Cuba, 2r p orange red | |
| 11 2r p orange red | |
| 120, 121 Czechoslovakia | |
| 17 Danzig 4m black & rose | |
| 55 2m blue & green | |
| 75 2m gray & carmine | |
| 76 3m violet & car. | |
| 168 to 176 9 varieties | (1.60) |
| 182 1g orange & black | |
| 56, 14; 74, 14; 77, 20; 82, 42; 85, 10; 90 | |
| 382 Dom. Rep., 10c olive gray | |
| 277 Dutch Indies, 30c orange | |
| 105 Egypt, 5m brown | |
| 106 10m rose | |
| 107 15m ultramarine | |
| *58 Elobey, 25c on 10c violet | (9.00) |
| Fiume 162 to 171, 9 varieties | (2.45) |
| 8 French China, 75c | (6.00) |
| *10 France, China 5f red lilac | (5.00) |
| Grenada 80a, 66; 92 | |
| 86a Guatemala 1c blue | |
| *151a 1c on 50c | |
| *196 25c on 60c olive | |
| *196a 18; 197 | |
| 34 Hawaii, 18c dull rose | |

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Air Mail Notes

I am informed by Mr. Warren Irving Glover, Second Assistant Postmaster General, that after giving careful consideration to the subject, it has been decided to supply the Postmaster at West, Fla., with a special cancella stamp for use on mail dispatched by office over the first flight under contract from Key West to Havana, and of points in Cuba. It is assumed that service will be placed in operation before November 15th next.

Mail passing through the Detroit Office on August 10th, the day when Colonel Lindbergh visited that town, received a special marking in magenta showing the airplane "Spirit of St. Louis," together with rectangle, which we find, "Colonel Lindbergh V. Birthplace, August 10, 1927." I wish to thank Mr. Herman W. Boers for sending a cover showing this special mark. Mr. Boers also sends a clipping showing the Postmaster of Detroit applying this postmark to some of the letters.

The long heralded mail carrying flag from Springfield, Ill., in honor of Colonel Lindbergh took place as previously announced on August 15th. At that time the trans-Atlantic flyer visited the city and mail carried on this flight received a special cancellation reading, "Special Flight, Lindbergh Day, C. A. M. 2, Lindbergh Field, August 15, 1927, Springfield, Ill." In addition, the postmark shows the "Spirit of St. Louis" together with a copy of the autograph of the famous flyer. This postal marking on covers that I have seen is half in magenta and half in black, looking as if ink pads were used to make the postmark.

There is a small rectangular four line marking in violet reading, "Carried by mail plane, escort to Colonel Lindbergh."

The daily press announces that Lieutenant Clarence H. Schildhauer, a naval aviator, piloting a PN-10 seaplane, endeavor to drop several bags of mail on the deck of the S. S. Leviathan, when en route eastward. The experiment for the purpose of speeding up the trans-oceanic mail service. It is expected this delivery will be made on Saturday, August 20th.

Air Mail Conference

The information service of the Post Office Department announces under date of August 8th, that a definite program outlining America's position in regard to the handling and treatment of international air mail has been mapped out and will be presented to the Air Mail Conference called by the International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union which convenes at the Hague on September 1, it was announced today by Postmaster General New.

America will be represented at the conference by W. Irving Glover, Second Assistant Postmaster General, and Eugene White, Superintendent of Foreign Mails of the Post Office Department.

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overprint); 2c red; 10c yellow (black overprint).

We understand that all the current Nicaraguan stamps, postal and fiscal, have been earmarked in this way, in accordance with a decree dated Managua, April 28, 1927, the reason being that large quantities of the regular adhesives have been stolen. All stamps without such overprint were demonetized as from May 15th.—*Stamp Collecting*.

NETHERLANDS.—Mr. William T. Sudds advises that the 7½c has been changed to violet color.

Mr. R. Roberts advises that he has received the new 2½c bistre, reported last week with the so called "jazz" perforation.

NORWAY.—Whitfield King & Co. report the following new items of this country: 350 in olive; 400 slate grey; 500 claret; 600 blue. All are in the Lion design.

PAPUA.—We understand that the 6d denomination of the bicolor issue has been temporarily withdrawn until stocks of the 6d orange-brown (S.G. No. 98) have been used up. So far we have not seen or heard anything of the new watermarked paper which is intended to be

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used for the Papuan stamps, but its appearance cannot be long delayed.—*Australian Stamp Journal*.

PARAGUAY.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 50c blue, design as reported in the issue of two weeks ago, with surcharge "C" in red.

PATIALA.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown us the 1a brown, surcharged for official use "Service," watermarked multiple star. Nasik printing. Our correspondent further adds that he understands that only 800 sheets have been thus printed.

PERSIA.—Whitfield King & Co. send copies of the 10ch brown in the new design.

RUSSIA.—Mr. J. L. Riedel informs us that for the tenth anniversary of the Russian Revolution a new series of stamps of five values will be issued on November 7th. The sale of corresponding values of the current set will be stopped until these jubilee stamps are exhausted.

SAAR.—Whitfield King & Co. inform us that the 40c, 75c and 1fr of the new pictorial set have been surcharged for official use in the usual manner in red.

TRANSJORDANIA.—An esteemed correspondent in Palestine kindly sends us the subjoined extract from a letter from Amman:

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TURKEY.—It is proposed to surcharge the stocks on hand of the stamps of 1923-25 to cover the increased postage rates, which are 12½pi (from 10pi) for ordinary letters, 7½pi (from 6pi) for post cards, and 16pi (from 10pi) for registered letters.—*Stamp Collecting*.

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Part I—The Illustrations

Lenoir, N. C.—Has appeared with the new Universal Style 12 electroplate, which produces one of the neatest styles of overprint. This is the second printed type for Lenoir. Type I consists of two lines of serif caps, without lines above and below. A rare variety exists on the current 5c, being a double impression—one Type I and one Type II.

Corning, N. Y.—Few precancels are more attractive than those coming from this office, on the current series. The illustration shows three lines above and below, which is quite singular. I have seen the complete set up to the 50c with the exceptions of the 1/2c, 13c, and 25c.

Rolling Fork, Miss.—Are among the most sought after precancels in existence. There are a number of varieties, as the printer evidently ran short of the standard type which is shown in the illustration. Prof. A. F. Gamber has the most complete lot of these stamps that I have inspected. Similar to the illustration, but with one line above and below, there is the 1c, 11c, and a block of four of the 20c reading up. Similar to the illustration, but with "MISS." reading "Miss." he has the 1c, 2c, 5c and 9c. In the illustrated type, there is the 1c, 6c, 9c, 10c and 11c. The 6c shows the second "L" in "ROLLING" to have been constructed by means of an "I" and a period, spaced as follows "I." A pair of 2c black Hardings is known, and is rumored to have changed from the hands of "Uncle Bob" Sharp to the country's leading "Harding" specialist—A. C. Holly, at a fancy price. In some cases lighter face type is intermingled with the heavier, and we find letters that are "raised" or "lowered."

Part II—New Possessors of the Universal Style 12 Electroplate

Antigo, Wis.—Makes its greeting to the precancel fold for the first time in its history. I can vouch for the 7 and 8c.

Ashland, Ohio—Needed a new plate if ever any city did. The improvement is a welcome one to us all. I look into the album beside me, and note the 1 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20 and 30c of the current series, in both perforations and in the normal position, with the exception of the last two, which read down. In these articles I generally forget about

perforations and positions, and simply discuss the cancellations. The new perforation 11x10 1/2 makes the use of a gauge necessary if one is to be exact. I recommend the collection of precancels without regard to perforations, excluding the Bureau printed issues.

Asheville, N. C.—U-12 is Type V for this office and its first electro. I have seen the 5, 7, 10, 13 and 20c.

Altoona, Pa.—Has been using the new plate for many months. The 1928 Standard Precancel Catalog lists 18 varieties, including the 15 and 20c Special Delivery and 25c Special Handling.

Appleton, Wis.—Is using their U-12 plate in the precancellation of nearly all values up to the 50c. I have not yet noticed the 13, 14 and 17c, but suppose they will appear in the due course of time.

Naugatuck, Conn.—Precancels a general issue for the first time in its history. Some varieties from this office exist on the perf. 12 issues, such as Parcel Post 1 and 2c, Panama-Pacific, etc., but nothing has appeared in recent years. Of the current series, I have the 2, 8, 10 and 20c, as well as the 3c surface print.

La Crosse, Wis.—The new precancels are in a rather smudgy overprint, the poor work being the result of thick ink, the employing of which has always marred the beauty of La Crosse precancels. I have the 5 and 20c in the new type.

Berea, Ohio—Why a new plate was necessary here, is something I cannot fathom for the work done with the old U-8 electroplate was creditable. Possibly the type was not large enough to always insure legibility. As yet the 4c is all I have seen in the U-12.

Beatrice, Nebr.—Also has the U-12, and an electroplate for the first time. Prof. Gamber shows me the proof of this upon the current 15c.

New Haven, Conn.—Makes a change from the U-1 to the U-12. There will be a saving of ink and a betterment of appearance.

Vincennes, Ind.—Has had the U-6, and U-8 electroplates and now adds another, making in all twelve types of precancels to be sought after from this office. In the U-12 I have the 4 and 15c.

Gulfport, Miss.—Affords us a real surprise, for Gulfport precancels are

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Ecuador 1927 P. O. Comm. 5c, 10c, 20c, 3 var. .24
Finland, 20c, 40c, 60c, 1m, 1 1/2m, 2m, 3m, 5m .55
France, 50c on 85c vermillion .15
Gr. Br. Tangiers, 1/2d, 1d, 1 1/2d, 2d, 4 va. .14
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quite a scarce article and it would be logical to assume that the U-51 handstamp was sufficient to take care of the work. The printed issue makes a welcome addition to our list. I have the current 2c (10x10) in a block of four.

Galion, Ohio—Is another. The current 3c brings the glad news that the U-12 is on hand at that office. Some of the smudgy handstamps can be discarded in its favor, let us hope.

Part III—U. S. Bureau Precancels

The new perforation is now being used for all values to the ten-cent, and is easy to tell at a glance, simplifying their collection. Following is the list of new varieties that have appeared since the last chronicle in this department:

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| Austin, Texas | 1½c coil |
| Waco, Texas | 1½c coil |
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| Worcester, Mass. | 1½c coil |
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Part IV—Miscellaneous

The Precancel Stamp Society Convention at St. Louis will be over by the time this appears in print. In the near future we shall cover this with a summary of the interesting features.

The new Standard Precancel Catalog for 1928 is off the press. A great increase in value is shown in many of the early 1898 and 1902 issues. The book will prove of inestimable value to any precancel collector. It may be secured through this department. Price, \$2.10.

The editor of this department has on hand an interesting treatise on precancels that he will be glad to mail to any reader upon receipt of four cents postage. This little booklet is known as "The A. B. C. of Precancel Collecting."

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On September 1, 1927, the air mail service between New York and Chicago will be taken over and operated under contract by the National Air Transport, Inc.

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The National Air Transport will have a special rubber stamp applied to such envelopes as are sent to this office for dispatch. There will be one of these special stamps for Chicago, one for Cleveland and one for New York and covers sent to this office for dispatch to any one of these three cities will be properly handled.

SPECIAL CANCELLATIONS

Detroit, Hartford, Peoria, Saint Louis, and Springfield used special cancellation stamps on letters mailed on the "Lindbergh Days" of these cities. Three of these were officially authorized by the United States Post Office Department. The other two are strictly private. Covers bearing those that were sanctioned by the Government are of course greatly to be desired for collections of covers. The private ones, — well, use your own judgment.

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A. P. S. CONVENTION

Evening, August 16

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Tom C. E. Hunter of Chicago (Penny Blacks and Irish) was entertaining prospective customers as he gathered in the shekels in exchange for the first stamps of the world.

Ralph Eilers, popular committeeman from St. Louis, was apparently doing the big business of the evening as his register was ringing sales with consistent and pleasing regularity.

Second Day, August 17

The second day's meeting of the A. P. S. Convention opened at 10 A. M., President A. H. Wilhelm presiding.

Reports from various committees were received and placed on file. Upon conclusion of the report by the Obituary Committee, all members arose and stood in silence as a tribute to the memory of those who have passed from our midst since the time of our last meeting in New York.

Upon information that Mr. Harry M. Lewy, Attorney for the Society for the last several years, had been stricken with a severe illness preventing his continuance in that capacity, the members extended their appreciation of his efforts by a rising vote of thanks and their sincerest best wishes for his early recovery.

At this time Secretary H. A. Davis presented the invitations of Governor Simpson of Louisiana and Mayor J. J. O'Keefe of New Orleans on behalf of the latter City for next year's convention. With these was also an invitation from the Chamber of Commerce and the

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Upon recommendation for the creation and establishment of a permanent Exchange Department within the A. P. S. for the benefit of its members, the same was referred to the Publicity Committee with instructions to investigate and to report with their findings and recommendations at next year's meeting.

There being no other business to come before the meeting, the convention adjourned till Thursday morning at 10 A. M.

The afternoon was spent at the ball game, some attending the stamp exhibition at the Art Museum and other enjoying a pleasant time at the theatre.

The Auction, conducted by H. A. Diamant for the Hussman Stamp Co., in the evening, was very interesting and attended by all. Many rare and fine pieces were offered and, generally speaking, all lots brought a fair price, United States stamps, naturally, commanding good prices. In all 750 lots were offered, the catalogue value being in the neighborhood of \$25,000.00.

Third Day, August 18

The last day's meeting opened at 10 A. M. for the final action and disposal of all unfinished business of the convention, Pres. A. H. Wilhelm, presiding.

After a lengthy discussion on the report and recommendations of the Committee on Appropriations, \$500.00 was appropriated towards the expenses incurred by the committee for the entertainment of next year's convention, and a further sum of \$1,000.00 towards the cost of a stamp exhibition the coming year.

Mr. McGuffin, Chairman of the committee on the place of next year's convention, informed the members that two invitations had been received—those being from Toronto, Canada, and New Orleans; that Toronto had been chosen last year as the place for the present meeting, but that the convention had reconsidered its action and decided to come to St. Louis owing to the question of legality of holding such a meeting outside of the United States; that since

that time legal opinions had been received on this question to the effect that such a meeting would be in conformity with the By-Laws of the Society and upon recommendation of the committee, Toronto was unanimously chosen as the Convention City for 1928.

The committee on Resolutions headed by C. E. Severn of Chicago, submitted, among others, the following resolutions:

An expression of unqualified endorsement of the last administration; more particularly commending the leadership of Pres. A. H. Wilhelm and congratulating him upon the progress of the Society and the fair and impartial manner in which he had discharged his obligations.

A resolution expressing gratitude to Mr. H. A. Diamant of St. Louis for his loyalty and devotion to Philately as shown by his unselfish and untiring efforts put forth in the past.

With a final resolution of appreciation for the work of the committee having in charge the arrangements of the convention, all resolutions were adopted as submitted by a unanimous vote of the members present.

Pres. Wilhelm, in closing the convention, pointed out the aims and ideals of our society—the advantages of membership—its influence for good in the future development and furtherance of our hobby—its record of accomplishment, with the hope for a continuance of the splendid spirit of co-operation and harmony within our ranks that the resulting growth and progress could be measured by proportionate greatness of our achievements.

There being no other business to come before the convention upon motion of W. C. Stone, the forty-second annual convention of the American Philatelic Society adjourned *Sine Die*.

STRAIGHT EDGE.

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It is our desire to have a large extra circulation of our Oct. 10 Special Number. To this end we invite our subscriber to send in the names and addresses of stamp collecting friends. It will be assistance of great value to us. Cut out the heading on page 11, paste it on a piece of blank paper and "go to it."

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TEND CONVENTIONS WHEN
CONVOKED, ASSUMED THE DE-
BUTANTE'S AIR OF IMPETULANT
INSoucIANCE WHEN BUOYED
UP BY SAINT LOUIS' GENEROUS
HOSPITALITY FOR THE A. P. S.
CONVENTION LAST WEEK.

To the strains of "We Will Gather
At the River," ardent philatelists and
ordinary stamp collectors approached
the Marquette Hotel to engage in mo-
mentous badinage and presumptive
raillery for three festive days of stamp
talk and kindred subjects and predi-
cates.

Parked and otherwise juxtapositioned
in overstuffed hotel impedimenta, a hun-
dred keen eyed postal frank enthusiasts
bought, sold, traded, hypothecated, mort-
gaged, contracted for, willed and in-
dentured stamps.

EACH SOUGHT HIS BARGAIN,
HIS FAVORITE, HIS EROTIC SE-
LECTION IN FACT OR IN FANCY
WITH WORD OR WITH CASH,
FROM THE STARTING PARADE
TO THE JUDGE'S CLOSING GONG.

A visitor was welcomed in register-
ing under the guidance of Saint Louis
bears and the forbearance of Eilers,
Murray, Conley, Diamant, Lacks and
Lux.

Graciously they attended to details to
bring together the crowd as it merges,

emerges, dissembles and assembles so
that anyone might criss-cross his hands
and greet and talk to all at once.

THUS, FAR INTO THE NIGHT
WHILST AT CREPUSCULE, MAT-
TERS HAD REACHED EBULLI-
TION AT 25c A CHIP.

On Tuesday, the convention started
amid hello's, howeryah's and so's-your-
old man. On the dais sat A. H. Wil-
helm and Doc Davis and a punch
board operator, and amidst the sound
of street car gongs and the sounds of
air hammers and falling paving stones,
the convention began.

Time and again, one could imagine
himself in a quiet dugout near Chaumont
in November, 1918, the air-hammers be-
ing machine guns, the falling stones, the
zoom of Big Berthas and the gongs, the
gas attack signals.

THE CONVENTION PROGRESS-
ED STEADILY WITH ADDRESSES
AND REDRESSES, WITH COMPLI-
MENTS AND SAVORY BUT SED-
ULOUS ATTRIBUTES TO THE
WORKERS WHO MAKE CONVEN-
TIONS POSSIBLE, SO THAT
THOSE WHOSE AURICULAR
FUNCTIONS RECEIVED NO STAT-
IC, COULD MIGHTY WELL AP-
PLAUD LUSTILY IN MANUAL
IMPINGEMENT.

We listened and listened well.

In three mornings, triple plays, Wil-
helm to Hunter to Severn kept the game
going, and often one heard the silvery
tones of Billy Stone or the guttural in-
cantations of Paul MacGuffin, or the
babbling invocations of Harry Konwiser.

TIME AND ONCE MORE, ONE
HEARD THE REMARKS OF P. M.,
BILL STAAB, DIAMANT, M. T.
DOME, FRED GREEN, J. "EDDIE"

October Season-Opener Special

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News

Issued Monday, October 10, 1927

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STILL ANOTHER

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**AND
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GUEST, BUT REPORTS A
COMMITTEE FINDINGS ARE M
TERS OF RECORD WITHOUT T
ATTENDANT'S IMMEDIATE P
VIEW.

A bourse the second evening
most agreeable, and one found sta
in particular or in quantity, from
stamp covers to Vermonts.

Here and there, circles bowed
heads over some table of booklets
shoe boxes crammed with stamps.

"LOOKIT, FOR TEN CEN
SAYS ONE, SHOWING SOME M
VEL OF THE AGE, AND AG
ONE HEARD THAT FAMO
MART INDUCEMENT, "ILL G
YOU A NICKEL IF YOU DO
BUY THIS STAMP."

Others brought along stamps to
hibit and arrangements were mad
show these at the Art Museum
panopy of publicity and future p
telic engender. Famous collect
were brought to view in hopes of
creasing the Saint Louisian body
lective.

Circulating about were precancer
GATES AND GAMBER A
MITCHELL AND KRAUSE HU
LING HITHER AND YON
SHOW OR VIEW SOME NEW FI
OR RARE ITEM.

Payne came forth with his tax pe
Burmester had his Norways.

KREMERS DISPLAYED ST
LAR FINDS, AND KLEMA
TRAILED AFTER DORMANT P
SIBILITIES.

A ball game with perforat
slightly thin, was attended by the m

Yet baseball is like stamp collect
one specializes. But baseball and
ing the city on top of a bus and the
attractions to view in the city gave
collector an interlude in his symph
of stamps.

THE LADIES TOO WERE WH
IN ATTENDANCE AND ME
DAMES GUEST, EILERS, W
HELM, NOSKE, ROMAN, F
QUARSON AND MANY, MA
OTHERS BECAME DUTIF
WIVES AND LEFT HUSBANDS
STAMPS.

One always loves to find such be-
ficial helpmates who encourage t
husband's hobbies. They enth
over philatelic gems in fanciful
plays of appreciations which is
half the gallery anyway.

We always take off our hats to
ladies, but we wish to do so with a m
nerism genteel and kindly, bowing sli
at the waist and swishing our chape
de paille in a parabolic swirl of el
gence.

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WINING.

gathered to hear Tom Hunter to Dave Warfield as auctioneer.

ices rose and fell and beauties were in and out to the tune of ticker tape

THE LAST EVENING BEFELL
BANQUET AT WHICH THE
WAS GREETED BY A
SOMEWHAT LARGE COUNTER-
\$2 TRANS-MISSISSIPPI
CARD—A RATHER NEAT
PRISE, AND DURING THE
LAST LINDBERGH'S BUDDIE
IN TO SHOW US THE
LINDBERGH FLOWN COV-
TO PARIS. THUS OCULAR
STING ACCOMPANIED GAS-
NOMIC PLEASURES.

banquet speeches under the
ance of Mr. Severn brought forth
the sweet flowing verbiage of re-
pose that one lent and borrowed
to catch the trite remarks of the
S. president, our rather cautious
ctary, our sine die champion, the
table end men, Hunter and
Guffin as well as Mr. Diamant.

ny were called in response to the
er's encouragement which helped
the banquet a real homey affair.

SINT LOUIS DID MUCH TO
AE OUR TRIP MOST ENJOY-
BE.

ad as the several friends parted
adieux and pleasantries, all minded
to add, "See you in Toronto next
a"

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WE acknowledge with thanks the receipt of Lindbergh Day airmail covers from Springfield, Ill. One is from Raymond Bahr and the other from Wm. H. Conkling, the cancellation consisting of the special design recently illustrated in the WEEKLY plus a placard at the left upon which is inscribed "Welcome Lindy to Springfield," underneath a picture of Lindbergh, the Statue of Liberty, N. Y., and the Eiffel Tower of Paris.

THE Fresno (Cal.) Bee of a recent date contained a news article about Robin Lampson, who is known to our readers through his connection with the Fellowship Stamp Agency. Mr. Lampson was a member of the relief forces in Russia, working as one of the Quaker contingent of the American Friends Service Committee. A book has just been published by H. H. Fisher of Stanford University giving a complete story of the work of the American Relief Administration in Russia from 1919 to 1923, and a special copy of the book was presented Mr. Lampson.

"A PROPOS my recent articles in MEKEEL'S on "U. S. Stamps used Abroad," Dr. Howard K. Thompson of Boston very kindly submits the following additions to the list of U. S. Military Postal Stations in Cuba, which I think you will like to publish. They are:—No. 1, ?; No. 3, Guantanamo; No. 10, Havana; No. 16, Guanajay; No. 26, Buena Vista; No. 27, ?; and No. 30, Santa Cruz."—DOUGLAS B. ARMSTRONG.

EUROPA AND BREMEN AIR MAIL

(Clipping from J. A. Steinmetz)
DESSAU, GERMANY, Aug. 23.—Thirty-five hundred pieces of mail carried by the Europa and Bremen and brought back to Dessau when the air expedition to America failed, are reposing in a vault in the Dessau Postoffice awaiting ruling from the Federal Ministry of Posts and the eventuality of another effort by Junkers fliers to cross the Atlantic.

German stamp collectors and souvenir hunters paid 74,000 marks (about \$17,500) in postage for the mail and no refund will be made for the special postage paid, as neither the Ministry of Posts nor Junkers guaranteed delivery in the United States.

Postal authorities have declined to reveal the amount of money paid the Junkers Company to carry the mail, but it was hinted the airplane builders received about four-fifths of the total amount paid for postage. The Ministry of Posts will decide if the company is entitled to retain this money should no further flight attempt be made.

ST. LOUIS STAMP EXHIBITION

In connection with their this year's convention the American Philatelic Society held an exhibition of rare stamps at the Art Museum in Forrest Park. Altho this is not always undertaken, the St. Louis members signified their willingness to put on such a display for the benefit of those attending the convention and also for the purpose of giving publicity to the hobby to all who might take advantage of the exhibit. Invitations were sent out and the responses of willingness to co-operate were such that the committee was more than pleased with the result that a splendid exhibit was held. The show included "Patriotic Covers" by Hugh Clark of the Scott's Stamp and Coin Co.; "Air Mail Covers" by J. J. A. Klemann of New York; "U. S. Proofs and Essays" by A. L. Liechtenstein of New York; "Specialized Mexico" by H. A. Diamant of St. Louis; "Early Great Britains" by Ralph Eilers of the same city.

Mr. Morrison Pettus of St. Louis, tho not a collector, loaned his collection of St. Louis Bears on cover which of course were more than interesting to St. Louisians as a matter of local pride. Then Chicago brought many fine and beautiful displays, as a matter of fact there were so many specimens that to see them all and long enough to fully appreciate them, was next to impossible. Altho the attendance the first three days was not so great, in all it is estimated that 20,000 people have taken advantage of this rare opportunity to become better acquainted with a phase of this government's activities about which altogether too few have any knowledge.

This exhibition was arranged by Ralph Eilers, Chairman of the Convention Committee in St. Louis, and Paul P. Murray, who was in direct charge of the display at the Museum.

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EDITORIAL

The annual convention of the American Philatelic Society just held at St. Louis gave due attention to the business that was presented for consideration and while nothing of a sensational nature was discussed on the floor, yet some of the transactions were fraught with significance. The committee on appropriations succeeded in having an allotment made of five hundred dollars for expenses that may be incurred in entertaining the delegates to the next convention at Toronto and another of one thousand dollars in furtherance of an exhibition at the convention city. While these appropriations may be contingent to some extent upon the success of incorporating them in the budget for the year, yet the feeling seemed to be that it was time to expend some money in the promotion of the philatelic weal. Various funds of the society have grown to such proportions that there is a division of opinion as to whether they should be allowed to accumulate or whether they should be drawn upon for the accomplishment of proper ends. These appropriations may be said to be an entering wedge into the treasury, but it is evident that there are several watchdogs of the treasury who will carefully scrutinize any legislation that has for its aim a demand on the coffers. The directors will have to reconcile the present financial system of the society to the new order of things, as a precautionary measure, in order to make funds available.

When the question of appropriations was before the house, President Wilhelm vacated the chair in order to defend the policy of keeping the funds intact by stressing the thought that in

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time to come a philatelic home or club could be established as a memorial of the work done by the American Philatelic Society. His remarks were received with enthusiasm and several members volunteered to contribute several thousands of dollars each. With an ambitious objective such as this in view, the propriety of saving becomes evident; and while the suggestion came without previous announcement, it was seen that the picture painted by Mr. Wilhelm was an alluring one. It is probable that the plan will receive attention at succeeding conventions and that it may take form sooner than expected. At least, some of the conservative members have said that a building of the kind, a permanent home for the American Philatelic Society, was one that aroused the inspiration of all the members.

The selection of Toronto for the next convention was actuated in great measure by the wish to rectify the seeming breach of faith in reconsidering the decision made last year to hold it there because of the question of the legality of meeting outside of this country. In the interval, definite information has been secured that the convention may properly be held beyond the confines of the United States and so, the removal of this doubt cleared the way for favorable action. New Orleans was a contender and has a chance in the future and Chicago has entered the lists for an early consideration.

The exhibition was an interesting one and attracted the public as well as the delegates and the lecture by Mr. Conley was well attended. The slides were well chosen and the tribute of close attention was given the lecturer; and it was gratifying to see so many of the younger generation in the audience.

Among the resolutions passed was one of approval for Mr. Warren's publication, "The Pageant of Civilization," which was characterized as the most sumptuous and authoritative book on stamps ever produced in this country for the general reading public.

The trip to the St. Louis post office was a memorable one and the courtesy of the postmaster in holding open house for the delegates on Tuesday afternoon was appreciated. The St. Louis institution is a great one that is modern in all respects and the postmaster takes an intelligent part in all of its concerns.

The social diversions for the ladies were well ordered and the trip to Shaw's Garden and to the open-air opera were for their especial pleasure. The convention picture was not taken on Wednesday morning because of the weather, but on the next morning the members stood at attention on the library steps in the sunshine. Here it is to be said that the weather was comfortable and those that stayed away fearing torrid weather were hoaxed.

The Bourse has become an institution of all recent conventions and it is one of the most interesting sessions of the meeting. The room on Tuesday night presented a busy scene and at midnight some of the avid traders had not deserted their posts.

On August 16, 1927, the Honorable R. S. Regar, third assistant postmaster general, made an announcement orally that may be construed as giving the official view of the commemorative stamp. He said: "I believe the Department is performing an important educational service in making these special series of stamps available and while it is impossible, because of the very large number of worthy subjects, to thus recognize and do honor to every outstanding event with a postage stamp, it is done so far as practicable." Mr. Regar said that while the Lindbergh stamp was to be a permanent issue, it can properly be classed as a commemorative stamp because it celebrates the first non-stop flight from America to Europe. We are able to indicate the policy of the department by quoting Mr. Regar and it is confirmatory of what has been told us by a correspondent from time to time who has a position of authority in Washington.

Furthermore, Mr. Regar said at the same time that "some philatelists earn a livelihood in the study, collection, and subsequent sale of the varieties of postal issues," thereby acquainting all with the fact that the department realizes the existence of the merchantable qualities of postage stamps in distinction to their postal value. Thus, it is to be said that recognition is given to the stamp business which is entitled to the consideration that is given to any other accepted avenue of trade.

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At the banquet of the American Philatelic Society, the recipient of one of the few letters carried by Lindbergh to France and then registered to the dressings by Lindbergh from the American Embassy in Paris showed a precious memento.

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Estimated number of 200 were pres-
ent, consisting of members, their wives
and several guests.

A. H. Wilhelm, President of the
Society, had been selected as toastmaster.
Due to a slight indisposal, he asked
the privilege to resign in favor of C. E.
Hunt of Chicago, who conducted the
banquet in a really admirable manner.
His liberal humor, and novel intro-
duction of the speakers, he held the in-
terest of those present till a late hour.

Remarks were made by W. C. Stone who
had his attendance at the first ban-
quet of the society in Chicago, forty
years ago when, as he said, Charlie
Hunt was in short clothes; P. M. Wol-
f of Phila., Pa., a close second to
Stone's record in number of con-
ventions attended, spoke of his experi-
ence in recounting the progress of Philat-
elic Secretary H. A. Davis of Denver,
J. Konwiser, Thos. C. E. Hunter,
and "man" MacGuffin followed with
their onslaughts of eloquence, providing
amusement for the guests. Others
spoke of different parts of the Union were
on for remarks as the Chairman
and any uneasy feelings due to the
hostility of their being called on.

W. H. Farquarson of Des Moines, Iowa,
Mrs. Ralph Eilers of St. Louis, re-
turned on behalf of the ladies present.
W. H. Sisson of St. Louis, one
of the earliest members of the society,
expressed her loyalty and devotion to
the Society.

H. A. Diamant of St. Louis turned
the serious side of our hobby and
spoke in a very interesting manner with
responsibilities to the growing gener-
ation, pointing out that the burden of
the hobby was upon our shoulders
and the way for them was upon our
shoulders; that the boy of today would
be the collector of tomorrow and that it
was up to us, in the interest of Philately,
to guide him in the days of his youth,
so that he may follow in our footsteps when
we are gone.

A. H. Wilhelm spoke highly of
the support that he had received and for
the society again expressed appreciation
to the St. Louis members for the enter-
tainment furnished to the members.
Toastmaster Severn in his final talk
expressed the hope that we will all be
present at the next meeting in Toronto,
wishing all "a simple but most sin-
cere farewell" the program was ended.

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Rausch of the Nassau Stamp Co., of
New York; Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Wol-
schieffer of Phila.; Secretary and Mrs. H.
A. Davis of Denver; J. H. Conley of
Albany, Ga.; B. L. Voorhees of Chicago;
Tom C. E. Hunter of the same city; A.
W. Jenista of the Hawkeye Stamp Co.,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa; J. E. Guest and the
Mrs., who together, make "We" of the
Sales Department, and Mr. and Mrs. L.
J. Flerlage and son of Norwood, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hassler of Louis-
ville, Ky., are attending the convention.
Both are old in the ranks of Philately,
but still are going strong.

Mr. G. J. Brandeweede of the Robert-
son Aircraft Corporation attended the
banquet and caused considerable interest
upon exhibiting one of the only two let-
ters carried by Col. Lindbergh on his
epoch-making flight to Paris. They are
autographed together with a letter writ-
ten on the American Embassy of Paris
stationery wherein it is stated that the let-
ter was carried by him to Paris, thus of
course removing any doubt as to its be-
ing genuine.

Incidentally the other letter is in the
possession of Mr. Conkling, Post Master
of Springfield, Ill., being autographed
and sent to Mr. Conkling as a souvenir
of that flight. It can readily be seen
that either one of these letters is worth
something in view of their scarcity.

To Mrs. Ralph Eilers of St. Louis
should be given unlimited credit for her
work in entertaining the ladies of the
convention.

A feature of the Auction was an Air
Mail cover carried by Col. Lindbergh on
his first flight from Springfield, Ill., to
Chicago. This cover was donated by Dr.
R. A. Radasch of Gladwyn, Pa., and auc-
tioned off to J. J. Klemann of New
York for \$35.00; the proceeds under the
donors request were given to charity for
the benefit of the flood sufferers of the
south.

STRAIGHT EDGE.

OUR BOOK REVIEW

We have received from the office of
F. H. Vallancey, 89 Farringdon St.,
London, England, review copies of three
new publications. They are uniform in
size and style, well printed, and will
make worthy additions to the philatelic
library. The books are as follows:—

Early Dates of the Stamps of Victoria,
compiled by Henry Harvey, F. R. P. S.
L., price, 25c.

Report of the Nottingham Congress.
This book gives in detailed form the
proceedings of the Fourteenth Philatelic
Congress of Great Britain held at Not-
tingham, June 20-24, under the auspices
of the Nottinghamshire Philatelic So-
ciety. The papers read by delegates are
printed in full. Price, 50c.

A Guide to Philatelic Literature. Mr.
Vallancey has rendered philately distinct
service in this list of handbooks and
articles dealing with Great Britain, Brit-
ish Empire and foreign countries. We
have frequently had occasion to refer
inquirers for literature to Mr. Vallancey,
and this catalog just at hand confirms
our judgment in so doing. This book is
sent post-free and the literature lover
will do well to add it to his library.

"COVERS BEFORE STAMPS"

We have received from Frederick S.
Eaton, 70 Sachem St., New Haven,
Conn., a mimeograph paper called "Cov-
ers Before Stamps." It is published in
the interest of the Covers Before Stamps
Society. There is no subscription price,
but a contribution of \$1.00 per year is
solicited from persons interested to de-
fray costs of printing, postage, etc. The
dollar will be refunded at any time if
the donor is not satisfied with his re-
turns. Two issues of this unique pub-
lication were published in August and
we shall no doubt occasionally take ad-
vantage of some of the material for re-
print purposes. A great interest is be-
ing taken in these pre-stamp covers and
we congratulate Mr. Eaton and his or-
ganization upon the enterprise shown.
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JUNIOR STAMP STUDIES

JAPAN A16
5 Sen Green



Most collectors who are at all familiar with Japanese stamps, would immediately recognize the little wheel-shaped ornament which has appeared on all the stamps issued since 1872. They would at once tell you, also, that it is a conventionalized representation of a chrysanthemum, the national badge—for it can hardly be called a coat-of-arms—of the Japanese Empire. The old nobility were distinguished by their badges or crests of various kinds, and the Imperial family had from time immemorial employed the chrysanthemum as their official badge.

Although the chrysanthemum has been levied upon to furnish the national badge, there is no restriction upon the cultivation and use of the flower otherwise. The plant, which is common to our own gardens, is held in particular estimation by the Japanese who cultivate it to perfection. The chrysanthemum is one of the latest flowers of autumn and it makes up, in a measure, for its tardy appearance by its showy and brilliant effects. The Japanese have a fête of the chrysanthemum in November.

If we now look at the corners of the stamp we shall find a flower in each. This is the cherry blossom, the truly national flower of the Japanese people as distinguished from the official flower of the government. The cherry blossom is supposed to typify the "spirit of Japan." It is almost the first of the flowers, for the festival of the cherry is celebrated early in April, when the loaded trees are a most beautiful sight, the blossoms always appearing before the leaves. Although with us the cherry is cultivated for its fruit, the Japanese cultivate it solely for its blossoms.

Why No U. S. On the Pilgrims?

Replying to the printed question of one of our readers, would advise that the words "United States Postage" was inadvertently left off of the Pilgrim Stamp. It was simply an oversight, which was not noticed, until after the stamps had been issued.—**PHILIP H. WARD, JR.**

SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS

Some of our subscribers need to know our rule regarding discontinuances. We discontinue all subscriptions in arrears promptly the second issue of each month. This means that your subscription should be renewed prior to expiration. The expiration number can be ascertained by consulting your wrapper. No free copies of the WEEKLY are sent out and this rule is as fixed as the laws of the M. and P. Our older subscribers understand our rule and the newer subscribers should get acquainted with it.

Stamp News for the Juniors

Is there anything you want to know about stamps or stamp collecting? If so, write the editor. What would you like to see in this department? We have no way of knowing unless you tell us. Mr. Senior Collector, can't you give the boy collector about 50 words of encouragement along practical lines? Address your letter to the Beverly office.

SIDE PANELS

The designs of stamps are usually drawn with the object of concentrating attention on the central view or portrait, but if this, and the inscriptions, do not occupy the whole surface of the stamp, the artist has space to fill, which he often does in a very interesting manner.

Look at the 1c value of the series issued in 1904 by the United States to commemorate the centenary of the purchase of Louisiana from the French. The central feature of the design is a portrait of Robert R. Livingston, and this portrait is so framed and emphasized that the eye is apt to overlook the side panels which occupy the remainder of the space. These are, however, very interesting, for the little picture on the left gives us a view of the swamp country of the Mississippi, so much in our thoughts during the terrible floods recently, while the view at right shows a pioneer wagon in the mountainous country in the extreme northwest of the purchased territory.

Such "fill-ups" do not always take the form of complete pictures. Sometimes the border is elaborated, as in the 1s Victory, New Zealand, where native masks are added in the corners, or as in the 2 franc Air stamp of the Congo State, the design of which includes aeroplane propellers at the sides.

With a good magnifying glass a very pleasant hour can be spent in running through any general collection, and picking out the details which are of interest apart from the central design.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

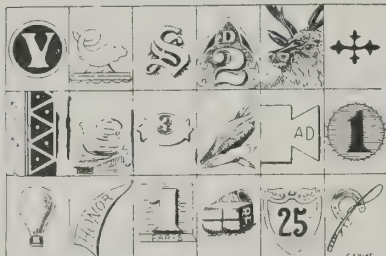


Paper No. 10—Pelure

This is a very thin hard, wove paper, very tough though almost transparent. It has not been very extensively used for stamps and at the moment I can recall no very common stamp printed on this paper to serve as an illustration. There was a printing of the 2c Dominican Republic of 1880 on pelure paper and this variety, catalogued 60c, is probably the cheapest the beginner can obtain for illustration.

A Philatelic Rebus

How many Juniors are really students of their stamps? Our rebus below will tell the story. We have pictured here parts of 18 stamps and to help you out a bit we will tell you that the lower left hand corner stamp is found on a rather common U. S. stamp. Can you locate it and its companions? Here is the rebus:—



You may have three weeks to send in your answers and if you get only one solution, send it in. You may win a prize. Name the stamp or give Scott's Catalog number. You may number your answers 1 to 6, then middle row 7 to 12 and bottom row 13 to 18. Get busy, juniors!

Junior Dictionary

Rostov Issue.—The stamps of South Russia, Nos. 1 to 8, overprinted at Rostov on the Don, at the order of General Denikin.

R. T. M.—These letters on the Venezuela, 1900. "Resellada" issue stand for Ramon Tellos Mendoza, Minister of Interior at that time.

Saargebiet.—The stamps of Germany surcharged "Saargebiet" resulted from a protest lodged by Germany with the League of Nations at the use of the word "Sarre" in the French occupation of the Saar valley.

Salto de la Chorrera.—"Falls of the Chorrera" an inscription on the Panama, 1915, 1/2c stamp.

Schermack.—A name given to a method of separating stamps employed by the Schermack Vending Machine Company. The perforations are of long rectangular form. The stamps are furnished by the government in imperforate sheets and fitted to vending machines with distinctive method of perforating.

Australian Commonwealth

The title given to the federation of the Australian colonies—New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia—an event which dates from January 1, 1901. The legislature consists of the Crown (represented by the Governor-General); a Senate of thirty-six members, six being elected by each of the States; and House of Representatives consisting of seventy-five members, the number of these sent by each State being proportional to the population with a minimum of five. The first special stamps for the Commonwealth were issued in 1913.

An Apology

Recently there appeared on this page a list of stamp inscriptions which was properly credited to Mr. Stanley Phillips, but the source of the information was inadvertently omitted. It should have been credited to the book "Stamp Collecting for All," published by Mr. Phillips, manager of the Stanley Gibbons, London. The price of the book is 25c and it may be obtained from the firm of Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., 391 Strand, London, W. C. 2, England. The book in its entirety will be very useful to any Junior. We trust that this apology will make ample amends.

Junior Studies

In coming issues we shall have some "Junior Studies" of stamp designs. If any of our Juniors desire to send in entries they will be considered. Not over 75 words and if published a stamp reward will be given

Athens

I. A city of the State of Georgia having a population of more than 10,000. In 1861 Mr. T. Crawford, the then Postmaster, issued special 5c stamps to facilitate the prepayment of postage prior to the introduction of the general issue of the Confederate States.



II. The most distinguished city of ancient Greece and the capital of the modern Greek kingdom. The name of the city is shown upon the Grecian stamps issued in 1896 and 1906 to celebrate the holding of the Olympic games there.

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Perplexing Surcharges

G. A. B.—Gaboon. Certain French stamps were overprinted with letters in 1886, for use in this African colony.

G. F.—Gold Fields. Found on certain early South Australian stamps.

G. P.—Government Printer. And early South Australian overprint.

G. F. B.—Gauze Faka Buleaga (Government Service). A surcharge applied to certain stamps of Tonga intended for official use.

G. P. E.—Guadeloupe. Certain French stamps issued for temporary use in this colony bear these initials.

G. S.—Government Storekeeper. Overprint found on some of the stamps of South Australia.

G. T.—Goolwa Tramway. And early South Australian overprint.

G. W.—Griqualand West. The two stamps intended for use in Griqualand were surcharged with letters. Others issued later only the letter "G."

Best August 1 Advt.

We had a goodly number of entries in the contest inaugurated in our August issue, and our Juniors liked it so that in the fall we shall have another. In making his decision as to best advertisement in that number editor was beset with difficulties. He had to decide in a rather arbitrary manner the various qualifications of graphical arrangement, display, appearance and effectiveness and he came to the conclusion that the two advertisements of Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., and Moore, Inc., were equally meritorious.

None of our contestants mentioned Moore advertisement, and so we are compelled to award prizes to Lyle E. Beal, N. H., and H. F. Rommel, (aged 11) Lansdowne, Pa. We have some of the striking statements made by the various contestants:—

Lyle E. Beal:—"I choose the one of Stanley Gibbons, Ltd. on page 433 because the type is clear and easy to read, is well worded."

H. F. Rommel, Jr.:—"I think Stanley Gibbons, Ltd. has the best advertisement because the firm is paying a good price to announce that in complying with U. S. laws they will not sell any catalogs in the United States."

John A. Horton, Jr.:—"I select the advertisement of Eugene Sekula. His letter to frank a letter with tete-bes stamps must attract patronage."

Carl W. Pickering:—"The best advertisement is that of the S. P. A. Every Junior should write William Lycett and become a member of the society. I have sent in my application."

George Todd:—"I select the advertisement of C. E. Nickles because of its display, leaving no doubt in the mind of the reader as to his proposition."

David Q. Weaver:—"I can say that the advertisement of Edouard Locher is most interesting to me. I always watch to see what his next advertisement will have."

Denman Scudder:—"The advertisement"

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h we cannot afford to buy them."

m Lott:—"The Hussman Stamp
of St. Louis catches the eye with
advertisement '\$1 Free.' When you
read their advertisement you can-
ut send them the 25c requested."

s Eastman:—"I think the adver-
t of A. F. Simionescu 'One Cent
One Minute' is the best written. It
ort and to the point and suggests
the dealer has something unusual
er."

r Zorn:—"The most attractive ad-
ement is that of the Hussman
ap Co. The '\$1 Free' stands out
d and it makes a collector anxious
what is coming to him."

ld Relihan:—"The black border on
arris advertisement page 435 shows
e advertisement in a very attractive
ner. I think it the best of all."

M. Herget:—"I select the adver-
t of T. Allen, because the large
ecatches the eye and the necessary
et are so printed that the sense of the
t is taken in at a glance."

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y of mine, so I take W. W. Betts
lving the most attractive advertise-
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ices are the cheapest, or his stamps
e best."

ert Dougan:—"The advertisement
aim Bikhon on page 433 is the most
rtive."

oye A. Zeigler:—"I select the adver-
t of H. E. Harris & Co. The
on black brings it out very effect-
el"

ance Troyer:—"I like the Crowder
y timent best because the picture of
e yassa stamp attracts attention. The
aps of this country are pretty and
nable in price."

Gibbons Catalogue, 1928

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Speshul bull. Most of the boys goin
tu bed, few gettin up.

Whether forkast for the da. Klowdy.
Mississippi Riv. same.

Pres. Wilhelm did not arise at the
usual our this am bekaus he didnt go to
bed lass nite, owing to siveer illness
of klose freends. From earlie indicka-
shons the pres. is going to hav a large
yeer.

Emurgung from the execkutiv cham-
bers at 9.58½ he prosceeded at wunce
to the konvenshun hall. Attired in a
natty soot of light natchural mohare in-
stead of the dark grey outfit of yester-
day and insidentally the wun that
kreated such favorable komment at lass
yeer's meetings, the "big gun" seated
himself with apparent kare free abandon
of a lively boy pushing down hay for
the horses. After shaking hands with
his trusted seckreterry he volunteried a
sweet smile to the Steno. who, suryaving
the rume and seeing Mrs. Wilhelm, at
wunce dropped her eis and turned to a
beautifol shade of rich karmine. This
of korse made things air tite and the
Pres. proceeded without deelay to the
buzines of the konvenshun.

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riensed) indickated the natcher of there
ali bys through the medium of corry
spondense. The reports were very in-
teresting esepchially bekaus it wuz found
that no wun had dun anything and made
enemies.

Wun reported that he had bin unable
to du anything bekaus his wife's ant in
Australie has been bitten by a dog;
another, that just as he wuz gettin reedy
to set off his main charge of dianamite
he found that sum skoundrel had given
him sum wet matches; another, that the

grass hoperz had chewed holes in his
karburrator and that his means of kon-
veyance had been tampered with; in
uther words every thing wuz going fine
when the chare kalled for the pub.
Kommittee report and sickniefied to
Charlie Severn that sumthing was ex-
peckted. Charlie arose accompanied with
his wonderful creashun of the taylor's
art in light tan and having his audiense
well in hend, he launched into the most
wunderful alibie that a konvenshun has
ever bin privyleged to heer. Wimin
fanted and strong men wept as Charles
poured into their eers the most elokwent
masterpeas of eckstemporaneous oratory
sinse Ingersoll's "Plumed Knites" speach
nominating Blaine. No doute it will go
downe in history with Bryan's "Cross of
Gold" and Volsteeds "Relashon of an
oversized thurst to an undersized still."

Upon konklushon the pres. sent out
for sum flowers for Charlie and sum
koffie for himself and the steno. Mrs.
Wilhelm having lef the rume. (Speshul
Bul. Mrs. Wilhelm returns.) Mieting
ajourned.

Jenerul kondishuns, Mississippi River,
up and down.

Whether same as river.

Extrie speshul bully tin. 5-05 a Em.
All tho no konfurmarshun is available, a
jenerul feling of grave ansiety is
prevulent among deely gates as roomers
spreed that Tom c. e. Hunter of She-
cago has kontracked a cold, sum time
do ring the nite. Attending phisichuns
it of a trivial nacher, however, curb
deekers are offering \$2.00 Omaha's
unused, o Gee, at \$1.95 with fu sales
being rekorded. In uther wurd, the
lambs are bulling the bares. Shecago.
7-04 am. The Fly Speck Legee announces
its disabandmunt upon recete of nuws
that Tom Hunter is afflikted with
kold. Continuance of A. P. S. bekums
kwestion of speckulation doute.

10.00 am. Pres. Wilhelm kalls the
konvenshun tu order.

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The Pres. then kalled for a bell hop who was instrukted to get him the railroad rates from Safrancisko to Nu or Leans and also from aformenshoned city on the Koast to Toronto so that he would be in a posishon to vote intelljent-lie on the plase of the necks konvenshun.

The kommittee made thare report but this was jus waste time as everwun had herd of the wunderful klimate in the south land; the swiet perfum of blum-ing magnolias and the wunderful klam chowdur and fresh feesh and frolicking maidens as they skipped on the beeches, not tu menshun the inwickarating breezes that filled yu with wim, wigur and wital-ity, besides the hospitalite of the sunnie south; all ot which wuz again drawn to the attenshun of the konvenshun in color-ful pickshures of an overrie eemajina-shun. Wile this wuz going on, Tom c. e. Hunter prodused a pickshure postal from Toronto wareon was depickted a familiar seen, which having made the rounds it wuz decided by you-nan-imus vote to hold the necks mieting thare. With a smile, pregnunt with meening's, tu the steno, the Pres said "we hav deecided to go to Toronto in 1928 and it is so ordured." Mrs. Wilhelm leff the rum at this time. Returning in a fuu minits she informed wan of hur frends that she had jus plased hur order for tu resur-vashuns and that she jus wudent miss the necks konvenshun for nuthin.

The sheef Eckseckutiv wen notified of the uneckspeckted ackshuns of his bed-der tu thurds, remarked that sinse it wuz impossibull to make eny progress, the konvenshun resolve itself into a kommittee in the hole, and which being dun, herd the report on resolutshuns, in-kluding the folling, viz:

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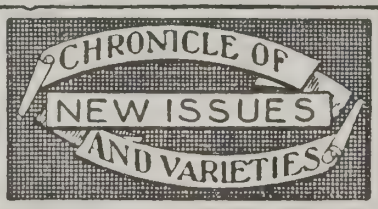
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United States

25c "Niagara Falls," Imperforate Horizontally

I have just acquired from a New England source, a mint vertical strip of three of the 1922-27, 25c green, "Niagara Falls," imperforate horizontally. This is in the light green shade, and I am informed by my correspondent that it was located in Georgia, in the early part of the year. It seems that a portion of the imperforate sheet caught in the perforating machine, was torn off, and then attached to the balance of the sheet, after the sheet had received the horizontal perforations. It was then run through the perforating machine the other way, resulting in the sheet being normal with this small corner receiving the vertical perforations only, thus giving us the strip of three part perforate. It is surprising, when one recalls that the Bureau of Engraving is turning out millions of stamps a day, that so few errors are found.

1912-15, 1c, Imperforate Horizontally
 The Scott Company lists the 1c green, issue of 1912-15, imperforate horizontally, and give it their number, No. 405a. I have recently learned the history of this variety, and mention it as a matter of record.

Only a strip of three of this stamp is known, and it no doubt occurred in the following manner: Before the sheet was run through the perforating machine in

order to receive the horizontal perforations, a corner was accidentally torn off, and as a result this corner did not receive these perforations. The operator then attached the corner in its proper place by means of a piece of brown gummed paper tape.

The sheet with the corner portion imperforate was then run through the machine for vertical perforations, which resulted in this corner having normal perforations vertically, but lacking perforations horizontally.

This variety, which is unique, was located by a Washington collector, some years back, and it now rests in a well-known middle west collection.

1922, 1/2 "Sly Wipe" Impression

Mr. H. M. Southgate kindly submits for inspection a vertical strip with margins of the current 1/2c, showing what is known as a "sly wipe," that is, the printer did not polish the plate properly after wiping, and as a result we find a smudged impression on parts of the design. The appearance of over-inking is almost identical on every stamp, looking as though it was the result of an imperfect transfer roll. The figure "1" in each case shows a spot of ink about the size of a perforation on the right of the upper stroke. This regularity is doubtless occasioned by the overflow from a little pool of ink in the medallion which is possibly cut a little deeper at that point. Mrs. L. M. Holmes located this freak at Alfred, New York.

Air Mail Notes

In accordance with schedule previously announced, the attempt was made on Sunday, August 21st, to inaugurate the first shore-to-ship Air Mail Flight. The United States Navy flying boat, PN-10, put off from the Naval Air Station, Squantum, Mass., with mail which had previously been dispatched from New York to Boston by train, after the "S. S. Leviathan" had sailed for Europe.

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Mr. Albert W. Draves, kindly send souvenir postal card from Milwaukee mailed on Lindbergh Day, August 21st. The postal extends a welcome to Lindbergh, who visited that city on August 20th and 21st. Unfortunately, no cancellation was used.

Mr. Erwin Strasser has shown covers with the special Detroit Lindbergh postmark, applied not only in genta, but also in violet. The two had not been noted heretofore.

Reverend Mr. Dreyer and Mr. Bacon, kindly send numerous notes to air mail services to be established in the south. One clipping states we are virtually assured of a route from St. Louis to Tulsa, Oklahoma, Memphis. Another clipping calls attention to the bids received by the Department for service between Atlanta, New Orleans, Cincinnati and Chicago and St. Louis and Memphis, the latter be an extension of present route.

Reverend Dreyer writes that the greatest obstacles to overcome is the long time at terminals, which in some instances is considerable, in fact sufficient to partly illuminate the gain on the route. He states that this is one of the chief reasons why the New Orleans commercial and banking interests stated so long in guaranteeing support the enterprise.

An Associated Press notice from Brownville, Tex., under date of August 10th, announces that the Mexican Government has approved the Gulf through Brownville of the proposed Mexico-Houston and New Orleans mail line. The Secretary of Publicities of Mexico City so advised the manager of the Matamoros Chamber of Commerce.

The service in Mexico will be tutored as soon as possible, and the Mexican Government has been informed our own Department that they will up with them at the border.

Canal Zone
 I have received numerous communications asking as to what Canal stamps have appeared from the press. The fact that a few weeks before the perforating machines were changed from the normal perforation 10, several values were issued, has led some to believe that all denominations may be found.

To date, the only varieties from rotary press, perforated 10, with "Canal Zone" overprint known, are the 2c and 10c. The 1c is known perforated 11x10 1/2. So far, these four varieties all that I have seen.

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Confederate States

Mr. Stanley B. Ashbrook, the well-known authority on the issue of 1851, is making a study in connection with Mr. Edward S. Knapp, of the 10c Confederate with outer lines. Apropos of the recent finding of a strip of seven of this variety, Mr. Ashbrook writes as follows:—

"This plate was in all probability a trial plate and it consisted of one hundred positions 10x10. The plate was of copper, but the die and the transfer was of steel. Due to the fact that the printers had not perfected their transfer press, which position was in all probability hammered in by hand, resulting in extremely poor transfers which were remedied by re-engraving by hand of each position on the plate with the exception of one. Therefore, 99 positions on the plate were recut and one was not. Each stamp therefore differs from every other one on the plate and each contained recutting all around the design. The top row positions can be identified because the vertical lines do not extend beyond the top horizontal line. This is also true of the bottom row and the first and tenth vertical rows, the horizontal lines of which do not extend beyond the outer vertical lines. Where you have noted two lines and three lines recut are positions where the recutting has been done perhaps a little heavier. If you will examine the strip closely you will notice the numerous retoolings."

BRAZIL.—Whitfield King & Co. send for chronicle a copy of the 100 reis orange, in design as A75 but with new watermark.

CUBA.—Mr. M. Champion announces that the number of the 25th Anniversary of the Republic stamps printed was 2,000,000.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA.—The *Philatelic Magazine* illustrates the new 1.20k stamp

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which is of the small design with a view of the Convent Strahov at Prag and the 5k of oblong format with a scene of the Upper Tahrar.

DENMARK.—Mr. R. Roberts submits for our inspection the 5kr violet and brown, mentioned last week. The design, perforation and watermark is the same as before.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.—The new printing of the 1/2d, 1d, 2d and 2 1/2d values, Script wmk., noted in our January 15th issue, are now to hand. We are indebted to Mr. B. S. H. Grant, F.R.P.S.L., for the appended details:—

There is very little difference in shade in the 1/2d.

The 1d is in a bright scarlet colour, somewhat similar to the first printing, but clearer and much deeper than the last printing.

The 2d is in a rather more pronounced purple than before.

The 2 1/2d has reverted to dark blue, similar in colour to the 1912 shade of the Mult. Cr. CA, but not so intense as the 1921 indigo (Script).

The difference in the shades is quite evident in blocks, but in single copies it is likely to be confused with the previous Script stamp.—*Stamp Collecting*.

FRANCE.—Further information regarding the French American Legion stamps is at hand from Rev. J. Dreyer, S. M. The size of the stamps will be 22x36mm and both will have medallion portraits of Washington and Lafayette separated by the Ocean with the S. S. Paris and a plane resembling that of Lindbergh flying above and the Statue of Liberty appearing in the distance. Beside the regulation inscriptions they will also bear the legend; "Legion Americaine Septembre 1927." They are engraved by Dalzers and will be available Sept. 15th. Legion Day, September 19th, has been declared a National holiday. Rev. J. Dreyer informs us also that the information noted above is from the Paris *Daily Croix*.

JAPAN.—The *Philatelic Magazine* illustrates the new commemorative stamps mentioned some time ago. They are of four values, 1 1/2 sen lilac (for inland post cards); 3 sen green (for inland letters); 6 sen red (foreign post cards); and 10 sen blue (foreign letters). The two lower values bear the likeness of Baron Maeshima, but the supply of the 6 and 10 sen was so limited that it was sold out by noon of the day of issue. The total issue will be 2 1/2 million stamps.

LATVIA.—Mr. Karl Koslowski advises that to dispose of the few values of de-

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monetized stamps and to save on paper the Government has overprinted three values. They are Scott's No. 79, 40 kop., overprinted in two lines "15 Santimi"; Scott's No. 80 also receives a like surcharge while Scott's No. 72, 3R, bears an overprint with fancy block figures meaning a value of 1 lat. The Postal Administration gives the number of stamps surcharged as follows: No. 79, 15s on 40 kop, 822,000; No. 80, 15s on 50 kop, 403,000 and No. 72, 1L on 3R, 67,000.

NETHERLANDS.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 7 1/2c violet, in the Queen's head design. Also the 6c postage due stamp mentioned two weeks ago.

NEW ZEALAND.—The *Philatelic Magazine* learns that two sheets of the current 6p stamp were found about June 6th last, each having one row imperfect, in the centre of the sheet.

NYASALAND.—Copies of the 10sh carmine and green on green, script watermark, are to hand from Mr. R. Roberts.

PALESTINE.—We are officially informed that the surcharged stamps of the 1922 issue were withdrawn from sale on August 1st last and the remaining stock will be destroyed.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin*.

RUSSIA.—Whitfield King & Co. reports the appearance of the 14 kopeks, Esperanto stamp, unwatermarked.

ST. KITT'S.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown us the 2sh 6p, on script watermarked paper. Colors as before.

SOUTH AFRICA.—Mr. R. Roberts reports that the following values of the pictorial set have been received: 2sh 6p brown and green (Wagon fording river) 10sh brown and blue (View of Cape Town).

SOUTH WEST AFRICA.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the appearance of the 2sh 6p brown and green pictorial with the surcharge in blue and also the 10sh brown and blue of the same series overprinted in like manner. The stamps are the work of Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., New Malden, Surrey, England.

A. P. S. EXHIBIT AT ST. LOUIS

(The following article appeared in the St. Louis "Post Dispatch," and we are indebted to Eugene H. Funke for the clipping. While there is not very much new material in the article, we think it worth while to reprint and especially as it represents a fine activity in connection with the holding of the convention of the American Philatelic Society in St. Louis.—W. O. W.)

The Art Museum in Forest Park echoes these days to the unfamiliar tread of the stamp collector. It is not the native habitat of the "bug," as the inveterate stamp collector or philatelist familiarly refers to himself, but this week the museum houses for the first time a stamp collection through arrangement with the American Philatelic Society, in convention at the Marquette Hotel.

"It's a great hobby," says W. O. Staab, president of the Milwaukee Society, who has been a "bug" nearly 40 years. "Some people hoard diamonds instead of stamps. But what is there to a diamond compared with a stamp?"

"Here," he continues, with a sweep of the hand around the cases, "is romance, beauty, history, geography, the stories of nations, great men, industry and progress.

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The history and romance that Staab spoke of are represented in the exhibit on view at the Art Museum in specimens from the extensive collection of Western franks gathered by Victor Berthold of New York, telling the story of the pony express, mining camps of Nevada and California, the winning of the West in Civil War days. Progress is illustrated in items from the collection of "first flights," owned by John Klemann, Jr., of New York.

In the same case with stamps that paid the carriage of letters in the first pony express from San Francisco to New York, accomplished in two weeks, are envelopes from St. Louis, June 18, with the Lindbergh air mail stamp, commemorating his flight over the Atlantic in less than two days.

In the way of beauty, there is an exhibit of early Holland issues, loaned by Louis F. Yeckel.

"As fine a collection of Dutch stamps as exists in the world," comments Klemann, a prominent collector, appraising, with a practiced eye, the artistic effects of Yeckel's collection. "Note how those colors are blended. It is worth \$5,000 if it is worth a cent. They haven't got anything better than that in Holland."

Klemann's eye is arrested again when he comes to a group of "Missouri Bears," owned by Morrison Pettus of St. Louis. Pettus is not a stamp collector, but treasures his collection, nevertheless. He found them on old envelopes sent to relatives. "The Missouri Bears," as they are known to collectors, are prized highly. They were issued in 1845 by the local Postmaster and have catalogue values of from \$150 to \$2,000. The \$2,000 stamp

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is not in Pettus' collection but there is, for instance, the 10-cent gray-lilac, worth \$350.

To the casual observer, stamps in the complete plating sets look alike, but not to the "bug." He glances at the valuable collection of "Sidney Views" owned by Theodore E. Steinway of New York, head of the Steinway Piano Co., and picks out the 24 varieties of one set immediately. On this one the hill is unshaded, on that a tiny dot indicates it came from a certain portion of the plate, etc. A restoration of original platings that catches the eyes of the "bugs" is exhibited by Paul McGuffin of Libertyville, Ill.

Stamp collecting is less than 100 years old. Its whole history on a small scale is condensed into the collection on view at the Art Museum. There is the first stamp issued by Great Britain in 1840. The latest is represented in "the first flights" collection. It is an envelope carried by Clarence D. Chamberlin on his experimental flight from the steamship Leviathan off Fire Island, New York, to Hasbrouck Heights, Aug. 1, the first mail flight of an airplane from a steamship at sea to shore.

Patriotic envelopes showing the sectional feeling of the Civil War, including "Jeff Davis Coat of Arms"; an exhibit of original drawings and designs for stamps; an educational exhibit of stamp collecting; a page of Rumanian stamps bearing portraits of Queen Marie, photographed by the Queen when she was in St. Louis, owned by H. A. Diamant of St. Louis; and rarities and special collections of significance to the "bug" who considers every line, marking, shade, and history of the issue, also are on view. The collection will remain in place through Saturday.

In the group of veterans, true 100 per cent "bugs," who shuffle through the gallery with longing eyes fixed on some treasured stamp, is William C. Stone of Springfield, Mass., one of the 10 men who founded the National Stamp Society. He got his start as a collector from stamps sent home by friends and relatives among the seafaring folk of New England.

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On the other hand, even though he may give some attention to new issues and the history behind them, probably not one business man in ten regards the lowly postage stamp as anything more than a necessary evil which exists in order that proof of prepaid postage may accompany his mail. Seldom does he consider these colorful bits of paper as representing one of the finest publicity mediums in the world and one with a circulation which, were it available to individual enterprise, would be something of a space buyer's millenium—from the circulation standpoint if from no other. Nor may he be aware of the fact that, in one instance at least, postage stamps were used to carry private advertising messages.

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Each day in the year, millions of varied postage stamps of the United States of America are carrying the story of democracy not only to those within its boundaries, but to all parts of the world as well. The little-known country of Newfoundland has turned from the drab, uninteresting designs which characterized the stamps of its earlier days to attractive engravings of its scenic beauties which carry their tacit appeal to tourists the world over. The beautiful bi-colored stamps featuring the attractions of the "Isle of Wood and Water" do their bit in bringing vacationists to Jamaica. Panama features the wonders of its famed canal; the numerous states of Africa picture their beauty and resources;

Britain proves the majesty of its empire in a way to make the heart of the true Englishman quicken with pride in whatever of the far flung dominions a letter bearing the bit of colored paper may find him. Even China has realized the practicability of converting a necessary expense into a decided national asset and is utilizing its postage stamps as a means of introducing its famous scenes to a scattered population and to the world at large.

The power of the stamp likewise has made itself felt among the states of Central America where, for a number of years, it has been customary for ambitious dictators and politicians to seize the reins of power with one hand and the available supply of postage stamps with the other. The latter are then immediately stamped with the usurper's name in bold letters as proof of the seizure to those of his prospective subjects who may still entertain doubts as to his ascendancy.

Of particular interest just now in view of the present Nicaraguan unrest is the fact that the designs on some stamp issues of this country are all but obliterated by the multiplicity of rival surcharges—mute but convincing evidence of the hectic history of this nation.

And so on down the line, many instances may be cited where nations—some of which seldom are heard of outside the cross-word puzzle page—have come to the realization that, in their quiet, unpretentious way, postage stamps could be made carry a dignified message to a "circulation" which before was not thought of as existing.

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Naturally, the extremely small surface of the stamps precluded the possibility of anything but the briefest sort of copy, yet a number of well known antipodal firms seized upon the novel opportunity for name publicity in conjunction with their more prosaic campaigns in the generally accepted mediums.

As a result, the ardent swain about to moisten a stamp for affixation to a fiery love epistle might be halted momentarily by the following message glaring at him from the gummed surface: "Macbean Stewart's New Cure for Asthma, Diphtheria, Croup."

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The 2p stamp reminded housewives of the necessity of preparing for forthcoming meals by stating: "Be Sure You Ask for Poneke Potted Meats." This advertiser even indulged in artwork to the extent of having a hand pointing to the name "Poneke."

Other similar messages were used, but whether the government came finally to the conclusion that advertising on its postage stamps was not in keeping with its dignity, or advertisers tired of the novelty, later issues did not extol the merits of merchandise and, in keeping with the trend of the times, New Zealand stamps became something more than mere bits of paper which acted as postage receipts.

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they play a small, but important part in the general scheme of things.

A comparatively recent issue illustrates this point very well indeed.

Following the death of President Warren G. Harding, a black two-cent stamp bearing his likeness was issued. Because this was something of an innovation in American postage issues, a sudden demand was created, but with equal suddenness, people stopped asking for the stamp. In fact, many buyers at post office windows specifically requested that they be given the regular two-cent red stamp with the engraving of Washington.

The answer was simple. The novelty of the stamp made it popular at first. Then people began to realize the somber aspect of the black stamp with its mute evidence of national mourning. Little wonder they preferred to grace their letters with more cheerful carriers. Postmasters in some cases found it advisable to send their consignment of the Harding stamp to the parcel post rooms where those sending packages were not so particular.

On the other hand, recent issues have offered special opportunities to direct-mail advertisers or firms using considerable correspondence. Several new stamps have made their appearance within the past year or so and these have included: the Walloon-Huguenot Tercentenary Issue; the 2-cent stamp commemorating the battle of White Plains; the Sesquicentennial Souvenir stamp; the Ericsson Memorial issue, the Lindbergh air mail stamps and others. All of these hold at least a passing degree of interest to even the casual recipient and it costs the advertiser nothing additional to take advantage of this. How many good Americans who saw for the first time the Walloon-Huguenot stamps paused and pondered over the amount of history they had forgotten?

WHEN STAMPS ARE PRECIOUS

An interesting sidelight on the subject of postage stamps lies in the collecting of them by thousands of people throughout the world who retain through maturity this one of the numerous hobbies which added zest to their boyhood—or girlhood—days. Among themselves and a few outsiders on more or less intimate terms with Webster, they are known as philatelists. Some idea may be gained of the energy and money used in gathering representative collections when it is realized that approximately \$5,000,000 a year is spent in this country alone for desirable specimens.

Indeed, the evolution of the stamp from the state of being a mere postage receipt to a valuable advertising and publicity medium is due in no small part to the efforts of this army of philatelists in collecting them, thus attaching a greater degree of importance to them. So great were the sales of stamps, used and unused, for collections, it is said, following

the World War with its consequent national upheavals, that at least one of the newly formed European states financed its struggling government to a large extent by preparing frequent and bizarre issues of stamps for the express purpose of creating a demand for them among philatelists.

No printer or advertising man ever studied a proof more carefully for errors than the careful philatelist studies the colorful engravings which are his collection—though, of course, from his viewpoint at least, errors in postage stamps usually bring a premium.

Among the better known "errors of knowledge" on postage issues there is the 1½-pence stamp of the islands St. Kitts and Nevis which shows Columbus on the deck of the Santa Maria engaged in scanning the horizon with a telescope—although these instruments were not known until some years after the time of this intrepid voyager.

Again, in preparing a five-cent stamp of an old Newfoundland issue which pictures a large seal, the artist has given the animal a wicked looking set of claws—a zoological feat that would have disheartened the late Charles Darwin.—*Western Advertising* (Courtesy of Irving W. Johnson).

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SPECIAL CANCELLATIONS

Detroit, Hartford, Peoria, Saint Louis, and Springfield used special cancellation stamps on letters mailed on the "Lindbergh Days" of these cities. Three of these were officially authorized by the United States Post Office Department. The other two are strictly private. Covers bearing those that were sanctioned by the Government are of course greatly to be desired for collections of covers. The private ones, — well, use your own judgment.

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Some time ago the writer sent a book
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in the government hospital in the west.
He is from Portland, Me., a graduate of
Bowdoin and Harvard and a *bugologist*
right. He spends his time hunting bugs
and frogs like you and I hunt for the
scarce stamp. Well, to get back to the
book that was sent him. The stamp
placed upon the package was a Houston
50c and I requested that the stamp be
returned to me with any others that he
might be able to gather. In due course
of time the stamp with several others
came back and the friend asked the
usual questions: What did I want it for?
What good was it? I answered him at
length and among other things told him
that I was a stamp "bug." This evi-
dently hit his hobby and he sat down and
under the above caption wrote the verse
below:—

Of all the bugs that buzz o'er land or sea
The Stamp Bug looks most dangerous to me.
Across the sea the giant liners go
Bearing its progeny in safes below.
It travels on the very fastest trains
And flies with borrowed wings of aeroplanes.
Go where you will by land or sea or air
You can't escape; you'll find the Stamp Bug
there.

Its wings with many colored dyes are bright;
With mucilage it holds its victim tight.
Its claws adhere like burdocks, only worse,
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versity of Edinburgh. He was President
of the Royal Astronomical Society in
1878. He was an enthusiastic yachtsman
and in his fine yacht—the Valhalla—
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veloped to the fullest degree, and v
his great and highly trained intellec
capacity, it is not difficult to underst
how the late Earl of Crawford, when
took up the serious study of philat
came at once into the very forem
rank of philatelic students. We all o
had some idea of the connection betw
the study of stamps, and that of mod
history, but Lord Crawford showed u
new kind of historical collection,
which the collection itself formed a l
tory of the stamps that it contained.
marvelous collections of the issues
Great Britain and of the United Sta
showed, as far as possible, every st
in the development of the stamp,
ranged and written up by himself in s
a fashion as not only to add immens
to the value of the contents, but also
render them of the greatest service
other students of the stamps of th
countries. Indeed, the late president
the Royal Philatelic Society, Lond
was preeminent among those philatel
who are always ready to help their
lows; his greatest pleasure seemed to
to display his treasures to others, and
give them the full benefit of his
searches.

Lord Crawford visited the Uni
States in his yacht in 1905 and show
his United States collection at The C
lectors Club on May 10th of that year

My first knowledge of Lord Crawf
as a stamp collector arose in the follo
ing manner:

"Early in 1900 Prince Doria Pamph
wrote to ask me to go to Rome and val
a collection of stamps that a friend
his thought of buying. I went over a
spent about a fortnight in Rome, wh
I valued a large collection, but at a mu
lower price that that originally ask
Prince Doria told me that his friend w
the Earl of Crawford, who thought
taking up stamp collecting, about wh
he then knew little or nothing. On
return to England, about May, 190
Lord Crawford called on me, and aft
some discussion he decided on studyi
a few countries at a time, and speciali
ing in them.

"The first order he gave me was f
as good collections as I could make
of the stamps of the Transvaal and
Orange River Colony, and these I d

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| RUSSIA | |
|--|-----|
| 1921, 1r to 5r | 27 |
| 20r | 33 |
| 100r to 1000r | 12 |
| 20r | 27 |
| 1922, 5000r, 3 var. surch. | 27 |
| 1919, 5k-50k | 45 |
| 1922, 5r-15r | 40 |
| 1923, 1r-7r | 50 |
| 1924, 1r-7r | 110 |
| 1924, 3k-20k | 55 |
| 1925, 7k-40k | 110 |
| 1925, 7k-40k | 85 |
| 1925, 7k-15k | 19 |
| 1925, 7k-14k | 22 |
| 1925, 3k-14k | 50 |
| 1925, 3k-14k | 50 |
| 1925, 3k-14k | 27 |
| 1926, Esperanto, 7-14k | 45 |
| 1927, 10-20, wmkd. | 32 |
| 1927, 10-20, unwmkd. | 32 |
| 1914, 1k-10k, used | 27 |
| any other Russias in stock, mint. What
do you need? | |
| FRED E. PROHASKA [tf
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ed in July, 1900, at the price of
\$0.00 the two; they would be worth
than double that sum now. Many
er transactions then took place, and
ext important one was in October,
when I sold him a grand collection
ocks of four in, I think, nine large
nes for \$16,000.

On June 12, 1901, on the occasion of
it to America, I bought the Tiffany
ction of Philatelic Literature, for
\$0.00 at the request of Lord Craw-
and this was the foundation of the
and unique Philatelic Library
he formed, with the aid of Mr.
Bacon.

The next transaction with my firm
the sale of a collection of New South
s stamps for \$14,000.00 in Septem-
1901, and in the October following
ld him a collection of Italy and the
n States for \$8,750.00.

August, 1902, I sold to Lord Craw-
the collections of British East
a and Zanzibar which I had formed
the purpose of writing my articles
M. J.; these went at \$8,750.00.

all of these collections, and a great
others, Lord Crawford added
y, and he always collected on the
t possible scale, searching for all
s, proofs, color trials, stamps, re-
s, and documents that bore upon the
ction he was making."—*Philatelic*
ics.

WHERE IS "LA AGUERA"?

ROBT. S. GORDON, Middletown, O.

Recently I wrote to the American Con-
Madrid, Spain, asking for certain
ation regarding the Spanish colo-
n Africa, and especially about "La
guera." His reply states that no in-
ation can be obtained of any such
y as "La Aguera," nor is there any
or settlement of that name known.

aging solely by Scott's Catalog, it
ers probable that "La Aguera" has
incorporated in "Spanish Western
ra," together with Rio de Oro, but
ems queer that no such district
be known, especially as the infor-
n transmitted to me was obtained
the Spanish Colonial Office at Ma-
c. Can any of your readers enlighten
regarding this? I should greatly ap-
te any definite information as to
ast or present location of "La
guera."

identally, I am informed that Cape
is an entirely distinct and separate
y from Spanish Western Sahara.
his should be a hint to our map pub-
his, philatelic and otherwise.

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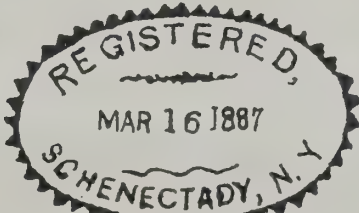
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UNITED STATES CANCELLATIONS, 1870-1900

By Dr. Wm. Evans, 313 E. Freemason St., Norfolk, Va.



First let me correct a ridiculous error
in the first paragraph of my notes in the
issue of July 25. The two cancellations
referred to are on the 2c 1883 red-brown.
Of course they *couldn't* be on a stamp
not issued until a year after they were
used. Please pardon the mistake.

Mr. Richard Walton has sent the
drawing of the Schenectady registration
stamps shown above. He has it on a
cover and it ties two 6c re-engraved of
the 1882 issue in very fine condition. It
is in purple and is repeated on the cover.
That cover is worth having. Imagine
it!

A few new R. R. and Agt. postmarks
have been reported. For those who want
their lists as nearly complete as possible,
they are given below:

A. & N. C. R. R.
A. B. of N. Y. & Om. R. R.
A. & G. R. R.
Ash. & New Cas. R. R.
Bel. Br. Me. Cen. R. R.
Dor. & Del. R. R.
E. & P. R. R.
Han. & Nap. R. R.
I. C. & L. R. R.
M. C. R. R. (blue).
M. K. T. R. R.
Mil. & Lac. R. R.
Mil. & Osh. R. R.
Mis. Valley R. R.
Nash. & Dec. R. R.
N. Y. Midland R. R.
N. Y. & O. M. R. R.
P. & C. R. R. Jacobs Creek.
Port. & Aug. M. C. R. R.
Port. & Roch. R. R.
R. R. I. & St. L. R. R.
S & B. F. R. R.
S. & G. R. R. Snow Hill.
S. N. R. R.
St. Jo. & D. C. R. R.
T. B. of P. & C. R. R.
Tuckerton R. R.
Waterloo & Austin R. R.
Western Atlantic R. R. Cass.
Easton & Haz. Agt.
La Crosse & Mack Agt.

Mr. John C. Hunt sent most of the
listed names, but Messrs. H. M. Kon-
wiser, H. V. Swallow, A. H. Keys, B.
D. Forster and J. W. Fox sent those that
complete this list. Most of them are on
3c green. Mr. Konwiser of course sends
one on a Dept. stamp, 3c P. O. envelope.
This is the S. & B. F. R. R.

Mr. Swallow reports N. Y. & O. M. R.
R. on a strip of 3 1c blue, and Mr. Hunt
has Han. & Na. P. R. R. struck twice on
a strip of three 1c 1871. All these are
mighty nice items to possess and very
seldom seen.

Then there are a few year dated post-
marks to be added to the list for those
who are interested in them. These have
been sent by Messrs. L. A. Heilman, J.
W. Fox, G. L. Habbert, H. C. Woodruff,
W. R. Parker and R. F. Molitor.

1871, Merced, Cal., purple.
1873, Hartland, Vt., Jeddo, Pa., Mo-
ravia, N. Y., Neshannock, Pa., Wood-
side, Pa., blue oval.

1874, Antrim, Pa., blue, Owasco, N.
Y., Raven Run, Schuylkill Co., Pa., Key-
serike, N. Y., blue.

1875, Shickshinny, Pa., octagon.
1877, Castile, N. Y.
1877, Gaines, Pa., North Bennington,
Plymouth, Pa., blue.

The four designs shown above are
some geometricals found on 3c green.
The first one was sent by Mrs. Hutchins.
The last two are two of the many used
in New York City.

And now as nearly everyone has
stopped sending material for illustrating,
and the supply is exhausted, future arti-
cles will have to depend upon you. If
you want more, send in your specimens
and results will be forthcoming.

THE REPUBLIC OF LEBANON

By HERMANN FOCKE.

On the Eastern shores of the Mediter-
ranean in Palestine of old there is a
strip of land, which up to the Great War
was under the Protection of France,
although a part of the Turkish Empire,
by the name of Lebanon, the name no
doubt having been derived from the Bib-
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piastres and centimes, a few months
later, and in order to please or educate
the inhabitants, mostly illiterate Turks
or Syrians as they call themselves, the
name of their country and money was
added in their own language or charac-
ters in Arabic, and again a short time
later, still in 1924, a third issue of new
values appeared, and still another in 1925,
to be followed almost instantly by a per-
manent set of 13 values, bringing the
total, inclusive of airmail, charity and
postage dues for the two years to well
upward of one hundred varieties.

Due to fluctuations in the value of the
currency, more surcharges were created,
some of them only quite recently, as
the:—4P on 0.25P olive-black, 7P50 on
2P50 peacock-blue, 12P on 1P25 green
and 15P on 25P ultramarine, and prob-
ably still others which I have not seen as
yet, because I obtain my stamps only
from the mails coming from there to
this country.

But now comes the surprise that the
country has been made independent, at
least nominally, by giving it the name
of a Republic, because recent mails have
brought a number of these stamps with
a black surcharge of République Lib-
anaise, so that we may look forward to
still another liberal addition to the already
long list; I have seen thus surcharged
the 0P50 yellow-green, with view of the
City of Tripoli, 2P dark brown, with
view of the City Zahle; 4P on 0P25
olive-black, with view of Beyruth; 7P50
on 2P50 peacock-blue, with Ruins of
Baalbeck, and 15P on 25P ultramarine,
with another view of Beyruth, and no
doubt we can rely on it that everything
still available will be thus surcharged,
and it would not surprise if shortly we
see another surcharge, to which the Ara-
bic characters have been added, and,
naturally, a new permanent set is in the
not far offing.

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The absence of the Editor of the WEEKLY, on his well earned annual vacation in the wilds of Wisconsin, is the reason we have no Editorials this week, and the space is filled with other news material.

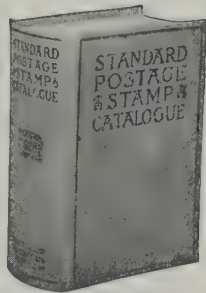
A. P. S. STAMP LECTURE

An illustrated stamp lecture was given under the auspices of the A. P. S. during the convention in St. Louis by Mr. J. H. Conley, now of Albany, Georgia. Mr. Conley for some years past has been closely associated with organization work in Boy Scout circles, which of course gives him a wonderful opportunity to spread the gospel of philately among youthful collectors.

The subject and theme of Mr. Conley's lecture was "Say it with stamps." It could readily be seen that the speaker had spent unlimited time in research and preparation on his topic as he showed by means of illustrated slides photographic and exact reproductions of the various stamps.

In pointing out the value of philately from the standpoint of investment he said that many who possessed millions of dollars have formed collections which could be turned into ready gold sufficient to pay the public debt of many a small nation. On the other hand thousands of day laborers working from sun to sun are finding their chief interest and relaxation in a stamp album whose contents represent only a part of a week's wage. Here is a hobby where men and women, boys and girls, old and young, rich and poor alike meet on one common level where pleasures can be deemed permanent by expenditures which if pru-

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From an educational standpoint, who, he asked, can cover the history of man and nations as therein portrayed? As Mr. Conley changed his slides he illustrated with different stamps of various nations the rise and fall of empires, the progress of the world in its various lines and phases of activity. Naturally all countries place upon their stamps some of their language in order to indicate to postal authorities the amount of postage paid on a certain article sent through the mails, whereby the school boy will unconsciously gather a smattering knowledge of foreign languages as well as a working idea of monetary units used throughout the world.

Some of the many scenes depicted on stamps when classed in groups are as follows:—Statesmen, battles they produced, resulting peace, monuments to the dead and slain, history of their glories, allegories, coats-of-arms founded on martial prowess, maps of countries, flags of nations, water views, landscapes, industries, and rulers of nations, which of course are quite numerous. Also actresses, musicians and poets are frequently advertised through their stamp portraits.

In America we have many stamps portraying the progress of the nation as well as scenes connecting with prominent events of our history, some of which are the founding of Jamestown in 1607 as shown on the Jamestown commemoratives of 1907; the landing of the pilgrims in 1620; Huguenot Walloons; Hudson-Fulton issue of 1909; scenes of the Revolutionary period; signing of the Declaration of Independence; Liberty Bell; Louisiana purchase issue of 1904; Battle of Lexington; Washington taking command of the army. One of the most commonly known is the Columbian issue of 1892 commemorating the landing of Columbus in 1492 and the Trans-Mississippi issue of 1898 as a tribute to the progress of the middle west. In this connection only within the last two weeks the government has put out new stamps commemorating the battle of Saratoga and Bennington.

In all, Mr. Conley's lecture occupied about two hours and it can truthfully be said that it was a feature that was immensely enjoyed by all as it was treated in a new and novel manner. Mr. Conley in this is certainly doing a great deal for the interests of philately and it is especially interesting to see that he takes pride in presenting his talks on stamps to the younger generation and it is certainly to be hoped that his good work will continue.



Written for the WEEKLY CANAL ZONE ROTARIES, 1927

By HARRY E. HUBER.

The first curved plate printed stamps overprinted "Canal Zone," were dispatched from Washington, on December 6, 1926, and comprised 2c (in sheet and 25c and 49c booklet form), 3c and 10c. The 2c was issued in January, 1927, and the 3c and 10c at the Philatelic Stamp Agency, Balboa Heights, on May 9, 1927.

The stamps printed from curved plates were perforated 10, while the others (2c sheet and 25c booklets) in the same shipment were from flat plates, and perforated single line 11.

Between November, 1926, and June, 1927, the perforating machines at the Bureau used with the rotary presses were gradually changed over to 11x10 1/2, to enable easier separation of the stamps.

On May 27, 1927, a further lot of "Canal Zone" (sharp "A") overprinted stamps, were dispatched to the Zone, comprising the following quantities:—

| Series of | Sheets of | Stamps. | Value |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|
| 1922-23. | 100. | | |
| 1c Franklin (rotary) | 5,000 | 500,000 | \$ 5,000 |
| 2c Washington (rotary) | 10,000 | 1,000,000 | 20,000 |
| 20c Golden Gate (flat) | 1,000 | 100,000 | 20,000 |
| Series of 1925. | | | |
| 17c Wilson (flat) | 1,000 | 100,000 | 17,000 |
| | | 17,000 | 1,700,000 \$62,000 |

The 1c and 2c rotary were with the new perforation, 11x10 1/2, and were issued in the Zone sometime during July. (Unoverprinted the 2c with this perforation was issued in December, 1926, and the 1c on June 10, 1927.)

The 1c 11x10 1/2 has the sharp "A" overprint for the first time, the consignments of 1 million each sent out in 1924 and 1925, were flat "A" overprinted. The 1c and 2c flat "A" were issued July 1, 1924, the 2c sharp "A" September, 1926, and the 2c rotary, sharp "A," 10x10, in January, 1927.

The 17c and 20c were flat plate printed as before, perforated 11. These two values were first issued April 5, 1926, the first requisition calling for 100,000 of the 17c and 50,000 of the 20c.

1927. Contemporary postage stamps of U. S. A., overprinted by Bureau of Engraving & Printing, Washington, D. C., "CANAL ZONE" (sharp "A") in two horizontal lines, in black.

Perforated 11x10 1/2.

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Unwatermarked.

1c green (Franklin) July, 1927.

2c carmine (Washington) July, 1927.

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WE are greatly indebted to M. R. Dieter, secretary of the Capital City Philatelic Society, Harrisburg, Pa., for information in regard to some Danzig counterfeits. He writes us that Nos. 1 to 48 have put in an appearance, the source of the output being Lebanon, F. M. Dieter states that the counterfeits may easily be detected and parties interested may correspond with Mr. Dieter at 560 Camp St., Harrisburg, Pa.

RE air mail on London, Can., to London, Eng., flight. There has been prepared a special stamp for this mail. Only 100 have been printed under bond as also is the plate. Every precaution has been taken with the issue, just as it was prepared and printed by the Government at Ottawa. There will naturally very few letters carried on the flight and practically all of them will be complimentary, such as one from the Prince of Wales to King George, etc. Offers up to \$25 per letter have been received. Mail from the general public will not be accepted at all, nor are stamps being put on sale. We are right here on the ground and know those who charge personally, but as yet we have not been able to get one letter accepted nor a single stamp. Will keep you advised if anything further turns up. VICTORIA STAMP CO.

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WE are indebted to Joseph Cadek of Astoria, N. Y., for no fewer than six clippings from New York papers. The outstanding one is a picture of the French special stamps to be issued September in connection with the American Legion convention at Paris. Another tells of the airmail stamp collection of Harry A. Truby of New Kensington, Pa. The item says that Mr. Truby's collection contains many pioneers. Two airmail clippings are in the group, one quoting rates for foreign delivery and the other a Leviathan item. Still another item consists of an Associated Press despatch from London relative to the stamp collections amongst the royal families of Europe. All in all, it is an interesting group of clippings.

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nk. Naughty, naughty.

he A. P. S. Convention we were
ly mark at ten cents a throw. We
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he was a Boston, Mass., Sep. 15,
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of mail carried, for which the contractors
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there were 53,521 pounds of mail carried
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While the amount of mail carried was
less for July than for June, there were
but 25 business days in the month of July
as against 26 for the month of June,
which accounts for the apparent falling
off in postal business.

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in the business of the twelve contract
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Uruguay issued a set of three stamps, 2, 5, 8c, in the above design in connection with the International Philatelic Exhibition at Montevideo, recently.

Austrian Italy

When postage stamps were first introduced into Austria in 1850 a separate series was issued for the Lombardo-Venetian States—known as Austria Italy—which have since been detached from the Austrian Empire and now form part of the Kingdom of Italy. The designs were the same for both Austria and Austrian Italy but while the values on the stamps of the former were denoted in kreuzer, those of the latter were expressed in centesimi, contracted to "Centes." In 1861 the currency was changed to soldi, and in 1867 the ordinary stamps of Italy were used in these States.

Perplexing Surcharges

G. & D.—Gaudeloupe and Dependencies. Certain French Colonial postage due stamps were surcharged with these letters to indicate their temporary use in Guadeloupe.

H.—Hospital. An overprint found on certain early stamps of South Australia.

H. A.—House of Assembly. Another early South Australian overprint.

H. P. N.—Habilitado por la Nacion. These initials were struck on certain Spanish stamps used during the short-lived Republic of 1878.

I. A.—Immigration Agent. Another Departmental overprint of So. Australia used prior to 1874.

I. E.—Interstate Estates. Also found on various early South Australian stamps.

I. R.—Inland Revenue. An overprint found on many British stamps used on official correspondence in connection with the Inland Revenue department.

I. R.—Internal Revenue. An overprint applied to the 1c and 2c stamps of the 1895 issue for the United States. These were temporarily used for revenue purposes in 1898.

I. S.—Inspector of Sheep. An overprint found on various South Australian stamps issued before 1874.

JUNIOR STAMP STUDIES

HEAD OF JUNO, CRETE A7
1900 5+201



This design pictures one of the famous set issued by Crete in 1900-01. It is distinctively a Cretan production, and representative of the island. It is said to have been copied from a silver coin of two drachmas, in the perfect style of Praxiteles, which came from the city of Cnossos, and shows according to some, a head representing the principal goddess of the Island, Juno, the wife of Jupiter; and according to others, the personification of Crete itself.

Habilitado Por La Nacion

An overprint found in many forms upon various stamps of Spain and her colonies after the Madrid revolution of 1868. It means "Authorised by the Nation," the overprints being applied under orders given by the Provisional Revolutionary Assembly.

Sam Styles' Sentimental Stampatale By MISS AMY L. SWIFT.

(Here is a good piece of alliterative composition. If any reader wants to try his or her hand at it we shall be glad to see the result of the writer's industry.)

Sam Styles saw sweet Susan Stubbs setting supper. Sam sighed. "Stay," said Stubbs Senior. Susan smiled, so Sam sat.

"Serene season," said Stubbs, serving stew.

"Simply superb!" said Susan's sister Sarah.

"Sublime!" smiled Susan.

"Sure!" stuttered Sam, surveying Susan.

Seeing Sam's shyness, Stubbs swallowed stew silently. Sarah sedulously seeking suitable subject, said Seth Sears saw Solomon Snook's sister Selina saving stamps.

"Silly!" sneered Stubbs. "Saving stamps show scant sanity."

"Such sentiment surrounds stamps!" supplicated Sarah.

Stubbs sniffed scornfully, saying, "Stuff! Sincere sentiment seeks substantial substance. Stamps seem senseless."

"Sire Snooks should slap Selina," shrilly shouted Stubbs' small son Silas.

"Silas!" said Sarah, shocked.

"Silas, subside," sternly supplemented Stubbs Senior.

Seeing Susan's sarcastic shoulder-shrug, Sam stammered shakily, "Save stamps 'self!"

Susan, somewhat struck, said she saved stamps some, speaking so sweetly Sam's soul soared.

"Swap specimens," suggested Sam shyly.

Susan smiled. Sam said such sport suited Susan supremely, so supper served, Sam shared Susan's seat supporting Sarah's syringa shrub, sociably seeing splendid stamp spectacles. Susan showed Sam some superior stamps; Sam showed Susan some she seized. "Swap!" solicited Susan.

"Surrender seems superior speculation," said Sam, smiling significantly.

"So sudden, Sam!" simpered Susan, softly. "See Stubbs Senior."

So Sam saw Stubbs Senior. Stubbs Senior, slightly surprised, suspended smoking, serenely saying, "Sartin."

Sam, satisfied, saluted Susan steadily several seconds.

Service Sunday.

Some Definitions

Handstamped.—A philatelic expression used to distinguish surcharges applied by means of handstamps as distinct from those printed from type in a regular printing press. Excellent examples of hand-stamped overprints are to be found in the numerous recent issues of Mexico.

Hannover.—(The Teutonic rendering of which as shown upon its stamps is "Hannover") is one of the thirteen provinces forming the kingdom of Prussia. It stretches from Holland eastwards to the Elbe and from the North Sea to Hesse Nassau on the south, its total area being 14,865 square miles, while its population numbers nearly three millions. Hannover issued its own stamps in 1850, but its separate series were superseded by those of Prussia in 1866 on its annexation.

Harper.—One of the thirteen ports in the more or less enlightened negro republic of Liberia at which foreigners are allowed to trade. It is also one of the five towns of the republic which had special registration stamps.

Harrow Perforation.—This is perforation produced by what is known as a "harrow" machine—a machine which perforates the whole of a pane or sheet of stamps at one operation. Its appearance except in the case of an entire sheet or pane is exactly like that of the perforation made by a "comb" machine.

Harrison Prints.—A term applied to certain British stamps printed by Messrs. Harrison & Son to distinguish them from similar stamps printed by Messrs. De La Rue & Co. or at Somerset House.

Harrison & Son.—A firm of London printers who have produced most of the King George stamps of Great Britain.

Hartuma El Arabie.—This inscription is found in Arabic on certain Turkish stamps used in the Arab state resulting from the world war. It means "Arabic Government."

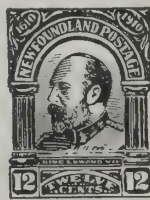
Haute Silesia.—These words are found on the stamps of Upper Silesia.

Haute-Volta.—(Upper Volta).—A French colony in Africa made by setting aside a part of Haut-Senegal et Niger. The Volta is a large river flowing into the Gulf of Guinea.

A "Royalty" Sideline

By H. E. HORNER.

It seems to me that every collector should have a "general collection" and keep the best available specimen of all he can get; but a specialty that can be completed with a reasonable outlay of time and money is very essential if one would keep really interested. A specialty that I have found very much to my liking is a few pages of "Royalty."



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Two Japan Commemoratives



A set of four stamps was recently issued by Japan in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the country joining the Universal Postal Union. 1½ and 3 sen show a portrait of Ba Mayeshima, first Japanese Minister of Communications and 6 and 10 sen show a map of the world. It is an interesting set.

Paper No. 11—Manila

A light brown tough paper, somewhat with rather rough surface, frequently used for stamped wrappers. It derives its name from the fact that the pulp is made from Manila fibre.

Junior Dictionary

S. F.—On the 1917 issue of Dan stamps appear these letters. They are an abbreviation of "Soldater Frimærke" or "Military Franchise Stamp." stamps in question were not sold to public but furnished singly to the officers by the military authorities.

Sharki-El-Erdon.—An inscription in Arabic on Palestine E. E. F. stamps meaning "East of Jordan."

6 De Marzo De 1845—5 De Julio De 1895.—These inscriptions on Ecuador 1896 issue can be easily translated. The set was issued to commemorate the triumphs of the Liberal party, one in 1845 when it secured temporary supremacy and the other in 1895, its final ascendancy to power.

Smiltien.—This is a small town in Livonia situated on the Abuka River with a population of about 3,500 and occupied by Bolsheviks in 1918. In 1919 under the Estonian Occupation Forces, certain Russian stamps were surcharged for the Lettonian post. The town being without stamps, the commander of the occupying forces ordered Russian stamps lying at the post office to be overprinted and used. The issue was limited, only one value being surcharged the 25 kap.

Staceywise.—These letters are found as watermarks on certain Newfoundland stamps. The complete word is the name of the paper manufacturer.

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| | 2c used | 3.00 | 1.50 |
| | unused | 4.00 | 2.00 |
| | 3c used | 1.00 | .40 |
| | 5c used | .80 | .40 |
| 80. | 1c used or unused | 1.50 | .55 |
| | 2c unused | 2.00 | .80 |
| | 3c used | .30 | .12 |
| 87. | 1c used | .25 | .07 |
| | 2c used or unused | .20 | .07 |
| | 3c used | 1.00 | .20 |
| | unused | 2.00 | .80 |
| | 5c used | 1.00 | .30 |
| | 10c unused | 2.00 | 1.00 |
| 90. | ½c used or unused | .20 | .06 |
| | 3c used slate | .10 | .02 |
| | 3c used gr. lilac | .10 | .02 |
| | 3c used br. lilac | .15 | .05 |
| | 3c used lilac | .15 | .05 |
| | 3c used slate vio. | .25 | .10 |
| | 5c used | .40 | .20 |
| | 6c used or unused | .75 | .25 |
| | 12c used or unused | 1.50 | 1.00 |
| 96. | 3c used | 1.00 | .20 |
| 97. | 1c used or unused | .25 | .06 |
| | 2c used or unused | .25 | .06 |
| | 3c used | .10 | .02 |
| | unused | .25 | .08 |
| | 4c used or unused | .25 | .10 |
| | 5c used or unused | .25 | .12 |
| | 6c used or unused | .25 | .12 |
| | 8c used | .40 | .20 |
| | 10c used | .50 | .25 |
| | 12c used | .50 | .20 |
| | 15c used or unused | .60 | .25 |
| | 24c used or unused | 1.00 | .40 |
| | 30c used or unused | 1.25 | .50 |
| | 60c used | 1.15 | .55 |
| | unused | 1.75 | .80 |
| 97. | 1c on 3c unused | 1.50 | .80 |
| 98. | 1c unused | .12 | .06 |
| | 2c used | .25 | .08 |
| | unused | .35 | .10 |
| | 5c used | .10 | .02 |
| | 4c used | .25 | .06 |
| 10. | 1c used or unused | .25 | .07 |
| | 1c unused | .15 | .04 |
| | 1c unused | .20 | .07 |
| | 2c used | .12 | .03 |
| | 2c unused | .40 | .15 |
| | 3c used or unused | 1.25 | .70 |
| | 4c used or unused | 1.25 | .70 |
| | 5c used or unused | 1.00 | .50 |
| | 5c used | .25 | .05 |
| | 6c used or unused | 2.25 | 1.00 |
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| | unused | .25 | .07 |
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CANADA

POSTAL SERVICE

(The following article appeared as an editorial in a recent number of the Montreal "Gazette." It is sent us by B. L. Beard of that city, a well known stamp collector to whom reference is made in the editorial. It is of sufficient interest for us to reprint.)

An article printed on this page on Monday last, calling attention to the fact that it is about seventy-eight years since the Imperial authorities granted Canada the right to administer the postal service, has inspired several correspondents to write in a manner which reflects an interest in the subject that, in one instance, goes right back to the system of couriers—considered to be the origin of the modern post office—organized to secure a speedy communication between Imperial Rome and its provinces.

Not the least interesting letter is one from Mr. B. L. Beard, a philatelist, of Montreal, who gives a chronological sketch of "our postal service history," from which it is gathered that the "most ancient document" relative to "Canadian administration of the post in Canada" bears the date 1750. In that year Benjamin Franklin was Deputy Postmaster-General of North America. Six years later there was one mail per month in Quebec and Montreal and in 1796 M. Finlay was "Postmaster-General" of His Majesty's Province of Canada. At that time there was a weekly service with England and a bi-weekly mail between Quebec and Montreal. There were five post offices in Lower Canada and twenty-seven post offices in Upper Canada. By the year 1827 Canada boasted over one hundred post offices. In 1841 the tariff on mail matter between Canada and Britain was fixed at the uniform rate of one shilling and twopence per half-ounce. Some years later—Mr. Beard gives the date as April 6, 1851—the Imperial au-

thorities conceded to Canada the right to administer the postal service. The first General Postmaster was the Hon. James Morris, and under his administration a new uniform postal rate of five cents per ounce was established, the inland tariff hitherto having been according to distance. It worked out on an average at about fifteen cents for an ordinary letter. The first used Canadian postage stamp states *The Gazette* correspondent, bears the date April 23, 1851. Mr. Beard's chronological table ends at this date, the story of the evolution of the Canadian postal service, from the rudimentary stages of the early days to its actual state of efficiency, having been outlined in the article already referred to.

The far-reaching effect of cheap postal rates on the business, social and domestic life of the people needs no emphasis at this date, but it may be recalled as a matter for legitimate pride that Canada played a very important part in the efforts that were directed to bring about a reduction in Empire postal rates, and not a little energy was spent in this work by Sir William Mulock, now Chief Justice of Ontario, when he was Postmaster-General some thirty years ago. The boon of a two-cent rate for letters to England, planned by Sir William primarily for Canada, was, if not by anticipation, at all events by consequence, extended to apply to the mail from England. Thus it worked both ways, and with good effect. The cost from Canada was increased to four cents during the war, and subsequently it was reduced to the actual rate, three cents. On both sides of the Atlantic there are advocates for a return to the two-cent rate, and the popular hope will be that Sir William Mulock may live to see the service again put on the basis that he worked so hard to establish in 1896, so that letters may once more be sent to every corner of the Empire for a penny.

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Curacao and Surinam.—We are informed that the remainders of the Dutch Indies Floating Safe stamps have been overprinted for use as ordinary postage stamps in both Curacao and Surinam and we assume surcharged with the names of their respective countries. We understand the denominations are 3c, 10c, 12½c, 15c, 25c, 30c and 50c.

Kenya and Uganda.—There has been some doubt during the past few months as to whether the 12c black stamp, No. 169 in our catalogue, is still current. In reply to an enquiry sent to the Postmaster-General of Kenya Colony, we are informed that this value has been withdrawn from use and that it is not likely to be re-issued.

Palestine.—We are officially informed that the surcharged stamps of the 1922 issue were withdrawn from sale on August 1st, and the remaining stock will be destroyed.

Roumania.—A set of twelve stamps has been issued to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the independence of the Kingdom of Roumania. We have seen only eight denominations all of which are dated "1877-1927," Head of King Ferdinand, 25, 30 bani, 2, 3 and 5 lei; Heads of King Charles and King Ferdinand, 1, 7½ and 10 lei. Only one set was sold to each applicant at the Post Office, but we have no doubt that by going round to the back door and with the aid of a little palm oil they could be bought in quantity from the Postal Officials. Our agent at Bucharest tells us that these eight denominations only were sold over the counter, the whole of the stock of the other four values being retained by the postal officials.

St. Kitts and Nevis.—With further reference to the paragraph in our June Bulletin, we are now informed that further printings of the 6d and 2sh stamps are being made and they will no doubt be on sale at the Post Office before very long. We hope this notice will be in time to prevent anybody paying fancy prices for these two stamps.—*Whitfield King & Co's Bulletin.*

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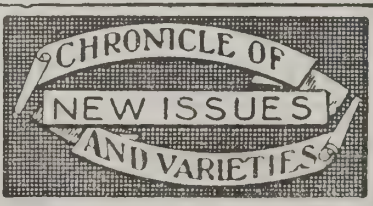
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A few weeks back, mention was made in this column that it had been proposed to the Postmaster General, that the Department issue a stamp in honor of the American Legion, similar to the one being turned out by France. I am now informed that the Department has not acted favorably upon this suggestion, and at the present time there are no contemplated new issues. Hardly a week passes, however, that some suggestion is not received.

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Greece.—The three Favier comm oratives chronicled last week were ally used on a cover posted by our ens correspondent on August 1st. are of the denominations of 1, 3 a drachma—not lepta, as inadvertently dicated.

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| 2sh, #79 .. | .80 |
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 salem); 8m light chocolate (Dome of
 the Rock); 10m grey (Rachel's tomb);
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 red-purple (Lake Tiberias); 90m bistre
 (Lake Tiberias); 100m cobalt-blue (Lake
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 rated comb machine 14x14½. Four
 higher values 14x14.

Russia.—Regarding the 14k Espe-
 ranto stamp chronicled a few weeks ago.
The Times states that this stamp is dedi-
 cated to Dr. L. L. Zamenhof, the War-
 saw oculist, who, under the *nom de plume*
 of Dr. Esperanto, first expounded his
 system for universal language in 1887.
 His portrait in sepia appears in one corner
 of the stamp, the rest of the design con-
 sisting of a group of factory buildings
 with Esperanto written across them and
 surmounted by the Esperanto green star.
 —*Philatelic Magazine.*

South West Africa.—Mr. R. Roberts
 sends us a pair of the 10sh stamps of
 Union of South Africa with the sur-
 charge "South West Africa" and "Zuid-
 west Africa" in two lines in black, which
 he describes as follows:—Variety: over-
 print lithographed "South West" meas-
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 ability, this statement is now made.

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(Letters or articles on the above subject are welcome, opinions differing from those expressed below being especially invited.—"CALABAR.")

Antigua.—As a whole, used = mint, notwithstanding the fact that Antigua has the largest population (34,000) of any of the Leeward Ids. Colonies. There are four P. O.'s in the island, viz., St. John's (the G. P. O.), St. Mary's, St. Peter's and All Saints. The latter office, I understand, is "a tin shanty with pigs and chickens running in and out of it!"

Ascension.—Mr. Gordon (in his notes on this same subject in the WEEKLY for February 21st) hits the nail pretty accurately when he says, "the first issue used, with correctly dated pmks., is at least twice as good as the same unused." This may seem a rather surprising statement, inasmuch as used and mint sets have approximately the same market value; but here, as in the case of many other recent Colonials, market value shows demand only, not the true value. Taking the existing numbers of used and of mint sets, readers will agree, I think, that the former is much the smaller of the two.

The difference in favour of the used stamps is a trifle less in the case of the current issue, though even here used are at a substantial premium, so far as actual value is concerned.

Bahamas.—Up to 1/-, used less than mint; 5/- and £1, about the same in either case. Here, as in Barbados and Bermuda, the extent of tourist traffic comes in for consideration, as the bigger the island, the greater the number of tourists (as well as officials, members of professions, etc.), and consequently the larger the number of stamps used (as on letters, packages containing curios, etc., etc.).

Incidentally, no poll tax is required of visitors to the Bahamas, and therefore no stamps are used for this purpose, although one occasionally sees statements to the contrary. The stamps are, however, used on Duty Bonds, being obliterated by means of large circular cancelling stamps. The following brief notes re. this use of the high values, may be of interest—

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The above makes it clear that Bahamas stamps, although worded POSTAGE only, are also used for at least one fiscal purpose.

Barbados.—As with Bahamas, the lower values are considerably better mint; with the s. duties, however, used = mint. I may add that the 1/- 1924—the scarce script variety—is fully twice as good used.

As one philatelic writer points out, in considering used vs. mint one should bear in mind two important factors, viz.—

(1). The collecting enthusiasm of the people who handle packages in the Post.
(2). The rough treatment which mails receive in the course of shipment and transhipment.

"When the current Barbados set appeared," says this same writer, "the set from 3d up was posted to the writer on two registered covers. When I received the covers in England, the 1/- and 2/- had disappeared and neat pmks. tried to cover the thin spaces on the envelope. Mutilated remains of the 3/- and 6d bore witness to their resistance to removal. Only the 4d and 3d, which were essential for franking their respective covers, showed no signs of interference.

But the values necessary for postage do not always receive such consideration. A parcel posted in Barbados with a 3/- and a 2/- stamp was presented to the addressee in New York with two holes where the stamps had been, and a demand for full dues. Such incidents are not isolated or unusual; the recipients of packages which bear scarce stamps nearly always find them tampered with, or gone altogether if they have been carelessly affixed. Even 2d stamps often prove an attraction.

At Trinidad, Barbados, Grenada, and some other islands, ships anchor a long distance from shore. Mails are taken by cart from the P. O. and deposited, none too gently, in a lighter or tug, which conveys them to the ship. Most

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of them are then hauled up the side with more expedition than care, but some bags containing special or fragile packages are treated to a special bumping up the gangway and a longer haul along the deck at the hands of a stalwart negro or coolie. Many of the parcels are tied up by almost illiterate blacks, who care little for appearances as long as the contents are held together, and are therefore of the most unconventional shapes. And the stamps, stuck at random on uneven surfaces, take bumping badly! Moreover, mails from the smaller islands have to be transhipped once more at New York, or at large islands, for Cuba, Jamaica and South American ports with which they have no direct mail connexion.

I have found that about half the Barbados stamps off parcels which I have examined have small defects, even in cases where they were affixed with special care. The proportion for Grenada seems to be the same, but I find that about two out of every three Trinidad stamps used on parcels have torn edges or rubbed surfaces. Registered letters of normal size of course suffer less than parcels from rough usage, but a good percentage of their stamps are damaged by attempts at pilfering in the post, so it would be quite reasonable to say that 50 per cent. of the high value stamps used in the West Indies are ruined for collectors."

Barbuda.—Difference in favour of used about the same as in the first issue of Ascension. Here, however, certain values lasted longer than others—the 6d, I think, was obtainable up to 1924—and hence getting them with correctly dated pmks. is a little more difficult.

The Rev. W. G. Iremonger, in an article dealing with the P. O.'s of the Leeward Ids. Colonies, writes as follows—"Attached to Antigua are the small islands of Barbuda and Redonda. The former of these consists of a low coral reef, covered with scrub. Originally belonging to the Codrington family, from which fact its chief town or village takes its name of Codrington, it emerged from obscurity, as far as philatelists are concerned, in 1922, as a stamp-issuing country, only to return to its original obscurity by the decree of the Colonial Secretary. As the population consists of only 900 negroes, many of whom are illiterate, and one white man, the manager of the island, a post office seemed to be hardly a vital necessity. I am told that formerly the manager used to carry about a few stamps in his pocket, and all letters were sent direct to Antigua. Since the suppression of the separate issue, Barbuda uses the stamps of Antigua or those of the Leeward Isles. At the time of the special issue for the latter island, I wrote to one of the postmasters to ask about Redonda, as it seemed quite on the cards that this island might also issue special stamps. I was, however, relieved to hear that that island was uninhabited, and visited only for the sake of the phosphate of alumina that is to be found there. Works of reference give it a population of 120."

(To be continued.)

NEWS ITEMS

—J. H. Blackney calls our attention to a penny package of licorice that is now on the market, the container being handsomely decorated with pictures of stamps, while within is an unused pictorial stamp. This is a good publicity stunt for stamp collecting. The reverse side of the package carries instructions for children to send in for stamp album book, which is mailed upon receipt of five cents.

—On Oct. 18 a meeting will be held in Philadelphia under the auspices of the Engineers Club to discuss "Safety in Aviation." J. A. Steinmetz is one of the committee in charge. In the Philadelphia Daily News of Aug. 30, an interesting story appeared dealing with Lt. Col. Steinmetz's air mail stamp and envelope collection. It is entitled "Engineer Visions World Utopia Through Fantastic Globe Trottings" on rare stamps.

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to be issued two postage stamps to com-
memorate the first Centenary of the
foundation of the Judicial Courses in
Brazil, which we take it is the same as
the Courts of Justice; a prize was
awarded for the best design, the first
going to Senor Porciuncula Moraes and
the second to Sr. Quirino Campifioriti,
and the contract for printing was given
by the P. M. General to the Casa da
Moeda (the Mint) that prints all of
Brazil's postage stamps.

The denominations of the two stamps
were to be of 100 and 200 reis and a full
description is given by our contemporary
as follows:

100 reis in a rectangular form, 35mm
long by 24mm high, printed in dark blue
on white paper, showing at left a large
sword and a scale, symbols of Law and
Justice, on a pedestal, on which is seated
a woman (said to be) Clio (the muse of
poetry and history) with outstretched
right arm, holding a quill, while her
left arm holds a wreath across the blade
of the sword. Clio's hair runs in deco-
rative strands around the sword and



scale, thus giving the design a pleasing
conjunction (So says the paper, H. F.).
In the centre is a large scroll, rolled at
the right around a vertical branch of
the coffee tree, with the inscription of
"11 de Agosto—1827-1927—Cvrsos Jvri-
dicos—Centena Rio" in four lines; above
the scroll the word Brazil and below the
value 100 reis; in the lower centre in
small letters the name of the artist.

200 reis of the same form and dimen-
sions, printed in vermilion on white pa-
per, with value in lower left corner in a
rectangular frame; to the right of which,
and starting at the bottom of the stamp,
there is a laurel branch at the base of a

map of the country extending diagonally
upwards towards the centre. At the bot-
tom of the stamp is printed the word
"Centenario" and right above this is a
closed book, on the back of which is
printed the word "Lex" (Law). (This
is not visible in the cut.—H. F.); and on



the book are placed a lamp and a scale,
symbols of Learning and Justice, and be-
hind the lamp is the contour of the ris-
ing sun. "Brazil" appears in large white
letters at the upper right, while on the
left there are printed on a folded ribbon
the words "11 de Agosto—1827-1927—
Cursos—Juridicos" in four lines.

The same paper reports: New paper
with watermark stars with letters C M
(Casa da Moeda) multiple to be used
for the stamps from 10 to 500 reis,
whereas the higher denomination from
600 reis to 5,000 reis will for the present
be continued to be printed on the old
paper. The 1,000 reis stamp with head of
Ruy Barbosa is to be re-engraved, be-
cause the plate now in use is much worn.
It is also suggested that a special series
of stamps be issued to commemorate the
second centenary of the discovery of
coffee. No doubt this suggestion will be
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MISS.

ONEKAMA
MICH.

Foreword

New handstamped types have been appearing so fast, of late, that it is hard to know just where to begin in chronicling them. The 1928 Standard Precancel Catalog lists a number of them for the first time, so we shall speak only of those that are still missing from that book. The life of a handstamp is limited, yet many offices continue using the device after it has long outworn the possibility of producing a clean legible cancellation. Others request a new stamp frequently. It seems that certain styles of cancellations come in groups. Some appearing now are unlike the known Universal Styles and yet must be covered by the standard catalog styles in order that they be classified with some degree of accuracy. The more prevalent of these is a style similar to U-73, plain medium sized capitals between thin lines, and a variation of this in lower case type, which presents a distressingly cheap appearance. Another style is serif caps between thin lines, example—New Berlin, N. Y. Personally I do not see how handstamps of this type are going to last any length of time. Block letter types with bars above and below, such as the above Big Point, Miss., and Onekama, Mich., would be more practical designs.

Part I—The Illustrations

Aberdeen, S. Dak.—Is appearing on the current series, but is far scarcer than the printed U-3 overprint. Aberdeen is also using three single subject handstamps, and a block letter style like the illustrated Onekama, Mich., which is a device of 25 subjects.

Big Point, Miss.—This is the well-known U-53 style. It was first called to my attention in January of the present year. The stamps must be rare as I have yet to run across a copy. Mr. R. L. Eberhard sends me a proof of the handstamp and the following information: "Big Point, Miss., is a very small town, and but one man has a permit. He sells fruit and pecans by mail. The following stamps have been used so far: 1917 Series, 1, 2c; Current Series, Perf. 11, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 13c; 2c Sesqui, 5c Ericsson and 2c White Plains. At first red ink was employed, but this pad was recalled and replaced with a black one."

Onekama, Mich.—Is another newcomer in the field. Prof. Gamber shows me the current 9, 10, and 11c.

Part II.—Offices that have been furnished with the style illustrated for Aberdeen, S. Dak.

Marmarth, N. Dak.—I do not expect to see many of these in circulation, as the use for precancels by this city is limited to one permit holder. The 1/2 and 1c have appeared, with the overprint in reddish ink.

Newburgh, N. Y.—Adds another handstamp to its list. This is catalogued as U-73, but should be similar to U-75, between thin bars. It is Type VI.

Roseburg, Oreg.—The catalog calls this "U-51 between lines." Roseburg was the first office to call my attention to this general style.

Hayward, Cal.—One of the latest. I have seen the 1 and 10c of the present issue.

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Cloquet, Minn.—Discards the U-60 handstamp, which contains the "Cloquet," in favor of this new

Danvers, Mass.—May now be h a third handstamped style on the issue. It has also used the U-52 U-60. In the new type, I have the series 50c, which should turn out a good item, as the new 50c has current there for quite a while. have the current 12c.

Part III—Offices that have been nished with the U-12 electroplate.

Westfield, Mass.—I have seen 25c, reading down, and the 7c is 1 in the new catalog. It is only rec that Westfield returned to the fold, which it was absent for over ten y with an issue of the 1 1/2 and 1c Bu printed coils. Since then it has acqu a handstamp and an electroplate.

Holland, Mich.—Comes to me the 25c Special Handling, in the U. Also on the current 6 and 50c. should be Type VI. Two unlisted handstamped types exist. Type IV, the U and Type V, the U-75. Of Type I have the current 1c and the 2c stamp; Of Type V—the 2, 4 and current series.

Port Huron, Mich.—On the and 1, 2 and 10c due stamps.

Wheaton, Ill.—Home town of famous "Red Grange!" The 1 1/2 c tary 10x19) is out. Who will give the particulars of its issuance?

Mount Clemens, Mich.—Goodby the U9 electro! It has been repl

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Part IV—Miscellaneous

burn, N. J.—Uses the U-51 hand-
 rather freely for collectors, I
 for I have seen the 2c Hardings
 perforations, as well as imperfo-
 And nothing else except the 13c
 green. The catalog lists *Millbury*,
 in the Universal Style 1. I am
 is an error for *Millburn*. The
 U-51, not U-1.

agiac, Mich.—Has never been
 in a printed type. However,
 lists—the U-6 electro, and should
 niced. I ran across the 1, 20 and
 the 1917 series in looking over the
 on of Prof. A. F. Gamber.

en, N. Y.—In two lines of
 serif capitals, between thin bars,
 w one. The specimen I have is
 rent 10c. It is handstamped, from
 e subject affair.

ata, Ga.—Some stamp collector,
 numbered among the host of the
 s of Bobby Jones, ought to pro-
 specialized showing of the pre-
 of Atlanta. It is a city that lends
 admirably to specialization. I have
 o unlisted types. Type III should
 ck out of the catalog as it is a
 cancellation, designed for parcel
 ncelling. In its place should be
 —the U-71 style, which exists on
 perf. 10, reading normal and down,
 ably on other specimens. Then
 ould be added Type VIII a hand-
 overprint much like the Type
 tro, but having the bars closely
 This has appeared on the cur-
 rotary, perf. 10.

lla, Ga.—A cancellation similar
 on the 10c perf. 10, and 4c perf.
 series has been shown me. It
 to be a true precancellation.

e, Ga.—Is catalogued at U-51.
 instead should read "Similar to
 ut with ROME spaced."

n, O.—Has two unlisted types.
 -54, and U-55. The U-54 is a
 squat caps like *Onkama, Mich.*,
 U-55 is a bit larger with serifs.
 U-54 I have the ½, 1 and 2c, and
 U-55 the 8c, 30c and 25c Special
 ng.

erland, Iowa—Presents us with
 ine oddity. Mr. D. C. Sprague
 me the old 3c engraved, and the
 6c with a handstamped over-
 f plain capitals without bars in
 es reading "PRECANCELED CUM-
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There are two Marine Post Offices in the Republic at the present time, one at Port au Prince (the capital, on the Gulf of Gonaives), and the other at the important port town in the north (near the Dominican border) of Cap Haitien, which are listed in the U. S. Postal Guide as branch offices of the New York City General Post Office. Ordinary U. S. stamps are used, and may be distinguished by the special cancellations.

The postal marking used by the Brigade Post Office at Port au Prince, is a single lined circle, 32mm (an old one measures 38mm) lettered "U. S. Marine Corps, Port au Prince, Haiti," with the date in the center in four lines, "FEB-7—A. M.—1927" with three thick horizontal bars at the right.

The cancellation employed by the office at Cap Haitien is of the Duplex type; i.e., a single lined circle, 25mm, and a vertical ellipse at the right, formed of graduated bars (with the numeral "1" inset), with the year positioned between the two at the foot. The circular marking is inscribed "U. S. Marine Corps, Cape Haitien," and the date is in the center in two lines, "FEB 10—7 A. M."

Marine Air Service.—For several years after the U. S. Marines landed, a guerrilla warfare was kept up by stray bands of cacos, in the mountain districts, and air planes were attached to the Occupation, to enable quick communication with the Marine forces scattered over the country, and with the U. S. Naval base at Guantanamo Bay, in Cuba, about 250 miles to the northwest. These planes carried Marine mail, official (in penalty envelopes), as well as that franked with U. S. stamps. All mail exchanged between the two Brigade Post Offices is now flown, but bears no special markings or indication to that effect. There is no extra charge for air carriage.

The service between Port au Prince and Cap Haitien is thrice weekly, and the distance (125 miles by land, and requiring 9½ hours by motor) is covered in 55 minutes. The plane leaves Port au Prince at or before 8 a. m., and returns before noon.

Since May 1, 1925, the Marine planes have carried Haitian commercial mail between Port au Prince and Cap Haitien, as well as the Brigade mails. The service costs the Haitian Government nothing, as the aviators have to do a certain amount of flying, and the flights are thus

made useful to commerce. The Haitian Government has, however, expended some money in improving the landing field at Cap Haitien.

The air mail letter rate is 50c de g. (10c U. S. currency). Ordinary postage stamps are employed, usually the 50c de g. orange and black (President Louis Borno) of the pictorial series of Sept. 3, 1924.

Letters carried on the first flight of this service, on May 1, 1925, bear the 50c orange and black, Borno type, with the cancellation of "Port au Prince, Haiti" within a single lined circle, 28mm, and the date in the center in three lines, "1—MAY—25," on both the stamp and cover. A special marking, used only on May 1, 1925, and applied in carmine to the stamp only, consists of "AVION" (20mm long, all caps 6mm high) within an oval on side, 40x25mm. This special marking is very indistinct, and seldom does the whole of the oval appear. The back-stamping is "Cap Haitien, Haiti" between two concentric circles, 23 and 12mm, with the date in the center in three lines, "2—MAY—25."

This special marking was replaced by a second type, applied in black, with a crude representation of an airplane, over "AVION" (all caps, but with the initial letter larger than the others) measuring 16mm. This lasted only three or four months, and its place was taken by another one, with airplane over "AVION," but the word now measures 17mm and the letters (caps) are all of the same height.

It was off Cap Haitien, on Christmas eve, December 24, 1492, that Columbus' flagship, the "Santa Maria" was caught in a current and swept on a sandbank, and it was necessary for the crew to take refuge on the little "Nina." With the wreck of the "Santa Maria" Columbus built a fort on a hill east of the present town of Cap Haitien, and gave to it the name of La Navidad, inasmuch as he entered the bay on Christmas day. Here he left 39 men, because the "Nina" could not accommodate them, and on Jan. 4, 1493, continued along the northern coast to the east, and from Samana Bay, on January 16th, set sail for Spain. On his return to La Navidad later in the year (Nov. 26,) he found the fort completely destroyed, the Indian village burned, and the whole neighborhood silent and desolate.

At Cap Haitien (then Cap Francais) the French General Rochambeau surrendered on November 19, 1803, to General J. J. Dessalines, who succeeded Toussaint L'Ouverture as commander of the native forces. Of the brilliant army of 25,000 sent out by Napoleon in 1802, in command of his brother-in-law, General Leclerc, there remained but 8,000 and on November 30, these were taken on board the vessels of the British squadron, which had been co-operating with Dessalines, and were conveyed from the island.

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On October 21, 1926, while the Royal Dutch S. S. Flora was in the harbor at Gonaives, and on which steamer I was making a round of the Haitian ports, the mail plane came up from the south; after circling over the American fleet, then at manoeuvres off Gonaives, it landed on the beach, and after a few minutes rose and flew off in the direction of the Cap.

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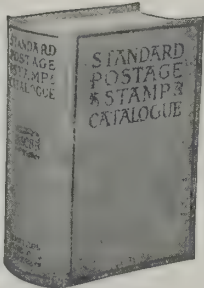
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The remarks that were made by Mr. Wilhelm, President of the American Philatelic Society on the floor at the convention of recent date at St. Louis, to the general effect that in time to come a philatelic club-house or home could be established as a memorial of the work accomplished by the organization have been given some attention and several letters have been received asking for particulars of this ambitious conception. Several weeks ago, the subject was mentioned in this column and the suggestions have caught the fancy of members who are interested in the project, but who were not at the meeting and they are asking for fuller treatment of the topic. When the question of appropriations was under discussion as a consequence of the recommendations of the committee on appropriations, President Wilhelm called a member to the chair which he vacated temporarily in order to address the members. It is probable that no inkling was in the minds of the delegates as to what Mr. Wilhelm was to say, but it was soon apparent that he was painting a picture that made a profound impression. He intimated that one of the underlying reasons for keeping undisturbed the various funds that are now of robust proportions was based on a dream that the future should bring to realization and that the vision was that there should come into being a philatelic institute, so to say, that would be the property of and typify the American Philatelic Society. The words of the president were in the nature of a surprise, but that it was a pleasant one was not to be gainsaid. The scope of the enterprise was so important that it was difficult to adjust the mind so that it might take a composite picture of the plan. However, Mr. Wilhelm evi-

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dently had given no little consideration to the subject and when he had finished his statement, the enthusiasm of the members was manifested and some of the generous-minded delegates pledged round sums of money in furtherance of the idea; and in general, there was spirited support of it. Mr. Wilhelm submitted figures which were intended merely to be illustrative and he went into some particulars, but the understanding is that the proposal was intended as an introduction to the plan that would be presented later in a systematized form to the members in order that they might cogitate upon it when they were removed from the distractions of the convention. It is needless to say that the presentation alone of the scheme is something of vital moment and that the starting of the snow-ball is an occasion of importance. When the practical plans become available, the members will have something to occupy their minds in congenial fashion.

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Few corporations that are not in business have the financial standing of the American Philatelic Society. Indeed, the wealth of the body is such as to make one ponder on the advisability of allowing it to accumulate year after year, but then, the thought of disturbing the even tenor by making appropriations does not appeal to some of the members who have watched the development of the financial structure. The society seems to be in the position of awaiting the proper hour to undertake a cause that if successfully prosecuted would redound to the glory of the society; and now that the suggestion has been made as indicated in the foregoing sentences, it remains to be seen whether it is the one that is deemed worthy of the undivided effort of the society backed by moral and solid support. It would be idle at this juncture to speculate upon the project, which, if pressed, will be subjected to critical examination, but at least we may attach the weight to it that is fitting. We can easily recognize the interest of the members who have written for further information than was given in the previous superficial statement, but it is impossible to furnish definite findings in view of the tentative nature of the proposal, as it now stands.

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From Mr. E. M. Ash of Jatibonico del Sur, Cuba, who gave early intimation of the special issue of Cuba to commemorate the sixth Pan-American convention at Habana, a copy of *El Pais*, of August 20th, has been received. It is one of the most important of the Cuban newspapers and it gives front page prom-

inence to the proposed stamps, with a cut that is three columns wide of the 2 cent-avos value with portrait of President Machado. Too, *El Mundo*, another great newspaper of Habana presents the statistics of the issue on the front page, that we gave some time ago, through the courtesy of Mr. Ash. The following description is printed: 1c, Tomas Estrada Palma, the first president of Cuba; 2c, General Machado, president of Cuba; 5c, Morro Castle; 8c, Habana Terminal Station; 10c, Presidential Palace; 13c, Tobacco Plantation; 20c, Treasury Building; 30c, Sugar Mill "Delicias," (the world's largest crop); 50c, Habana Cathedral and One Dollar, National Theatre. The new issue is treated as news of prime importance by the Cuban newspapers.

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It now seems fairly certain that Dr. Carroll Chase's article on the three-cent U. S., 1851-57 will appear in the form of a handbook before the end of the year, but he expresses himself as being anxious to get a little more information regarding certain 3c, 1857, Type II plates. Consequently, he would like to examine any copies used or unused in singles or blocks showing the plate-number or any part of it, from Plate 9, left pane; 12, either pane; 13, right pane; 14, left pane; 16, 17 or 18, in either pane; 19, left pane; 21, left pane; 22, either pane; and 26, left pane. Further, he wants to see complete panes from any 3c, 1857, Type II plate, except 10, right pane; 20, left pane; 24, either pane; 25, either pane, and 28, right pane. This pioneer in research work on the first type, three-cent, is doing a man's job and those who can help him should heed the call. Address: Carroll Chase, M.D., 114 Seventy-Eighth Street, Jackson Heights, New York.

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The Chicago delegashun chartered a hole I. C. parlor-car, C. E. Severn, chair- man an J. H. D. Reynolds (ov Flint, Mich.) makin up the rest ov th crowd. Five Milwaukee delicats headed by Dr. Sevard wuz snuk in az a body gard fer Charley,—an th etcetera wuz enjoyed by all.

(P. S.—Mare Thompson hed just sined a 10 day armstis wit th King ov Ingland wuz wy "C. E." cud git off, th King furthermoar agreein not t' attack th skools wile Charley wuz away.)

Sum delicats mustuv walked er driv Shevrolays thay got in so late an dusty an "dry." Them Buiks aint so dry.

"Oo's thet guy 'Oiler'?", a delicate asts me. "Everthin runs so smooth heeze wel named. Aint he th mare ov St. Louis?" I sez, "Not yet."

Prezident Wilhelm ov Frisco wuz th "farthest West" delicate, Fred Green ov Santone, Texas, the one frum furthest South, Abie Cassel ov Minnehaha, Min., furthest North, an W. C. Stone, one ov the original "Rollin' Stones," rolled in all th way frum Springfield, Mass.

H. M. Konwiser, N. Y. C., th Hot Stov delicate claimed th hotel waiters wuz "pre-cancels." He wuz rite.—He sed bizness wuz poor in St. Louis an the quarters didnt come in so fast az at th N. Y. show. He musta left hiz dark glasses an tin cup t' home by mistake.

Paul MacGuffin, th sage (er horse- radish) ov Libertyville, bot Tom Hunter hiz brekfast Wed. mornin. Paul wuz on a dyet but Tom made up fer twic moren Paul wuz short, besides helpin out wit a littel conversayshun.

"Honey-tongue Charley," th boy who

cud talk a angry porkypine into feelin like a Angorra kittin, wuz foreman at our Bankwet. Did he sling th goo? Say, he cud talk a vinegar factry into leakin m'llasses. Wy, he even indused Tom Hunter t' tell a story!

Mrs. Eilers explaned t' me that th water ov th Mississippi River wuz now thinned down fer drinkin purposes, since beer went up t' moren 5c a bucket in St. Louis. "An theys fewr brunettes an more whiter neks nowadays, too," continued her, "wich proves our waters o. k." "P. M." Wolsieffer wuz up so erly evry mornin he shud oughta be called "A. M."

Doc. Mitchell, th Paonia Patriark, wuz on time fer meals. He admits theys a coupla pre-cans he aint got yet. Also heez publikly admitted knowin Tom Hunter. He sounds honest.

Among th guests at th Markett wuz one J. Eustace an wife. Th "bargin hunters" all ast t' be first on th new cir- kets this Fall, wich J. E. promised each one he would.—Mrs. Guest wuz along t' furnish good looks fer th famly.

I didnt think mutch ov th air-mail covers Eilers donated as i didnt git one, but others sed they wuz fine!

Th Convenshun Badge wuz a beaut, no kiddin. Th "St. Louis Bears, 20c" wuz appropriate an excellently executed. I got a extrly copy, thanx t' P. P. Murray.

If our Sekatary picked th stenog he haz a artistick eye, both ov them.

Th stamps at H. A. Diamant's auk- shun went fer a song, if you cud sing hi enuf. Tom Hunter wuz "end man" au got along fine til hiz "G string" got frayed.

"Th Thompsonville Twins," Voorhees an Paulson, did a sleep-walkin act Wens- day,—claimed th heat kep em awake

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nites, er th noises ov a large city, er sum guy snorin.—Eny how it wuz a good excuse fer sum others backed em up.

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Ony real "live" members wuz chose t' ack on each A. P. S. committee, that iz, nun ov them wuz reported ded, defunkt, er comatost so fur az th Prezident cud lern. Heel hev th real dope on em bi th end ov next convenshun.

Among those we mist see in at th Con- venshun wuz about 4,000 A. P. S. mem- bers. Sum attended bi proxy an sum didnt even come that close.

P. S. All others attendin th Conven- shun an not menshund abov kin hev their names printed in our next edishun bi payin th reglar advertisin rates, an also tippin me, like those i writ about. T' git quik ansers send a question wit th 2c stamp yu enklose. Also, I kollekt un- used U. S., but dont send th O. G. with- out th stamp bein attached!

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Stamp News for the Juniors

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Bits of Information

Monastir.—This word with Turkish characters has been overprinted on certain Turkish stamps to commemorate a visit of the Sultan to Rumelia in 1910. Monastir is a city in Rumelia.

Mong Tseu.—The French rendering of Mengtse, a treaty port in China, as shown upon the stamps at present in use in the French consular office there.

Monrovia.—The capital of Liberia, having a population of about 5,000. It is one of the five towns of the republic having its own distinctive registration stamps.

Monster.—The Dutch word for "specimen" found overprinted on some of the stamps of the now defunct South African Republic.

Mount Athos.—An overprint applied to some of the Russian Levant stamps in 1909-10 for use in the office at Mount Athos.

Montenegro.—An independent Slav kingdom on the Adriatic between Dalmatia, Herzegovina, and Albania, its name meaning "black mountain." Postage stamps were first issued in May, 1874.

Austrian Crete

The Government of the Austrian empire maintains postoffices in the island of Crete and in 1903 the stamps supplied to these offices were surcharged "centimes"



or "franc." In 1908 stamps similar to those of Austria were issued but with the values expressed in centimes and francs instead of heller and kronen.

JUNIOR STAMP STUDIES

Valletta Harbor

MALTA A10—1901-11, 1f.



Malta has given us a number of very interesting pictorial stamps. One of these, issued for newspaper postage in 1900, bears a tiny picture of the entrance to the harbor of Valletta, the capital of the island.

This picturesque capital lies on the north shore of the island, at its nearest point to Sicily, upon a promontory extending a considerable distance into the bay. The port consists of two spacious land-locked bays, divided by the tongue of land upon which the city stands, and guarded at its entrance by a system of forts of surpassing strength, as is necessary for the preservation of this British half way house to India. It is said that there is not a more complete system of fortifications extant, in any part of the world, than the cordon of defensive structures at Malta. The forts of the harbor, however, form but a portion of the vast system of fortifications which completely surround the city. The latter were largely the work of the Knights of St. John when the city was their stronghold, but they call forth to this day the admiration of all military officers who visit them.

The port of Valletta contains two marine docks, capable of receiving ships of the largest tonnage, and is resorted to by both naval and commercial shipping for needed repairs, while it is also the headquarters of the British Mediterranean war fleet. In fact, besides the fortifications, the picture on the stamp shows a British ironclad lying peacefully at anchor.

Six Penny Stamps as Capital

(Clipping from L. F. Beuchel.)

With six penny stamps sent to her by the Prince of Wales as capital, Miss Caroline F. Baldwin, of Wylde Green, near Birmingham, Eng., has established a business, the profits of which she sends to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

In a letter to the prince, Miss Baldwin asked for six penny stamps "with which to trade on behalf of this lifeboat society." She promised to render an account periodically.

The prince forwarded the letter to the headquarters of the institution and later the six stamps were sent from St. James Palace. She has so far given the society \$25, which she made through selling home-made rosettes, dolls and socks.—*Home World.*

Minor Varieties

So far as philately is concerned the question as to what constitutes a minor variety is one that has never, and probably never will be, satisfactorily settled. It is all a matter of degree, for while it is a comparatively simple matter to define major varieties as those of primary importance and minor varieties as those of less importance, it is impossible to draw up any rules as a guide to apportioning stamps definitely to either of these classes. If we suggest as a definition that "A minor variety is one that differs from the normal type in some small particular" it may do for general use, but the collector will find it is often a difficult matter to state authoritatively which particular stamp, when several varieties exist, represents the normal type.

Junior Items

—Miss Vera Keifer calls our attention to a Belgium stamp with an incomplete capital letter B. This is an interesting variety of small commercial value.

—We shall be glad to hear from our Juniors at all times and invite contributions to this page. It belongs to you.

—Precancels make a nice sideline collection. They can be picked up daily and added to your collection at little cost. Your U. S. collection should have these stamps represented.

—When you write a letter calling for an answer it is the courteous thing to enclose a stamp for a reply. Indeed, a stamped envelope is the proper thing.

—Don't worry about the stamp you can't get. Enjoy the stamps you can get.

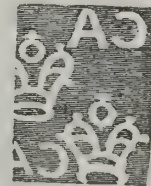
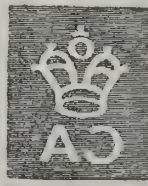
—"The Pilgrim Tercentenary stamps are a departure in several respects from conventional designs and precedent exists for the omission of country in previous American and foreign issues. There is no necessity for the name as the stamps are fully identified and authenticated to the Postal Service in a notice published in the Postal Bulletin of August 15, 1920. Any additional lettering would have overcrowded the designs which require all the space assigned to them."—Letter to (Mrs.) Josephine H. Buell, from the 3d Asst. P. M. G.

—"We picked up a very unusual stamp novelty which may interest the readers of your paper. You have no doubt often heard of the stamp bug. Well, the other week we caught it. We have a stamped envelope with the stamp printed on top of a spider. A spider must have been sitting on the envelope and the stamp was printed on top of it, sealing it fast to the envelope with spider and legs still there."—H. RISSMILLER.

—Frank Senger.—We know of no way to place a value on your two Colombian Rep. stamps. Some day when you are down Nassau St. way in New York City, buy a stamp from a dealer and then ask his opinion on your varieties.

Junior Dictionary

Script C. A.—A form of watermark for use in British Colonial stamps introduced in 1920. It differs from the preceding watermark considerably, as is indicated in the following illustration, where the two watermarks are shown side by side:—



Southwest Caucasus Govt.—A tract of country in Asia Minor with the Black Sea on the north, Georgia and Armenia on the east, Persia on the south and Turkey on the west. Its establishment was an outcome of the world war and the government lasted about four months, long enough for a set of postage stamps to be printed and a postal department to be instituted. It is now a part of Armenia.

Stanislau Issue.—The stamps of Western Ukraine, Nos. 11 to 81, overprinted at Stanislau, a town in Galicia. The whole issue is dubious, as the presence of overprinted stamps of Bosnia indicates. Cf. Vienna Issue.

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What Should Juniors Collect?

By HERMANN FOCKE.

I put the question this way, because I wish to refer to the Junior collector who will, after all, be called upon to carry on the hobby which is now over sixty years old, as it was created in the early sixties, about 15 years after the birth of the first postage stamp, the famous "one penny" black of Great Britain.

On several occasions I have tried to transplant my own philatelic propensity into the minds of the younger ones, beginning with my own children and then friends, but to my regret I have failed because after a willing, and almost enthusiastic start they have given up again primarily because they started their collection in one of the Junior Stamp Albums, and invariably made the painful discovery, that for the majority of stamps coming their way, there were no space and the stamps illustrated were, as a rule, not available to them.

New issues of stamps have multiplied in ever growing proportions during the last 25 years, one might say the number almost duplicating itself from year to year, until we may safely say that in the year it will not fall far short of a thousand. Now it is well nigh impossible to keep step with these ever increasing editions, unless one disposes of unlimited time and means to do so, leave alone many, but the commonest varieties years gone by; therefore I might pose the question: What shall they collect this time underlining the last word.

At the beginning we understood that collecting stamps meant to gather them by either swapping our duplicates for those of other collectors, or by begging a good-hearted uncle, cousin or father friend who happened to do business with foreign countries, to let us have some of the good things that he would receive in his mails and, probably in most of the cases, consign to the yawning paper basket.

"They were the days of the good sport of stamp collecting." They are gone forever, it seems, but still the hobby lives and is still growing, but in a different way. To-day the hobby is rooted to a large extent in the collector's pocket book, and there it will probably stay, get nourishment, unless it should die a slow death, if ever this calamity should happen. But even this sort of collecting needs a certain method from the start if it shall be lasting, and here again say the question: *What shall they collect?* This has been answered a good many times in many a different way and only recently I read an ably written thesis on the subject in the WEEKLY, excellent in some points, but—from my own experience—weak in others. The writer amongst other things suggested that one should collect only entire sets in unused condition, mentioning among others the stamps of Bosnia and other countries of South Eastern Europe which could be done only by the way of purchase.

I beg leave to suggest to the writer that he go to any dealer and try to see these particular stamps, and if he get back his investment I stand ready to eat the proverbial garment, for buy he must these stamps because in no other way can we get them, and anything we buy we

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my opinion the new collector should be to the following rules if an active collection shall be the outcome the wish to continue kept alive:

the first place I would always recommend a blank album, or just a plain

with blank leaves for the start; the collector should then begin to collect the

ps of such countries, of which he has a good chance to secure a goodly

ber, without being obliged, from the start, to buy them; this by itself

ys forth the advisability to give preference to used stamps, giving

consideration to their condition, and bring to the principle that a bad copy

s a rule, worse than none at all, people's opinion notwithstanding.

should begin with our own country, use he stands a good chance of get-

a good start with that; next would be the principal European countries,

t Britain, France and Germany, etc., stamps will not be valuable, but then

ny should not be considered a necessary-product, the first question being

t a fairly complete set in the current of the country which he tackles. Of

three countries I would specially France, on account of the beau-

array of striking colours of her issues, all quite common stamps

y, but perhaps carrying a good deal of enhancement later on.

sides the four countries named there no doubt be a few others, of which

ly good number could be obtained the start, Holland and Luxemburg

d no doubt be appealing, then Switzerland, the three Scandinavians, Italy,

a, Portugal and Belgium, all count with a large foreign trade and there-

making their current stamps accessible to almost every one, and if father

importer, say of Cocoa Beans from Gold Coast, Nigeria, Brazil, etc., or

ge from the Bahamas and Turks Islands, or even Herring from Nova

a and Newfoundland, and—if his boy lets him have the stamps, this

bring to junior not only good material for his own collection, but besides

plus for trading with his fellow-collectors; then there may come the usual

er of "Wish-you-were-here's" from visiting relatives and friends in foreign

tries, and finally every year will a birthday and Christmas with

accompanying little gifts, which help, in the way of small pur-

chase, to secure such varieties desired complete a set.

ways try to get first the current issues where there is a fairly good chance

so; after this has been accomplished, go backwards or enlarge the

by going over to another country, y all means abstain at the beginning

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King Fuad is not the first philatelist to rule over Egypt, the late Khedive Abbas Hilmi, deposed in 1914, having formed an extensive collection.

King Fuad's collection fills upwards of forty albums, and a considerable proportion of these contains his fine collection of Egyptian stamps, one of the two best collections extant of the stamps of his own country. In 1919 he was able to amalgamate with his own accumulation a great collection formed by M. Albert Eid, son of a former Belgian Consul in Cairo. For the Eid collection King Fuad paid £4,000. At that time he already possessed most of the rarities among Egyptian stamps, including all the tete-beche varieties, and many complete sheets of the early issues, including the first Arabesques.

But His Majesty has not confined himself to Egyptian stamps, and from his early days was a regular client of one of the great Paris stamp dealers for stamps of all countries. Since he came to the throne of Egypt he has maintained a philatelic curator to look after and arrange the stamp collections, an Englishman having recently filled the post. Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., of London, also hold the appointment by royal

warrant of philatelists to the King of Egypt.

Probably the highest price King Fuad has ever paid for a single stamp was 50,000 francs for a very fine copy of the 4c blue British Guiana, which he acquired eight years ago.

His collections of Austria, Greece, Mexico, and Roumania are known to be highly specialised, and he has paid special attention to the interesting post-war issues of Arabia and Syria.

Just two years ago a remarkable collection of Syrian stamps formed by Mohamed Kamel el Kassab was sold at a Fleet Street auction for £1,500, at which figure it is understood it was bought for the Egyptian Sovereign. It was contained in an elaborately hand-painted album within a silver and gold inlaid casket. It contained every known variety of Syrian stamps issued up to that time, several of them unique; its original owner, a son of the President of the High Assembly of Syria, had been well placed to keep track of these issues.

Since his accession the King has applied his philatelic knowledge to securing the best postage stamps for Egypt, and the current portrait stamps, produced by a special photogravure process, are admitted to be excellent.

In 1924 a high official of the Land Survey Department at Cairo was sent to England to study the subject of stamp manufacture, with a view to establishing a national stamp printery at Gizeh, and since the latter part of 1925 a number of special issues have been printed there. In due course, it is intended to print all the stamps locally on plant obtained from London.—*Postage Stamp*.

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I much appreciate the hundreds of kind expressions of good will and sympathy which came to me from every state in the Union and many foreign countries. They demonstrated that one can form many wonderful friendships without meeting those friends face to face.

There is much to be done before I can catch up with the piles of orders and correspondence that have accumulated, but by the time this advertisement appears, I expect to be attending promptly to all letters received.

Whether you are an old customer, a new one, or a prospective one, please remember that I hold the finest stock and accumulation of mint 20th Century British Colonials America, that my weekly lists, for which I make a nominal charge of 50c for 50 issues, contain a wealth of information and "tips", offer new issues of all countries, and many real bargains and worth while buys that I never offer elsewhere because list subscribers take my entire supply.

I hope that I may merit the continued patronage of my many old customers, and constantly add new clients to my list.

MAXWELL KRAUSE

Box 345, LEBANON, PA.

THE PRECANCEL REVIEW

(Continued from page 513)

Part V—The Precancel Stamp Society Convention

The attendance at St. Louis numbered about forty members, which is to be considered a fair showing.

Dr. W. I. Mitchell was elected President for the coming year, by a large majority.

It was voted to continue the *Precancel Gazette* as a quarterly, with the subscription advanced to \$1.00 per year. Readers can send in to the editor of this department, that amount, if they wish to receive a live journal devoted exclusively to precancels.

The *Stamp Collector's Monthly* was chosen as official organ by a close margin over the *Precancel Gazette*.

The race for the Directors was an exciting one, resulting in the election of Hoover, Parker and Allen.

Prof. A. F. Gamber will continue as 2nd Vice-President, and editor of the *Precancel Gazette*. John Spaulding was re-elected as Secretary-Treasurer without opposition.

The convention gave considerable thought to a program for the elimination of the "made-to-order precancel" and definite steps were outlined to combat the evil.

The new Sales Manager will be appointed shortly, to succeed Burt C. Wear, who tendered his resignation.

Prof. Gamber was offered \$25 for the 6c New Orleans experimental Bureau precancel, by Dr. Mitchell.

Chicago was elected as the 1928 convention site.

Conclusion.—The editor of this department welcomes correspondence from readers interested in the precancel hobby, and will gladly assist anyone with information relating to it. If you have some unlisted precancels, comment on which would be of value to this column, send them along.

SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS

Some of our subscribers need to know our rule regarding discontinuances. We discontinue all subscriptions in arrears promptly the second issue of each month. This means that your subscription should be renewed prior to expiration. The expiration number can be ascertained by consulting your wrapper. No free copies of the WEEKLY are sent out and this rule is as fixed as the laws of the M. and P. Our older subscribers understand our rule and the newer subscribers should get acquainted with it.

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Since the Federal Reserve Banks have not been moving Liberty Bonds back and forth in large quantities, the use of the \$5 stamp has been limited, and as a result the current variety in fine used condition is much scarcer than the former varieties, which were used quite extensively. I have been able to pick up some very choice copies of this variety, and offer singles at \$1.60 and blocks of four at \$7.00. Unused copies are available at \$5.50 per stamp. This stamp is Scott's #573, and is priced in the Advance Sheets of the new 1928 catalogue, at \$2.25, an advance of 25c over the previous quotation.

If you are looking for any of the other United States varieties, either scarce or common in used or unused condition, I am likely to have them on hand. I also carry a wonderful stock of blocks and rarities, which I will gladly submit to the serious collector for inspection.

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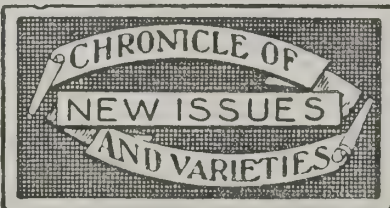
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United States

2c Vermont—Scratched Plate

Mr. M. A. Woodbury has kindly submitted for inspection a copy of the 2c red Vermont Sesquicentennial variety, showing a distinct scratch across the bottom. This comes from plate No. 19039, although its exact location is not known at the present time.

Mr. Vance Holden submits a right plate block, No. 19036, showing two stamps with similar scratches. These, no doubt, occurred in the course of handling the plate during work upon the press, or in transferring the plate from the vault to the press room.

1808, 2c Rose-Carmine

Since my recent notes reviewing the advance sheets of the new catalogue appeared, several readers have sent me copies of what were supposed to be the 1898, 2c rose-carmine, in used condition. I made the statement that I had never seen a cancelled copy of this variety, and the remark still holds good.

As a matter of fact, 80% of the collectors assume that they have a rose-carmine, but the actual stamp has a bluish

tinge, and when one actually has it, there is no doubt about the variety.

Three sheets were found by a collector in one of the small Montana post offices, at the time the stamp was current, and as far as I can learn, no further copies have ever been found.

The Scott's catalogue lists this stamp, and the orange shade as 1898 varieties, and makes no mention of any other shades coming at that time.

As a matter of fact all of the deeper red shades, which are often confused with these stamps, appeared in the later years, as is shown by the plate numbers. Most of the stamps actually issued in 1895 and 1896, are in pale colors. I would like to see the deep red listed as a 1898 variety, for as it is, we are forced to classify it as 1895, where it certainly does not belong.

\$20 Gold Notes, Inverted Seals

Mr. Gordon Bottomley has recently shown me a copy of the \$20 Gold Note, series of 1922, wherein the treasury seal and numbers printed in orange, are inverted. Four notes from this plate were so found, and these bear numbers K-51643705 to 09, inclusive. The \$20 notes immediately preceding and following these four in the package, were normal.

Air Mail Notes

September 1, 1927, will prove a memorable day in the annals of Air Mail, in view of the fact, that on that date the last of the government operated air mail services passed into the hands of private contractors. The Postmaster General announced the fact in the following remarks addressed to the press:—

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In thus relinquishing its operation, the air mail service, the Post Office Department has every reason to be proud of what it has accomplished in this. The real purpose of the business has been to demonstrate to private capital that service was not only possible scientifically, but that it could be made profitable commercially, and thereby encourage creation of a new industry in the United States.

Today, there are more companies making airplanes in the United States than there are those manufacturing automobiles. There are fifteen privately owned lines flying the air mail, and there are half a dozen others for which contracts are let and which, shortly, will be placed in operation. Among these is the line from New York to Atlanta, and the line from Chicago to Cincinnati, and the line from St. Louis to Memphis.

To be sure, some of these contract mail lines have not proven profitable; their operators have dropped out. On the other hand, many of them are making money, finding the business as profitable as it is.

I believe that nearly all of them will be conducted not only with profit but with safety.

This is aviation operated along scientific and scientific lines and for a useful, wholesome purpose. The only point either sought or attainable is the approval by the public of a service that meant for its genuine advantage.

Covers carried on this first trip received special markings when posted at the three terminal cities of Chicago, New York and Cleveland. Each city used the well-known cart wheel postmark, plied to contract air mail, although at time it is somewhat smaller. In addition the octagon postmark, such as used on the first contract covers from Chicago to San Francisco, were also applied. New York used blue for the circular postmark, and magenta for the octagon. Cleveland followed the same scheme of colors, in addition to using green, while as Chicago while using the blue for the circular postmark, impressed the octagon postmark in black. Quite likely other colors were used, as is generally the custom.

I wish to thank Reverend J. Dreyer and Mr. Erwin Strasser, for first covers.

It may be of interest to note that the National Air Transport Inc., who took over this leg of the transcontinental service, also inaugurated an air express on the same date.

Under date of August 27th, the Postmaster General ordered immediate cancellation of the contract with the Colorado Airways, Inc., of Denver, operating the air mail route between Cheyenne, Wyoming, and Pueblo, Co.

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radio. Although newspaper clippings from Denver state that this order was rescinded, nevertheless, a further notice from the Postmaster General under date of September 3rd, states that the original order was made effective as of September 3rd. The Boeing Air Transport, Inc., who now hold the contract for the western leg of the transcontinental route, has taken over the service on a temporary basis.

The ground on which this cancellation was taken was the discovery by the Postmaster General on August 27, that after the bids had been submitted for the performance of this service, and before an award had been made in March, 1926, the two bidders had entered into an agreement, as a result of which the lower bid was withdrawn. Both parties have since shared the compensation paid by the government on the basis of the award made to the only remaining bidder.

Invitations for new bids, returnable October 4, were issued today (September 3rd).

Belgian East Africa.—The three values of Congo stamps noted below have been surcharged "Ruanda Urundi" in two lines in black. The overprint is 29mm between the two lines. Mr. Henry Hooreman submits copies for our inspection.

Bermuda.—Mr. R. Roberts sends for chronicle the 2sh printed in dull purple and blue on blue, script watermark.

Congo.—Three new items have been received from Mr. Henry Hooreman. They are the 35c green, design as A37; 1fr rose-red, design of the current issue of this value and 1fr75c blue, design as A35.

Curacao.—Marine Insurance Stamps, which were prepared for issue but never appeared, are now, according to G. A. G. Toolen, to be surcharged "FRANKEER-ZEGEL" and a new value, in three lines as follows:

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| 3c on 15c, | 96,250 | 88,200 |
| 10c on 60c, | 67,000 | 63,500 |
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| 15c on 1.50g, | 35,000 | 31,850 |
| 25c on 2.25g, | 20,000 | 18,050 |
| 30c on 4.50g, | 20,200 | 18,450 |
| 50c on 7.50g, | 20,200 | 18,500 |

The quantities are those given in *Die Nederlandsch Maanblad voor Philatelie*. The figures in the first column are those of the original printing and those in the second column the quantity surcharged. —*Philatelic Magazine*.

Great Britain, Offices in China.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the current 50c, black on emerald, Hong Kong stamp with script watermark surcharged "China" as before.

Greece.—Whitfield King & Co. report that they have received three values of stamps bearing the likeness of Favier together with the dates "1826-1926." The values are 1dr red, 3dr blue and 6dr green.

India.—Whitfield King & Co. report the 1a brown stamp of India, watermarked star, surcharged in the usual manner for official use.

Russia.—Whitfield King & Co. send for chronicle two stamps recently placed in use for the air post service. They are of oblong format picturing a plane flying and the background is a world map. In each lower right corner is the year date and the figures of value in the lower left. The colors and denominations are 10k blue and brown and 15k red and pale green.

Surinam.—Whitfield King & Co. send for chronicle a series of three values of "Green Cross" stamps. Each is of a different design and each bears the emblem in green color, together with the words "Groene Kruis." The values and colors are 2c+2c black and green, 5c+3c purple and green and 10c+3c red and green.

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Type A:—Comprising the value of 25 Bani, 1 Leu, 7.50 Lei and 10 Lei, in a horizontal oblong rectangle with portraits of the late kings Carol I and Ferdinand, in circles, facing each other, with Crown over the Royal Coat-of-Arms in the centre, over which are inscribed in somewhat indistinct letters the words "In the fiftieth year at Independence"; at top the name of the country and the years 1877 and 1927 in the two corners; in the lower two corners the value and "Posta."

Type B:—Comprising the values of 30 Bani, 2, 3 and 5 Lei, also in a horizontal oblong rectangle, but with only the portrait of King Ferdinand in a broken circle, surmounted by the Crown, at left an angel and at right a soldier, in the lower left corner the years as above in a white circle, over which is a small shield in which appear a sort of an arch and a vessel, above which is inscribed vertically, reading up, the word "Posta"; in the right lower corner is another shield, showing a mediaeval warship, over which the value, and in the centre at top the name of the country in a curved frame, and at bottom, under the King's portrait in a straight line the words "In the 50th year of the Independence."

Type C:—Comprising the values of 50 Bani, 4, 4.50 and 6 Lei, in a vertical rectangle of same size as the other two types, with portrait of King Ferdinand in a twice broken circle, with branches of Laurel on both sides, extending from bottom to top, over which appear in the centre the two years as above in a shield-like frame; at left, over the year 1877, there is a monogram of the letters "F" facing to left and right, joined at the base into a V with an "I" in centre, surmounted by a small crown. At the base

the Coat of Arms, again surmounted by a crown, and underneath the words "Nihil sine Deo" (nothing without God) in a curved ribbon, on the two sides of the lower crown the value. At top the name of the country in fancy letters, under which in an oblong frame the words "In the fiftieth year of the Independence."

In types A and C the word "fiftieth" is spelled out, while in type B it reads "50th," but in the former it is misspelled "Cincizecilea" instead of "Cincidecilea" the correct spelling of 50 in Roumanian being Cinci Deci, and the word "AL" that is "at" or "to the" Independence is a variant not strictly correct in type A, while the spelling "Independenta" in all three types gives also the impression of an error, but I stand ready to be enlightened on this point.

It is reported that most of the type C values were sold out on the day of issue, the greater part having gone to Govt. Officials, and these, i.e., the stamps, are already commanding a considerable premium over their face value. These four values are by far the most attractive both as to the design and the colours of the stamps.

| The issue: | | |
|------------|---------------------|---------|
| 25 Bani | red-violet, | 835,000 |
| 30 " | grey-black, | 290,000 |
| 50 " | grey-green, | 205,000 |
| 1 Leu | blue-green, | 410,000 |
| 2 Lei | light yellow-green, | 300,000 |
| 3 " | lilac, | 250,000 |
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| 4.50 " | red-brown, | 100,000 |
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| 7.50 " | blue-green, | 345,000 |
| 10 " | ultramarine, | 445,000 |

These figures I have taken from Champion's "Circular," and credit should be given him for the interesting news.

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British Guiana.—Mr. Gordon omits this colony—presumably he considers its stamps not as good used as mint. Whilst this is true of the majority, the high values—particularly those of the current issue—are worth about the same, used or mint. In this connexion, Gibbons' pricings for the K. G. high values may be worth noting—

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|---------|-------|-------|
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British Honduras.—Practically the same as Barbados and Bahamas—low values, better mint; high values, same mint or used.

British Solomon Ids. Protectorate.—All issues much better used, difference between mint and used less noticeable in the "Postage—Revenue" series than in the three earlier issues. Used copies of the Plate 2 printings of the 1/-, 2/-, 2/6 and 5/- Georges are a trifle better than those from Plate 1, whilst the scarce 3d ("Postage—Revenue") is worth at least twice its mint figure.

British Somaliland.—As re. the ovpts., used = mint. In the later issues, mint slightly better, with the exception of the 1, 2, 3 and 5 rupees, these being about the same.

Brunei.—Mr. Gordon sums up the situation as re. used issues of this remote Colony quite accurately—"All issues are quite uncommon used, which might be explained by the fact that the present white population of the Colony amounts to the total of 35!"

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10/- white back.

1921.

3d on pale yellow.
5/- on pale yellow.
5/- blue-green on pale yellow, etc.

By the way, the scarce 10/- 1921—although rumoured obsolete early in July, 1926—was obtainable at the P. O., Georgetown, up to 11th August, and—for aught I know—perhaps even later. Copies are quite in order, therefore, which are postmarked prior to the above date. The script printing was released on 15th September. Does anyone know just when the 10/- MCA exhausted?

Cyprus.—With the exceptions of possibly the 18 and 45 piastres, script, and the rare 10/- and £1 in the 1912 type, all issues rather better mint.

Dominica.—Mr. Gordon sums up the situation here quite accurately—"All values above 2 1/2d (and lately 3d) are somewhat better used. Lower values better unused."

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Falkland Ids.—Used = mint, with a difference in favour of the former in the high values (3/-, 5/-, 10/- and £1). The 1/- "War Stamp" in the scarce yellow-brown shade, is at least twice as good used.

Falkland Ids. Dependencies.—With ref. this subject, I quote the following, by Mr. B. S. H. Grant—

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"Of the Dependencies, the island of South Georgia is the most important, and has an area of twelve hundred square miles with a population of about 1400, of which, the last census discloses, only three were women, and the island is the only one which at present possesses a permanent resident population, who are under a Resident Magistrate and other officials under whom the postal arrangements are carried out.

"In December, 1909, a supply of stamps was sent out to South Georgia, and a handstamp bearing the words South Georgia provided, with which the stamps on the letters were overprinted. This was applied after the stamps were affixed to the covers, and not to the stamps before sale, as the handstamp in length was slightly in excess of the width of the stamp.

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Gibraltar.—Mint quite a bit better, except the 4/-, 8/- and £1, 1903; 4/- and £1, 1904; 4/- and £1, Universal; £1 1912; and 4/- and 8/- scripts—these same used as mint.

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| 59 to 61, Set of 3 val. | | .30 |
| 62 | 60 Pfg./75 Pfg. | .08 |
| COAT OF ARMS TYPE | | |
| 63 | 5 Pfg. | .02 |
| 64 | 10 Pfg. | .02 |
| 65 | 15 Pfg. | .02 |
| 66 | 20 Pfg. | .02 |
| 67 | 25 Pfg. | .02 |
| 68 | 30 Pfg. | .04 |

| Scott's No. | Prices |
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| 69 | 40 Pfg. |
| 70 | 50 Pfg. |
| 71 | 60 Pfg. |
| 72 | 80 Pfg. |
| 73 | 1 Mk. |
| 74 | 1.20 Mk. |
| 75 | 2 Mk. |
| 76 | 3 Mk. |
| 63 to 76, Set of 14 val. | 1.40 |
| COAT OF ARMS—LIONS | |
| 77 | 5 Mk. |
| 78 | 10 Mk. |
| 79 | 20 Mk. |
| 77 to 79, Set of 3 val. | .40 |
| 80 | 75 Pfg. |
| 81 | 80 Pfg. |
| 82 | 1.25 Mk. |
| 83 | 1.50 Mk. |
| 84 | 2 Mk. |
| 85 | 2.40 Mk. |
| 86 | 3 Mk. |
| 87 | 4 Mk. |
| 88 | 5 Mk. |
| 89 | 6 Mk. |
| 90 | 8 Mk. |
| 91 | 10 Mk. |
| 92 | 20 Mk. |
| 93 | 9 Mk. rose, red & orange |
| 94 | 50 Mk. gold & carmine |
| 95 | 100 Mk. green & red |
| 93 to 95, Set of 3 val. | 1.60 |
| 96 | 8 Mk./4 Mk. |
| 97 | 6 Mk./3 Mk. |
| 98 | 20 Mk./8 Mk. |
| 99 | 4 Mk. |
| 100 | 5 Mk. |
| 101 | 10 Mk. |
| 102 | 20 Mk. |
| 99 to 102, Set of 4 val. | .07 |
| 103 | 40 Mk. |
| 104 | 80 Mk. |
| 105 | 50 Mk. |
| 106 | 100 Mk. |
| 107 | 150 Mk. |
| 108 | 250 Mk. |
| 109 | 500 Mk. |
| 110 | 1000 Mk. |
| 111 | 5000 Mk. |
| 105 to 111, Set of 7 val. | .45 |
| 112 | 50 Mk. |
| 113 | 100 Mk. |
| 114 | 200 Mk. |
| 115 | 250 Mk. |
| 117 | 250 Mk. |
| 118 | 300 Mk. |
| 119 | 500 Mk. |
| 120 | 1000 Mk. |
| 121 | 3000 Mk. |
| 117 to 121, Set of 5 val. | .10 |
| 123 | 10,000 Mk. |
| 124 | 20,000 Mk. |
| 125 | 50,000 Mk. |
| 126 | 100,000/20,000 Mk. |
| 123 to 126, Set of 4 val. | .40 |
| 127 | 1000 Mk. |
| 129 | 5000 Mk. |
| 131 | 20,000 Mk. |
| 132 | 50,000 Mk. |
| 133 | 100,000 Mk. |
| 134 | 250,000 Mk. |
| 135 | 500,000 Mk. |
| 127 to 135, Set of 7 val. | .10 |
| ABBREVIATIONS | |
| * "T" for 1000; "Mil" for 1,000,000. | |
| 137 | 40 T./200 Mk. |
| 138 | 100 T./200 Mk. |
| 139 | 250 T./200 Mk. |
| 140 | 400 T./100 Mk. |
| 141 | 500 T./50 T. Mk. |
| 142 | 1 Mil./10 T. Mk. |
| 137 to 142, Set of 6 val. | .50 |
| 143 | 10 Mil./10 T. Mk. |
| 144 | 1 Mil./10 T. Mk. |
| 145 | 2 Mil./10 T. Mk. |
| 146 | 3 Mil./10 T. Mk. |
| 147 | 5 Mil./10 T. Mk. |
| 148 | 10 Mil./10 T. Mk. |
| 149 | 20 Mil./10 T. Mk. |
| 150 | 25 Mil./10 T. Mk. |
| 151 | 40 Mil./10 T. Mk. |
| 152 | 50 Mil./10 T. Mk. |
| 153 | 100 Mil./10 T. Mk. |
| 154 | 300 Mil./10 T. Mk. |
| 155 | 500 Mil./10 T. Mk. |
| 144 to 155, Set of 12 val. | .18 |
| GOLD CURRENCY STAMPS | |
| 156 | 5 Pfg./50 Mk. |
| 157 | 10 Pfg./50 Mk. |

| Scott's No. | Prices |
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| 158 | 20 Pfg./100 Mk. |
| 159 | 25 Pfg./50 Mk. |
| 160 | 30 Pfg./50 Mk. |
| 161 | 40 Pfg./100 Mk. |
| 162 | 50 Pfg./100 Mk. |
| 163 | 75 Pfg./100 Mk. |
| 164 | 1 Gld./1 Mil. Mk. |
| 165 | 2 Gld./1 Mil. Mk. |
| 166 | 3 Gld./1 Mil. Mk. |
| 167 | 5 Gld./1 Mil. Mk. |
| 156 to 167, Set of 12 val. | 9.25 |
| This set was withdrawn by the authorities of Danzig on Feb'y 28th, 1927, and is not obtainable at anything near its former value, hence the increase in price. | |
| 168 | 5 Pfg. |
| 169 | 10 Pfg. |
| 170 | 15 Pfg. |
| 171 | 20 Pfg. |
| 172 | 25 Pfg. |
| 173 | 30 Pfg. |
| 174 | 40 Pfg. |
| 175 | 50 Pfg. |
| 176 | 75 Pfg. |
| 168 to 176, Set of 9 val. | .90 |
| 177 | 1 Gld. |
| 178 | 2 Gld. |
| 179 | 3 Gld. |
| 180 | 5 Gld. |
| 181 | 10 Gld. |
| 182 | 1 Gld. |
| 183 | 2 Gld. |
| 184 | 15 Pfg. |
| 185 | 35 Pfg. |
| 186 | 3 Pfg. |
| AIR MAIL STAMPS | |
| 401 | 40 Pfg./40 Pfg. |
| 402 | 60 Pfg./40 Pfg. |
| 403 | 1 Mk./40 Pfg. |
| 401 to 403, Set of 3 val. | .12 |
| 404 | 40 Pfg. |
| 405 | 60 Pfg. |
| 406 | 1 Mk. |
| 407 | 2 Mk. |
| 404 to 407, Set of 4 val. | .08 |
| 408 | 5 Mk. |
| 409 | 10 Mk. |
| 408 and 409, Set of 2 val. | .07 |
| 410 | 40 Pfg. |
| 411 | 60 Pfg. |
| 412 | 1 Mk. |
| 413 | 2 Mk. |
| 410 to 413, Set of 4 val. | .05 |
| 414 | 5 Mk. |
| 415 | 10 Mk. |
| 414 and 415, Set of 2 val. | .04 |
| 416 | 20 Mk. |
| 418 | 25 Mk. |
| 419 | 50 Mk. |
| 420 | 100 Mk. |
| 421 | 250 Mk. |
| 422 | 500 Mk. |
| 419 to 422, Set of 4 val. | .08 |
| 410 to 422, Set of 12 val. | .20 |
| 423 | 250 T. Mk. |
| 424 | 500 T. Mk. |
| 425 | 2 Mil./100 T. Mk. |
| 427 | 5 Mil./50 T. Mk. |
| 423 to 427, Set of 4 val. | .05 |
| 425a | inside of Block of 9 |
| GOLD CURRENCY STAMPS | |
| 428 | 10 Pfg. |
| 429 | 20 Pfg. |
| 430 | 40 Pfg. |
| 431 | 1 Gld. |
| 432 | 2 1/2 Gld. |
| 428 to 432, Set of 5 val. | 1.40 |
| CHARITY STAMPS | |
| 551 | 30 Pfg. + 30 Pfg. |
| 552 | 60 Pfg. + 60 Pfg. |
| 553 | 1.20 Mk. + 1.20 Mk. |
| 551 to 553, Set of 3 val. | .20 |
| 554 | 50 Mk. + 20 Mk. |
| 555 | 100 Mk. + 30 Mk. |
| 554 and 555, Set of 2 val. | .05 |
| OFFICIAL STAMPS | |
| 601 | 5 Pfg. |
| 602 | 10 Pfg. |
| 603 | 15 Pfg. |
| 604 | 20 Pfg. |
| 605 | 25 Pfg. |
| 606 | 30 Pfg. |
| 607 | 40 Pfg. |
| 608 | 50 Pfg. |
| 609 | 60 Pfg. |

| Scott's No. | Prices |
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| 610 | 80 Pfg. |
| 611 | 1 Mk. |
| 612 | 1.20 Mk. |
| 613 | 2 Mk. |
| 614 | 3 Mk. |
| 615 | 5 Mk. |
| 618 | 75 Pfg. |
| 619 | 80 Pfg. |
| 620 | 1.25 Mk. |
| 621 | 1.50 Mk. |
| 622 | 2 Mk. |
| 623 | 2.40 Mk. |
| 624 | 3 Mk. |
| 625 | 4 Mk. |
| 626 | 5 Mk. |
| 627 | 6 Mk. |
| 628 | 10 Mk. |
| 629 | 20 Mk. |
| 618 to 629, Set of 12 val. | .35 |
| 630 | 6 Mk./3 Mk. |
| 631 | 4 Mk. |
| 632 | 5 Mk. |
| 634 | 10 Mk. |
| 635 | 20 Mk. |
| 636 | 50 Mk. |
| 637 | 100 Mk. |
| 631 to 637, Set of 6 val. | .10 |
| 639 | 50 Mk. |
| 640 | 100 Mk. |
| 641 | 200 Mk. |
| 639 to 641, Set of 3 val. | .08 |
| 643 | 300 Mk. |
| 644 | 500 Mk. |
| 645 | 1,000 Mk. |
| 643 to 645, Set of 3 val. | .10 |
| GOLD CURRENCY STAMPS | |
| 646 | 5 Pfg. |
| 647 | 10 Pfg. |
| 648 | 15 Pfg. |
| 649 | 20 Pfg. |
| 650 | 25 Pfg. |
| 651 | 30 Pfg. |
| 652 | 40 Pfg. |
| 653 | 50 Pfg. |
| 654 | 75 Pfg. |
| 646 to 654, Set of 9 val. | 1.25 |
| 655 | 15 Pfg. |
| 656 | 35 Pfg. |
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| POSTAGE DUE STAMPS | |
| 801 | 10 Pfg. |
| 802 | 20 Pfg. |
| 803 | 40 Pfg. |
| 804 | 60 Pfg. |
| 805 | 75 Pfg. |
| 806 | 80 Pfg. |
| 807 | 120 Pfg. |
| 808 | 200 Pfg. |
| 809 | 240 Pfg. |
| 810 | 300 Pfg. |
| 811 | 400 Pfg. |
| 812 | 500 Pfg. |
| 813 | 800 Pfg. |
| 814 | 20 Mk. |
| 815 | 100 Pfg. |
| 816 | 200 Pfg. |
| 817 | 300 Pfg. |
| 818 | 400 Pfg. |
| 819 | 500 Pfg. |
| 820 | 800 Pfg. |
| 821 | 10 Mk. |
| 822 | 20 Mk. |
| 823 | 50 Mk. |
| 824 | 100 Mk. |
| 826 | 500 Mk. |
| 827 | 5 T./50 Mk. |
| 828 | 10 T./20 Mk. |
| 829 | 50 T./500 Mk. |
| 830 | 100 T./200 Mk. |
| 827 to 830, Set of 4 val. | .15 |
| GOLD CURRENCY STAMPS | |
| 831 | 5 Pfg. |
| 832 | 10 Pfg. |
| 833 | 20 Pfg. |
| 834 | 30 Pfg. |
| 835 | 40 Pfg. |
| 836 | 50 Pfg. |
| 837 | 60 Pfg. |
| 838 | 100 Pfg. |
| 831 to 838, Set of 8 val. | 1.00 |
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—Our valued contributor, Harry Huber, is off on a trip to Virgin, Leeward and Windward Ids.

—We are advised of the death of Robert E. Nuese, Short Hills, N. J., a long time collector and subscriber to the WEEKLY. For 47 years he had been with the firm of F. H. Leggett & Co., N. Y. City, and at the time of his retirement a few months ago he was a director, as well as secretary of the organization. From boyhood he was devoted to stamps and had a world wide correspondence. In recent years he has specialized blocks of 4 U. S. and original covers.

—Paul P. Murray of the Murray Stamp Co., St. Louis, Mo., calls our attention to two errors in our Sept. 5 issue. Referring to the A. P. S. exhibit at the Art Museum we credited Mr. Lichtenstein's Western Franks to V. M. Bertold and John Klemann's U. S. Proofs and Essays to Mr. Lichtenstein. We thank Mr. Murray for these corrections. When reprinting news matter it is always difficult to correct inaccuracies of this kind.

—We welcome to our columns on a “three-in-one” contract, G. S. Mollineux of Palisade Park, N. J. His initial advertisement quotes Gambias. The position assigned him will be his regular location.

—B. L. Drew has changed his address to Room 803, 333 Washington St., Boston, Mass. We have not had the privilege as yet of inspecting the new quarters, but as no stamp dealer ever changes his office without securing greater conveniences, we are quite sure that Mr. Drew has also profited in this direction. For some years he has held an advertising contract for 3,000 lines or more, and his announcements are found regularly on page 1 of the WEEKLY.

—The first air mail to leave Indianapolis direct by airplane was carried by Clyde A. Shockley on August 25. The mail consisted of a number of copies of the Indianapolis *Star* and was carried from Indianapolis to Williamsport, Indiana. This flight was authorized by the Postmaster General in connection with the dedication of a new landing field at Williamsport, Indiana. No other mail was carried except the newspapers mentioned above. Mr. Shockley was sworn in as an employee by the Indianapolis postmaster on August 24, for the purpose of this flight.—WELWORTH CO.

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Oct. 20—Junior Night. An exhibition by all Cincinnati junior collectors with prizes.

Nov. 3—Visitors Night. Display by Dr. Leon D. Peaslee.

Nov. 17—Auction.

Dec. 1—Address by prominent collector.

Dec. 15—Christmas Party.

Jan. 5—Bourse. Display H. W. Dunseth.

Jan. 19—Stamp Rebus and other games.

Feb. 2—General Open Exhibition to all Cincinnati collectors with prizes.

Feb. 16—Auction.

March 1—Single Display Exhibit.

March 15—Visitors Night. Surprise display.

April 5—Stamp Rebus. Display, Chester E. Wing.

April 19—Surprise. Display, John H. Cost.

May 3—Nomination of Officers, Bourse.

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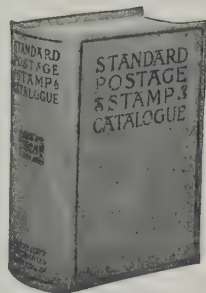
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Reports continue to be received of the activities of stamp thieves and several annoying instances of more or less petty pilfering have been brought to our attention. In consequence of these reports it is advisable to strongly caution all collectors and dealers to be watchful of their property and not to allow carelessness on their part to invite the attention of the crooks who seem to have instituted a sort of campaign to feather their nests at the expense of the unsuspecting stamp folks. As comment on this subject, which has been touched upon heretofore in these columns, the following observations have been received from a correspondent who watches developments in the philatelic world closely: "Your remarks to the effect that loose methods in handling stamps by some owners may account for thefts here and there are correct, but I am of the opinion that there is a gang or two who are systematic in their operations." He goes further and says that there may be a "fence" somewhere that encourages the thieves and that he is interested in getting evidence that will support his suspicion. Under the circumstances, it behooves all who handle stamps in a public way to take all reasonable precautions to protect their property. In this connection, Mr. Chas. A. Christensen, Milwaukee dealer, reports that while he was away recently, someone broke in and stole a lot of new issues. His loss is over \$500 and he thinks that the burglars are the same ones who stole from Mr. Henry George of Milwaukee, and Mr. Christensen is working with Mr. George in an endeavor to find the guilty persons.

It is apparent that notwithstanding repeated warnings by the post office de-

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partment condemning the practice, stamps are still being removed from letters and packages addressed to stamp people, by persons within the postal service. While these losses are indicative of the far-flung interest in collecting, they are about the most exasperating which befall the collector or dealer. In view of the fact that the department is determined to check this form of theft, it becomes the duty of every philatelist who has suffered in this way to report the case to the postmaster of his city with the evidence afforded by the denuded covers. When the culprit is caught, assurance is given that he will be punished because the authorities are aware of the mischief that is done by the violator of the mails.

The following letter was received several weeks ago from Mr. C. F. Heyerman, 1403 Ford Building, Detroit, Michigan: "Last October, at the New York Exhibition, I bought from Mr. Eugene Klein, a Germany No. 65b, the half of the 5pf surcharged 3pf. This was given by my friend to his son as a graduation present, and the boy was so proud of it that he was still carrying it in a purse instead of mounting it at once in his album; and Monday, August 15th, the purse was picked from his pocket." I think rather fortunately that Mr. Klein's letter unfolded the stamp, so that the thief would know at once that it was of some value and that therefore we may hope that he may try to dispose of it to some dealer or collector. In this way, the stamp may be recovered." We hope sincerely that this story will have a happy ending.

Some time ago, we published an account of the arrest in Honolulu, Hawaii, of Louis C. Gulley, who was superintendent of the Schofield Barracks postoffice, on a charge of using canceled stamps in mailing packages. At the time, something was said of the philatelic leanings of Mr. Gulley who, formerly, lived in this country. Judging from the accounts in the Honolulu newspapers that we have received from Mr. W. F. Slusser, the case attracted wide attention. It was started on August 8th and a verdict was returned on August 29th. Mr. Gulley was acquitted on all five counts by a jury in the U. S. district court, the jury having rendered its verdict after having been out over five hours. In the course of the trial, it was shown that Mr. Gulley was known to be a stamp collector and an officer of a bank where Mr. Gulley had bought stamps of high denomination said that it was not unusual for philatelists to buy stamps of high denomination for use in preference to utilizing many small values on a heavy

piece of mail. One of the offenses charged against Mr. Gulley was the removal of four canceled Austrian stamps in violation of the regulations from unclaimed postal cards; and it was the object of the prosecution to show that these stamps were intended for Mr. Gulley's stamp collection. Tentative jurymen were questioned as to their knowledge of stamp collecting.

A correspondent tells us that the next edition of U. S. Specialized will include the revenue stamps of the United States and with this addition the popularity of the work will be enhanced, it need not be said.

On an old insurance assessment notice dated at Canajoharie, N. Y., October 4, 1856, the information is given that "postage stamps, when they can be obtained, may be enclosed in lieu of change. If you should, for the sake of convenience, send more than the amount of your assessment, the balance will be returned to you in Postage Stamps when receipt of money is forwarded. Please enclose an extra stamp or three-cent piece for the postage on the receipt to be sent you." As Dr. Davenport of Auburn, N. Y., who sent in the instrument says, "evidently the stickers were not always obtainable even years after they were first issued." We have read somewhere that in 1855, an effort was made by the department at Washington to compel the use of postage stamps, but that some of the post offices seemed to be reluctant to stock up with stamps adequately and that in consequence they could not supply patrons with all the stamps that they wanted. The old three-cent piece that is mentioned was the little silver piece that some of the old-timers remember.

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A LETTER from Dr. J. F. Dodge, now a food specialist and dietitian of Jamestown, N. C., recalls the days when he published his stamp journal in Pennsylvania and made things hum. While a busy man, he finds precancels something worth while.

A CARD from Mr. C. W. Kissinger, Reading, who has been making an extended European trip came from the Royal Philatelic Society, London, headquarters.

MR. L. J. FLERLAGE reports the death on August 30th of R. E. Nuese, Short Hills, New Jersey, a well-known collector in New York, where since 1880, he was connected with the firm of F. H. Leggett & Co. Mr. Nuese had a collection of twelve thousand blocks of four.

MR. L. T. BRODSTONE, Superior, Nebraska, passed through Chicago on his return from Europe where he spent much time in London, in particular.

MR. LEONARD MICHAEL, New York, was in Chicago, his old home city, recently, giving the natives a treat. Evidently, he is in harness again as he has joined the Collectors Club, New York.

SOME time ago, we printed a statement that a card had been seen that was carried by Chamberlain, pilot of the Columbia on his special flight, Munich to Vienna on June 19, 1927; and now we are advised that in a conversation with

"the first man to fly a plane to Germany" denial was made that he carried any mail from one German town to another.

MR. HENRY A. MEYER, Evansville, Indiana, has been sending in cards that showed the itinerary of his recent trip to Europe.

THE Chicago Precancel Club has succeeded in obtaining the 1928 convention of the parent organization for its city; and no doubt plans will soon be discussed for the big meeting of the national body next year. The indications are that one hundred members will be on the roll of the Chicago society in a short time.

MARSHALL HANCOCK, proprietor of the Martauco Stamp Company, New York, has remembered us while in Europe from where we have had several stories hinting about the activities of our enterprising friend.

A CORRESPONDENT says that the four designs of the postage stamps that are to be issued in 1928 to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the discovery of the Hawaiian Islands by Captain Cook were the work of Miss May Frazier and are based on various old pictures of the captain and artists' conception of scenes attending Captain Cook's visit to the Hawaiian Islands in 1778, and the following year. He thinks that the issue will prove most interesting, thereby confirming sentiments that have been expressed by others who have written on the subject.

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| 40 ore gray (block capitals) | .20 |
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| green & black | .08 |
| 12c blue & black | .16 |
| Post. Dues, 5c brown & black | .06 |
| 10c light blue & black | .12 |
| 12c blue & black | .16 |
| Leeward Islands—3p violet, yellow ... | .15 |
| Bahamas—2p gray | .08 |
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| #400a 10c yellow | \$3.50 |

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324 Oldham Ave. Lexington, Ky.

been changed to Stampless Covers, we are informed by the editor of the Bulletin of the society, Mr. Frederick Eaton, 70 Sachem Street, New Haven, Conn., who has started on his work of classification with good results.



Stamp News for the Juniors

This page is primarily for you, the Junior collector. We are interested in what interests you and we want you to take possession of it, in any way it can serve you. We also invite the Senior collector to extend words of advice, encouragement and stimulation and thus develop in the Junior a real passion for Philately. Bear in mind that two short articles of from 50 to 75 words read better than one long one. Address the Beverly office.



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Chapui Asylum, Costa Rica



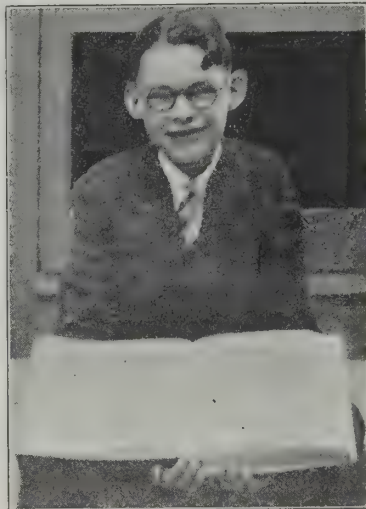
This building shown here is known as the Chapui Asylum of San Jose. This 6c value is one of a pictorial set, 6, 30, 45c, now on the market.

Script C A

We inadvertently placed the above heading upon an article last week where the text did not conform to the title. We pictured two cuts representing watermarks, and they should have been described as indicating the difference between single C A and multiple C A. We shall show the script type in a subsequent issue.

Visions of Boyhood

We received seven entries in our cartoon contest calling for an interpretation of the "Visions of Boyhood" as illustrated. We have already printed the entry of Lyle E. Beal, 42 Elliot St., Keene, N. H., and to him is awarded the prize. We are very glad to present herewith a picture of the prize-winner.



LYLE E. BEAL, Keene, N. H.

The following sent in entries:—Dennan Scudder, Nantucket, Mass.; Walter Zorn, Monroe, Mich.; Herbert Dougan, Middlefield, Ohio; Alvin Smith, Chicago, Ill.; Carl W. Pickering, Deer Isle, Me., and E. H. Pearl, La Mesa, Texas.

Paper No. 13—Surface-colored

This is paper colored on the surface only. This tinting is not obtained during the process of manufacture, but is printed on the paper before the stamps themselves are printed. The Guatemala stamps of 1897 were printed on surface-colored paper.

JUNIOR STAMP STUDIES

Arms of Mexico
Mexico A26
1899 and 1903



Early in the twelfth century A. D. seven tribes of Aztecs came from the north into what is now Mexico. One of these tribes, the Nahuatl, did not, or could not, establish a permanent residence. But after a century of adventures and hardships they encamped on the southwestern border of the principal lake of Mexico, Texcoco, in the year 1325. There one morning they saw perched on the stem of a prickly pear which shot out of the crevice of a rock that was washed by the waves, a royal eagle of extraordinary size and beauty, with a serpent in his talons and his broad wings opened to the rising sun. This they considered an omen indicative of their permanent settlement, and there they laid the foundation of the Venice of America by sinking piles in the shallows, and building their rush houses thereon. They called the place Tenochtitlan, in token of the omen, the name meaning "a cactus on a stone." Its other name, Mexico is derived from the name of their war-god, Mexitli. Thus it comes about that an eagle, a serpent and a cactus form the arms of Mexico and appear on these postage stamps.

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Luxemburg Commemoratives

By HERMANN FOCKE.
The Grand Duchy of Luxemburg just issued a special set of stamps commemorate its 75th year of existence and incidentally an International Stamp Exhibition held Sept. 4 to 8. This issue has been reported in various philatelic papers as consisting of two values, 50c and 1 franc in two different colors each, but it now develops that the set consists of five different values



all of the same design, and each of single color. I submit for your inspection a cover postmarked at the Exhibition grounds with a special marking, prepaid with the set of five stamps, mauve, 50c olive, 75c claret, 1f blue and 1½f blue. The set is a very handsome one and the engraving is remarkably well executed.

My correspondent in Luxemburg informs me that there was also issued a special Balloon Card, sanctioned by the P.T.T. which I expect to receive shortly, and of sufficient interest, I shall be glad to submit it to you.

Why I Collect U. S. and Canadian

A goodly number of entries were received in this contest and we had no difficulty in deciding the competition. We have finally concluded that the best entry was that of Paul Westcott, 189 E. St., North Adams, Mass., amongst boys. For the girls first honors go to Laura Harrison, 104 Graham Ave., Peabody, N. J. The prizes offered by Hazelhurst, Brantford, Can., and by WEEKLY have been despatched to two winners.

Other entries in this contest were received from the following:—Roy B. man, Jr., Boise, Idaho; Robert B. son, Brunswick, Me.; E. H. Pearl, Mesa, Texas.; Elizabeth Johnson, Middlefield, N. J.; Jerome Scharrof, Schenectady, N. Y.; Geo. W. Hawse, Winchester, Mass.; Herbert Johnson, Haddonfield, N. J.; Herbert Dougan, Middlefield, Mass.; Samuel Horwitz, New Bedford, Mass.; Edward Madler, Tigerton, Wis.; W. Furste, 2nd, Cincinnati, O.; R. C. Trumbull, Freeport, Pa.; William Ke Jr., Los Angeles, Cal.; Kazuo Sak Bothell, Wash.; Daniel Coleman, Eugene, Ore.; George Todd, Portland, Ore.; J. Preisendorfer, Garwood, N. J.

We are glad that this contest proved to be so interesting for readers of the Junior Page.

JULY-AUGUST SUBSCRIPTION RECORD

There was a very pretty rivalry last time between the Anchor Stamp Co., and the Johnson Stamp Co., the former with 53 subscriptions and the latter with 49. These are the same relative positions which these firms occupied for July, when the figures were 56 and 33 respectively. W. W. Betts is third with 21, while Andrew R. Perry has 20 and the Hawkeye Stamp Co., 19.

In the totals for eleven months the Anchor Stamp Co. has 251, with the Payn Stamp Co. and the Hawkeye Stamp Co. tied for second place with 181 each. We shall begin a new contest October 1.

The contestants having ten or more new subscriptions during July and August are:—

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| ANCHOR STAMP CO. | 53 |
| JOHNSON STAMP CO. | 49 |
| W. W. BETTS | 21 |
| ANDREW R. PERRY | 20 |
| HAWKEYE STAMP CO. | 19 |
| H. A. KEIGWIN | 14 |
| C. W. SCHMIDT | 14 |
| LOUIS MORRISON | 12 |
| GEO. W. DEERING | 11 |
| N. JOSEPH | 10 |

The record to date is as follows:—

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| Anchor Stamp Co., Jersey City, N. J. | 251 |
| Payn Stamp Co., Los Angeles, Cal. | 181 |
| Hawkeye Stamp Co., Cedar Rapids, Ia. | 181 |
| Johnson Stamp Co., Jamestown, N. Y. | 158 |
| W. W. Betts, Clearfield, Pa. | 142 |
| Pacific Stamp Co., Helena, Mont. | 119 |
| Andrew R. Perry, Providence, R. I. | 112 |
| Eugene Klein, Philadelphia, Pa. | 104 |
| H. A. Keigwin, Middletown, N. Y. | 100 |
| D. E. Nagle Co., Reading, Pa. | 88 |
| Norman Shepard, Oakland, Cal. | 73 |
| Lakeview Stamp Co., Toledo, O. | 62 |
| G. W. Deering, Marlboro, Mass. | 62 |
| Louis Morrison, Glenolden, Pa. | 57 |
| C. W. Schmidt, Philadelphia, Pa. | 57 |
| Auburn Stamp Co., Syracuse, N. Y. | 54 |
| Buckey Stamp Co., Dayton, O. | 54 |
| W. Mikkelsen Co., Chicago, Ill. | 51 |
| N. Joseph, Boston, Mass. | 51 |
| H. Ioor, Indianapolis, Ind. | 46 |
| Covert Stamp Co., Rochester, N. Y. | 44 |
| Paul Mole, Southampton, N. Y. | 41 |
| Richmond Stamp Co., Staten Id., N. Y. | 38 |
| Rotnem Stamp Co., Minneapolis, Minn. | 36 |
| Puritan Syndicate, Schenectady, N. Y. | 36 |
| Liberty Stamp Co., St. Louis, Mo. | 36 |
| A. F. Merrell, San Francisco, Cal. | 35 |
| Fellowship Agency, Fresno, Cal. | 33 |
| Fred Slack, East St. Louis, Ill. | 25 |
| R. S. Carter, Balboa Heights, C. Z. | 24 |
| State Stamp Co., New Kensington, Pa. | 18 |
| R. M. Williams, Amherst, Mass. | 17 |
| F. H. Buck, Jr., Piedmont, Cal. | 17 |
| Mt. City Stamp Co., Mannington, W. Va. | 16 |
| Phil. Lundstead, Cape Cottage, Me. | 16 |
| M. G. Hanna, New Kensington, Pa. | 16 |
| John S. Bennett Jr., Brooklyn, N. Y. | 15 |
| D. M. Ward, Gary, Ind. | 15 |
| Midwest Stamp Co., Kansas City, Mo. | 15 |
| U. T. K. Stamp Co., Utica, N. Y. | 14 |
| F. E. Hadley, Detroit, Mich. | 14 |
| O. W. Crowder & Co., Balto., Md. | 14 |
| H. H. Kuckein, Fort Wayne, Ind. | 13 |
| Patapsco Stamp Co., Balto., Md. | 13 |
| Palmyra-Picka Stamp Club, Palmyra, N. J. | 13 |
| Fennell Stamp Co., St. Louis, Mo. | 13 |
| R. M. Telschow, Ridgewood, N. J. | 12 |
| M. E. Nelson, Sioux Falls, S. D. | 12 |

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| T. H. Ames, Bradley Beach, N. J. | 12 |
| E. H. Hughes, Peoria, Ill. | 11 |
| W. H. Leckie, Chicago, Ill. | 11 |
| Harvey Rismiller, Reading, Pa. | 11 |
| G. S. Molineaux, Ridgefield, N. J. | 11 |
| Davies Stamp Co., Adrian, Mich. | 11 |
| R. L. Ferraro, Philadelphia, Pa. | 10 |
| Rueger Stamp Co., Dayton, O. | 10 |
| P. A. Coppard, San Diego, Cal. | 10 |
| F. L. Onken, Brooklyn, N. Y. | 10 |
| George Wirth, Brooklyn, N. Y. | 10 |
| E. E. Ericson, Elroy, Wis. | 9 |
| O. F. Pollitz, Boston, Mass. | 9 |
| Samuel Bennett, Millville, N. J. | 9 |
| J. H. Dressman, Jr., Covington, Ky. | 9 |
| Foye Stamp Co., Detroit, Mich. | 9 |
| J. H. Jones, Denver, Colo. | 9 |
| J. E. Guest, Dallas, Tex. | 8 |
| Jayhawk Stamp Co., Topeka, Kan. | 8 |
| F. C. Bundlie, Grand Forks, N. D. | 8 |
| Alvonis Co., Monticello, N. Y. | 8 |
| Ogden Stamp Shop, Baldwinville, N. Y. | 8 |
| V. B. Willard, Wrentham, Mass. | 7 |
| E. P. Seeborn, San Francisco, Cal. | 7 |
| Howard McIntosh, Miltonneague, Mass. | 7 |
| C. M. Evans, Reading, Pa. | 7 |
| J. M. Clarkson, Ridgewood, N. J. | 7 |
| L. W. Jonietz, Cristobal, C. Z. | 7 |
| J. H. Blackney, Saginaw, Mich. | 7 |
| Albert Behnke & Co., Davenport, Ia. | 7 |
| C. H. Hollister, Chicago, Ill. | 7 |
| Karl D. Ebers, Rhinebeck, N. Y. | 7 |
| A. W. Dunning, Wilton, N. H. | 7 |

Six each:—A. A. Leve, W. O. Staeb, Reliant Stamp Co., W. A. Lieson, Orosc Stamp Co.

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Four each:—Arco Stamp Co., Kansas City Stamp Co., Acme Stamp Co., G. H. Townsend, H. H. Shepard, E. P. Nutting, Theo. Nelson, Globe Stamp Co., W. J. Cuthbert, Federal Stamp Co., Helen's Stamp Shop, Dr. S. Avazon, W. C. Burtis.

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Two each:—F. W. Allen, B. Loveman, Jr., H. C. Buchholz, J. A. Lux, H. C. Meyer, 3rd, Billy Yates, American Stamp Co., M. Herbert & Co., Edw. Lockwood, Mpls. Stamp Shoppe, F. P. Bohnet, W. H. Coram, Beni Cadbury, Van-Cleland Ltd., O. C. Bruner, J. A. Jungkind, Rubber City Stamp Co., E. C. Barron, Geo. Stotz, Jr., J. M. Bartolo, Ft. Dearborn Stamp Co., W. C. Henry, H. B. Jones, K. Lissjuk Co., A. P. Myers, Smith Stamp Co., Morris Savoy, Herman Toasper, J. H. Tibbetts, Veteran Stamp Co., Theo. Schreier, B. J. Dattner, Essex Stamp Co., Perry W. Fuller, A. H. Goetz, L. B. Garcia, E. C. Gericke, Th. Mainhart.

The above is a very fine showing and we are greatly indebted for the work of these boosters. If there be any of our subscribers who desire to add their names to this list they should send for a supply of our subscription forms and get busy.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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| 4 used | " .20 | " .10 |
| 5 unused | " .10 | " .05 |
| 6 unused | " .60 | " .30 |
| 7 unused | " .20 | " .10 |
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SWISS PRO JUVENTUTE, 1927

By JOSEPH GODER.

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The 5 rp. value depicts a poorly clad boy. The 10 rappen value shows a boy well cared for sitting before his filled plate saying grace. A wonderful characteristic portrait of Pestalozzi adorns the 20 rappen value. The crowning achievement of the series is doubtless the 30 rp. stamp. The artist again portrays the great pedagogue. In the background we see, at the left, a freshly cultivated field, the right half shows a ripe grain

field, allegorically signifying Pestalozzi's work and its fruits. The five rappen is brown and yellow; the ten rappen is violet and green. Both are designed by E. G. Ruegg of Zurich and are printed in tricolor at the mint of the confederacy. The twenty rappen stamp is a copper engraving, engraved by the Swiss Government Bureau of Topography, according to the design of K. Bickel of Zurich. The very beautiful red shade greatly enhances the expressiveness of the portrait.

The 30 rp. value is of a large size. The design is by E. G. Ruegg. A new process (copper etching) is employed to bring out the minutest detail of the wonderful design. The majestic shade of blue in combination with black befits the serene subject. A Holland engraving company was selected for the printing of the 30 rappen value.

OUR BOOK REVIEW

A very useful book has appeared from the press of the *Philatelic Gossip*, Holton, Kansas. It is entitled "Successful Stamp Merchandising" and is written by Al Burns, price 50c. It is a dealer's handbook and measures up to its purpose in a very excellent manner. "Boy Trade," "Specialist Trade," "The Downtown Store," "Auctioneering," "Book-keeping," "Advertising," etc., indicate the scope of the book. Mr. Burns is entitled to a great deal of credit for the manner in which he has covered his subject.

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GIBRALTAR, MINT

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| 27.....25.00 | 64.....7.50 |
| 37.....20 | 65.....18.00 |
| 40.....40 | 71a.....1.25 |
| 42.....1.00 | 72.....1.25 |
| 44.....6.00 | 73.....2.40 |
| 45.....5.00 | 74.....5.00 |
| 48-9.....25 | 75.....6.40 |
| 50.....40 | 82.....1.00 |
| 51.....90 | 83.....35 |
| 52.....70 | 84.....1.50 |
| 52a.....10.00 | 85.....9.50 |
| 54.....5.00 | 86.....29.00 |
| 57.....37.50 | 87.....80 |
| 63.....5.00 | 88.....1.60 |
| 89.....3.20 | 90.....32.00 |

IRAQ, MINT

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| This scarce set due for a rise. Blocks of four pro rata. | |
| 14.....18 | 18.....2.50 |
| 5.....10 | 11.....2.50 |
| 6.....14 | 12.....5.00 |
| 7.....20 | 14.....5.00 |

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GRENADA, MINT

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| Notable among price advances are the 2½d grey script to 1.00 and the 3d ult. to .50 & the 1sh emer. green to 1.50. | |
| 68.....12 | 89.....25 |
| 69.....15 | 90.....75 |
| 70.....45 | 91-5.....70 |
| 71.....1.80 | 99.....35 |
| 72.....30 | 100.....25 |
| 73.....2.40 | 102.....25 |
| 74.....60 | 103.....90 |
| 68-74.....5.00 | 104.....65 |
| 79-85.....1.25 | 105.....1.00 |
| 86.....1.00 | 106.....1.00 |
| 87.....2.00 | 97-106.....5.00 |
| 88.....6.00 | 201.....75 |

MONTserrat, MINT

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| Australia—1d & 1½d close multiple watermark, 2 vars. | .07 |
| Australia—1½d Canberra Commem. | .12 |
| Bermuda—2shd script wmk. | .80 |
| Br. Solomon Is.—1d violet | .03 |
| Egypt—5m King Fuad | .04 |
| British Morocco—1sh mult. wmk. | .32 |
| Tangier—½, 1, 1½ & 2d on Gr. Britain | .15 |
| Kenya—5c & 10c, new colors | .05 |
| Leeward Is.—3d on yellow, script wmk. | .08 |
| Mauritius—20c purple, King George | .12 |
| Montserrat—3d on yellow, script wmk. | .08 |
| New Zealand—1d Admiral Type Official | .03 |
| New Guinea—6d bistre (new color) | .16 |
| Nyasaland—2sh script watermark | .64 |
| Nyasaland—10sh script watermark | 3.20 |
| Palestine—New Pictorial issue, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 13, 20 & 50m, 11 vars. | 1.10 |
| Palestine—90 & 100m, new Pictorials. | 1.35 |
| Palestine—200m, New Pictorial | 1.40 |
| St. Helena—1shd & 2shd, script wmk. | 1.28 |
| St. Helena—5sh script wmk. | 1.60 |
| St. Vincent—3d on yellow, script wmk. | .08 |
| Union S. Africa—2d, 3d & 1sh Pictorials in horizontal pairs showing both Dutch and English. Set of 3 pairs | .95 |
| U. S. Africa—2shd Pictorial in pair | 1.60 |
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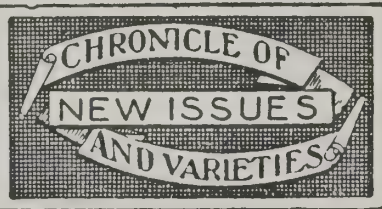
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United States

Canal Zone

Here of late there has been quite a little discussion as to the errors in the Canal Zone plates, and much has been written as to how they occur. The explanation in almost every case has been inaccurate.

Mr. H. M. Southgate writes interestingly upon the subject and I take pleasure in quoting from his letter, "I have been much interested in the notes appearing from time to time in MEKEEL'S by Mr. Huber on the Canal Zone overprint errors. It may help clear the situation a bit if a more accurate description of the method of overprinting is given, as I note that Mr. Huber mentions a plate being used for this work. This is not the case.

The overprint is made from electrotype slugs bought in strips from the Government Printing Office, each strip or head, as I believe it is called, consists of ten slugs, repetitions of the word Canal or Zone, and is of a total length of 72 rems, if my memory is correct. These heads are cut into the separate slugs, each of which of course, has only either a single Canal or Zone on it. They have to be cut to register correctly on the stamp when in the form.

A form is then made up for the full 400 subjects for the ordinary stamps or 200 in the case of the "Sesquis," so that

a full sheet may be overprinted. In the case of the 1924, April order the \$1.00 and 2c dues were overprinted on sheets of 100 taken from finished stock and a form of 100 subjects had to be made up for each of these denominations as the spacing for the \$1.00 which is a stamp with the long dimension horizontal, would not fit the 2c due unless the overprint were placed sidewise.

The ordinary stamps are overprinted in the 400 subject sheets before gumming and perforating.

The rotary press product has not, I believe been so far overprinted by a roll as is done for the Bureau Print precancels, but, doubtless, this will be done if the use of overprinted U. S. stamps continues.

Separate forms of 400 subjects are required for the ordinary stamps of ½c to 15c (short dimension horizontal) and 17c and above (long dimension horizontal).

These forms are kept intact after an order has been filled for future use, unless so worn that a new form would be required.

When a form is first made proofs on plain paper are taken and carefully inspected for any error of setting.

During the filling of an order an individual slug may be damaged or become so worn as to require replacement without replacing the other slugs.

This accounts for the inverted or duplicating errors. If the new slug is put in upside down or the wrong slug, a Zone for a Canal, had been used we get the error. As these changes would be made probably toward the end of the order the error would only appear on the balance of the order.

Had the error been detected we may be sure the defective sheets would have been removed.

From the above it will be seen that there were four forms made for the first overprinting for Canal Zone, two of 400 subjects and two of 100 subjects.

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type as the first, but a slightly different face was supplied. A third order slightly from the previous orders will, doubtless, appear on the last order for stamps.

A study of the errors, bearing in mind the forms used, will show the possibilities that exist for each type of error but unless the misplaced slug was in original setting it would not mean all the denominations on the order printed from the defective form would have the error.

It will, therefore, be seen that if sheets of a certain stamp have been printed at one time, and errors are found on several of the sheets, it does not necessarily follow that the errors will be found on all of the sheets. These conclusions heretofore reached as to number existing of error varieties, likely to be inaccurate.

Algeria.—Whitfield King & Co report the appearance of a 2fr blue postage, design as D2, and also a 3fr blue, type of D1.

Australia.—Stamp Collecting learned from the Victorian Philatelic Review that the recently issued ½p orange multiple Crown and A watermark paper has appeared in Sydney with watermark inverted. Also from July all postage due stamps of higher denominations than the 1sh have been withdrawn for destruction.

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new 8pf Beethoven stamp, in green,
which was placed on sale about the 25th
of last month.

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and red, King George design on script
watermark, are to hand from Mr. R.
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Monaco.—Mr. Henry Hooreman
sends for chronicle the 1fr10c green,
design as A11 and 3fr red and greyish-
purple on yellow, design as A15.

New Zealand.—Mr. R. Roberts sub-
mits for chronicle the 2sh pale blue, Ad-
miral type, on Cowan paper, watermarked
N Z and star.

St. Kitts-Nevis.—Mr. R. Roberts has
shown us the 2 1/2p blue, script water-
mark, chalky surface paper. The design
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Costa Rica.—The 6c, 30c and 45c provisionals of 1926 have now been superseded by a permanent type in a pictorial design similar to the 1923 issue, the colours being brown, orange and dark purple respectively. Each stamp is dated "1926" and the dies have been engraved by Messrs. Waterlow & Sons, Ltd., of London.

France.—An International Flying Exhibition was opened at Marseilles on June 25th, and remained open until July 25th. Two special Air Post stamps were issued and sold only at the Exhibition and only one copy to each purchaser of an admission ticket. The stamps are the ordinary current French 2 and 5 francs, Nos. 102a and 103 in our catalogue, overprinted with an aeroplane device and the words "Poste Aerienne."

Japan.—The new stamps referred to in our July Bulletin have now been issued, but instead of a 4 sen stamp as previously announced there has appeared a 6 sen, so that the set is as follows: 1½, 3,

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6 and 10 sen. The 1½ and 3 sen show a portrait of Baron Mitsui Maeshima, Japan's first Postmaster-General, and the other two denominations, a map of the world with a pigeon in flight carrying a letter in its beak. These stamps were placed on sale at 8 p. m., on June 20th, and are to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of Japan's entry into the Postal Union. As is usual with these Japanese commemorative stamps, only one each of the 6 and 10 sen were sold to each applicant the balance being kept by postal officials for private speculation. The 1½ and 3 sen were sold in limited numbers, but we have not yet been able to obtain sufficient to include in our new issue distribution.

Lebanon Republic.—In each sheet of the recent provisional stamp, 4 piastres 50 centimes on 75 centimes, there is an error, which has apparently passed unnoticed, probably due to the fact that this error is in the Arabic inscription, in which the first character is omitted so as to read "4½" instead of the "P4½." The current pictorial stamps have been overprinted "Republique Libanaise" including the Air Post and Postage Due stamps.

—Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin.

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STAMPS AND MUSIC

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There seems to be absolutely no sub-
ject on earth with which postage stamps
are unconnected. I fully expect to see
published some day an article entitled
"The Relation of Postage Stamps to the
Annual Consumption of Violet Lifesavers
in the Kingdom of Prester John." To
some, perhaps, the relation of postage
stamps to music—and particularly to
opera—may seem almost as ridiculous,
but it is this relation, nevertheless, which
I hope here to demonstrate.

I will begin, of course, with the United
States. Our first musical stamp is the
fifteen cent of the issue of 1869, Scott's
Nos. 118-119. This, or rather these, de-
picts or depict the landing of Columbus
in the New World. The voyage of Colum-
bus has been made the subject of a fine
opera by Aldo Franchetti, "Cristoforo
Colombo." Titta Ruffo has given fame to
the part of *Cristoforo*, whose two finest
numbers, *Aman lassù le stelle* and *Dunque
ho sognato?* belong in the repertory of
every barytone. The same operatic ref-
erence applies also to the Columbian is-
sue of 1892, Nos. 230-245. Next comes
the Hudson-Fulton issue, Nos. 372-373.
This design depicts Hudson's ship, the
Half Moon, a ship that figures promi-
nently in de Koven's opera of *Rip Van
Winkle* (Chicago, 1920).

Not until 1920 does another United
States opera stamp appear. In that year
was issued the Pilgrim Tercentenary set,
Nos. 548-550. Much music has been writ-
ten concerning the Pilgrims, probably the
finest work being Walter Damrosch's
opera, *The Scarlet Letter*, based on the
famous novel by Hawthorne. Another
fine Puritan opera is Cadman's *The
Witch of Salem*, produced so success-
fully this year by the Chicago Grand
Opera Association.

In 1922 the current set of regular post-
age stamps began to appear. The one of
these most musically connected is the
fourteen cent dark blue, No. 565. This
stamp depicts the American Indian, the
favorite musical subject of new-world
composers. Besides the fine work that
Homer Grunn, Geoffrey O'Hare, Chief
Os-Ke-Non-Ton, Princess Tsianina, and
others have done in preserving actual
tribal melodies, many composers—partic-
ularly Cadman, Lieurance, and Mac-
Dowell—have done concert pieces after
the Indian style. The most prominent
Indian operas are Gomes's superb *O Guar-
aney*, with its beautiful love duet *Sento
una forza*, its gay adventuring song
Senza tetto, its two lovely colorature
cansoni Gentile di cuore and *C'era una
volta*, and other famous numbers; Her-
bert's *Natoma*, containing among other
numbers the renowned *Dagger Dance*,
Barbara's *I list the trill*, and Paul's ad-

dress, *No country can my own outvie*;
and Cadman's *Shanewis*, so well pro-
duced last summer at the Hollywood
Bowl with Os-Ke-Non-Ton, Tsianina,
and Rafaelo Diaz.

In 1924 another commemorative set
was issued, the Huguenot-Walloon Ter-
centenary issue, Nos. 614-616. This at
once calls to mind Meyerbeer's *Gl'Ugo-
notti* or *Les Huguenots*. How famous
this opera once was in the old *nuits de
sept étoiles!* But now its glory is van-
ished; it is revived but occasionally, and
then as a curiosity. And this despite
such numbers as Raoul's enchanting
Bianca al par, old Marcel's amusing *Piff!*
Paff! *Pouff!* the page's *Nobil signori*,
salute! the Queen's *O vago suol*, St.
Bris' impassioned scene with chorus
D'un sacro zel, the soldiers' chorus, and
others long forgotten.

The year 1925 saw the first of our
several sesquicentennial stamps commem-
orating the revolution—the Lexington-
Concord issue, Nos. 617-619. There has
been an unfortunate dearth of music on
the inspiring subject of the American
war for Independence. Most of our pa-
triotic songs are of later periods, dealing
with the War of 1812, the Civil War, the
Spanish-American War, or the World
War. And the American operatic com-
posers have almost altogether neglected
the opportunities here offered them. The
chief opera on the revolution was com-
posed by an Italian, Luigi Arditi (com-
poser of *Il Bacio*, *Parla* and other fa-
mous waltzes). Although its libretto is
based on Cooper's *The Spy*, the opera
has but little dramatic or musical value.

Going through the catalog alphabeti-
cally, we find our first foreign musical
stamp in the two heller violet of the
Austrian issue of 1908. This bears the
picture of Maria Theresa, under whose
rule Vienna was at its gayest. On this
period is based Richard Strauss's de-
lightful masterpiece of comedy, *Der Ro-
senkavalier*. The innumerable Mercury
heads on the Austrian newspaper and
special delivery stamps remind us of
Gounod and his almost forgotten opera
of *Philemon et Baucis*, in which Mer-
cury, Jove, Vulcan, and other ancient
gods appear. And then there is Aus-
tria's charity set of 1922, bearing the
portraits of seven great composers of
Austrian birth or association (Nos. 631-
637). Haydn (2½k), the father of the
symphony; Mozart (5k), composer of
some of the most delicately beautiful
operas, symphonies, quartets, and *lieder*
that the world has known; Beethoven
(7½k), of whom too many superlatives
can not be used; and Schubert (10k), the
charm of whose *lieder* has seldom been
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Next we come to Barbados. Its issue of 1905 (Nos. 100-106) depicts the "first" monument erected to the memory of Nelson and was issued in commemoration of the first centennial of the Battle of Trafalgar and the death of Nelson. This death has been made the subject of a little-known song by Brahms, and the maneuvers preceding the battle are dealt within Stanford's line *The Old Superb*.

A great many of the earlier stamps of Brazil, from 1866 on, bear the portrait of the old emperor Dom Pedro. It is to him that this hemisphere owes one of its finest composers—Antonio Carlo Gomes, to whose masterpiece *O Guarany* reference has been made above. Dom Pedro discovered and patronized Gomes, whose education he provided at the expense of the Brazilian government. Aside from *O Guarany*, Gomes's most famous operas are *Lo Schiavo*, *Salvador Rosa*, and *Maria Tudor*. None of his works, unfortunately, have been given an adequate presentation in the United States.

The stamps of Fiume for 1920 (Nos. 86-99) bear a somewhat impressionistic picture of Gabriele d'Annunzio, whose poems have been the basis for numerous musical works, in particular Tosti's charming song, *A Vucchella*; Pizzetti's interesting opera, *La Pisanello*; and Zandonai's famous *Francesca da Rimini*.

Scarcely does there exist a young collector who has not several stamps of the French post office in Alexandria, Egypt. This city is the scene of Massenet's *Thais* and is the subject of Athanael's great aria in that opera, *Voilà donc la terrible cité! ... Alexandrie!*

Italy, in 1924, issued a set of stamps (Nos. 152-157) known as the Manzoni commemorative issue. This is doubly connected with music. In the first place, Manzoni's greatest novel, *I Promessi Sposi* (from which are taken the quotations on the stamps), has been made into an opera by Amilcare Ponchielli. Secondly, Manzoni's death was commemorated by Giuseppe Verdi in the great Manzoni requiem mass, one of the finest requiems ever composed.

In 1898 appeared Portugal's Vasco da Gama set (Nos. 139-146, 625-630). The voyage of Vasco to India is made the subject of Meyerbeer's opera *L'Africaine* or *L'Africana*. The part of Vasco—which varies greatly from its historical counterpart—contains one fine aria, *O Paradiso!* and several good lesser numbers. Caruso and of late years Gigli have made great successes in the rôle. *Nelusco's* best aria in this opera is en-

titled *Adamastor, re dell'onde profonde*. The idea of Adamastor is taken from de Camoes's epic *Os Lusíadas*, Canto V. Portugal issued in 1924 a series of stamps commemorating de Camoes (or Camoens, as he is often known in English); he figures in two operas—Flotow's long-forgotten *Indra* and Donizetti's "funeral in five acts," *Don Sebastiano*.

Among the most interesting commemorative sets are those of Spain in honour of Cervantes and his *Don Quijote*—postage 1905 (Nos. 287-296) and official 1916 (Nos. 464-471). *Don Quijote* has been operated by Massenet under the title of *Don Quichotte*. Although the music is rather trite and banal, the leading rôle has been sung both by Feodor Chaliapin and by Vanni-Marcoux.

Most of Switzerland's stamps from 1907 to the present day have borne the portrait either of William Tell or of his son. Rossini's greatest opera is based on the Tell legend and contains such masterpieces as *Sois immobile*, *Asile héréditaire*, the barcarolle, and a dozen other fine numbers.

For last mention have I reserved the finest set from either a musical or a philatelic point of view—the Austrian *Nibelung* set of 1926. Based on that culmination of dramatic vocal music, Wagner's *Nibelungenlied*, this set has been adjudged the loveliest of recent years. Its scenes—taken in chronological, rather than monetary, order—are: the theft of the Rheingold by Alberich (20+5g); the battle of Fasolt and Fafner (40+10g); the slaying of Fafner by Siegfried (3+2g); the reception of Siegfried by Gunther and Hagen (24+6g); Siegfried darning Brünnhilde's fire (8+2g); and the parting of Kriemhild (Gutrune) and Brünnhild (15+5g).

And here we end. I know this to be a most incomplete list, yet I think it fairly representative of the connection existing between music and stamps. I have tried to choose only direct connections; but there are others. For instance, who can mention the Two Sicilies without hearing echo in his ear the lovely folk-song of Naples? And new issues add further complications. Would that other countries would follow Austria with stamp-portraits of their musicians. Such stamps would be of far more artistic value than are those commemorating battles and generals.

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According to police the high school stamp collector, learning of a rare collection of stamps, would watch the collector's home and seizing an opportunity when there was no one at home would break into the place and steal the best of the collection. These he would rearrange and sell to some other stamp collector.

His arrest Saturday followed the complaint of Aaron Cohen, 174 Twenty-second Street that the \$2,500 collection of his son, Wilbur, had been taken and discovery by Detectives John Heiz and George Radtke that it contained several stamps previously reported stolen. When Mr. Cohen explained that he had bought the collection from Manner, the raid on his home followed.

Yesterday the collectors confessed their inability to identify their own stamps in the pile at police headquarters. Manner was brought from the detention home and unerringly sorted them and distributed them to their owners.

Among those whose homes he entered and the amount of stamps stolen were: Charles Christensen, 1657 Fourteenth Street, \$600; Charles Toelle, 602 Thirtieth Street, \$2,100; Henry George, 985 Seventh Street, \$1,000, and Mr. Cohen, \$2,500.

He also confessed to theft of stamps from three offices in the Plankinton arcade, police say.

Proceeds from the sale of the stamps, some sets of which were sent to New York dealers, he used to buy more for his collection, he said."

IN THE FAR EAST

I am on a Mediterranean tour and find stamps offered for sale almost everywhere. They are shown on the streets of Athens and Constantinople, even though they mostly are of the cheaper sort and sold on sheets for about 25c a sheet. Athens has ten members of the American Philatelic Society, which is an unusual number for a foreign city of its size.

In Damascus, I found four stamp dealers on the same block as our hotel here, and was able to make purchases at one place; and I also patronized the post office. The Lebanon "Republic" stamps are on sale there, but only in complete sets of twenty-two varieties—postage, air mail and dues. The price is 111 piastres, equal to about 89c, U. S. I had some difficulty in making my wants known and had it not been for the timely assistance of an employee of the U. S. consul's office who happened to be standing by, I might not have succeeded in my mission. I purchased stamps to the amount of 276 piastres and handed over 300 piastres and waited for my change. "Nothing doing." They do not give change in that country and the consul's man then explained that the postal clerk wished to retain the balance as a tip! A little "rake off" but it amounted to so little that I was content.

In Jerusalem, stamps are on sale in many shops in connection with other goods, but there is nothing very rare; and all U. S. seem to be scarce. At one place, where prices seemed to be rather high, there were two Mexican stamps worth about 3c and priced at 5 piastres or about 25c, U. S. The dealer explained that he allowed 50% off on sets displayed in the window and for that particular set he would take 1 piastre or just one-fifth. Only two values of the new set are on sale at the P. O., the 3 and 13 mil., but I was told that other denominations were expected on August 14th. I leave Jerusalem for Egypt tomorrow, August 9th.

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British Guiana.—I have found, in several of my jaunts near my home, that the 60c M.C.A. of this Colony is, for some reason or other, missing from many dealers' stocks, and the same remark applies when I have gone further afield than the Strand. Can my readers let me know if they also have found a difficulty in obtaining this stamp? Even when it was current, it didn't seem to me to turn up so often as the other values of the set. The 96 cents in their different shades, or rather, on their different papers, should be completed now, as this value on script paper has already been sent out to the Colony, and will doubtless put in its appearance during the course of the next week or two.

South West Africa.—This country has always been a favourite of mine, and what is far more important, many of my readers are very partial to it. Therefore, I will not apologise for giving it another little paragraph. This time, I am going to advise the acquisition of the

official stamps, which have lately put in their appearance, though in very limited numbers, and of course, only in a used condition, as they are not on sale to the public in mint state. Judging by the difficulty I have found in getting together a page of these for my collection, they are well worth acquiring, and I am also still in doubt whether their life in their present form will not be very short. Those overprinted on the Union King's head design are especially interesting, as the South West overprint has been applied to these stamps vertically to allow the official overprint in the two languages to be applied horizontally.

Canada.—A correspondent wishes to confine his attentions to only one British Colony or Dominion, and writes asking which of all the places in the British Empire I would pick out as the most promising country to collect, looked at, as he says, from a Philatelic point of view, to keep his interest up, and from a financial point of view for the welfare of his pocket. I have no hesitation in replying "Canada."

Alaouites, Grand Lebanon and Syria.—These three little countries, all of which are comparatively new to our albums and adjacent to one another, are, I think, a very nice little group to collect, for anyone who is interested in Foreigners. Changes are pretty frequently being rung on us, but the stamps are all inexpensive, so that perhaps we do not mind these numerous changes. With the exception of the first-named, these countries have quite a big mail and the stamps are generally more common used than mint, and there are often opportunities of picking them up quite cheaply. They seem to have, judging by the prices, much more correspondence with Great Britain than with France, under whose protection, of course, they are. I have just seen some values of the Grand Liban pictorial series, overprinted "Republique Libanaise," and these I should recommend readers to obtain early, especially the surcharged

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OFFICIAL WAR COUNTERFEITS

By Jos. GODER.

Among the many innovations created by the World War, official counterfeits of the stamps of the enemy surely interest the philatelist.

The object of these imitations is not yet clearly recognized. Dr. Munk in the Kohl-Handbuch states that the counterfeits were used for espionage service. Especially prepared paper was used to write upon with invisible ink which could be made legible by chemical treatment. Munk records only the counterfeits of the German 10 and 15 pfennig stamps (Germania design water-marked lozenges). In a recent issue of the Austrian philatelic journal *Die Postmarke* Engineer Edwin Mueller publishes an interesting article with enlarged photographic reproductions of the so far known counterfeits of stamps of the Central Powers. The reproductions were undoubtedly made in England. Their official character is acknowledged through the admission of Allied officials.

The counterfeits are extremely good imitations. The most striking deviations from the originals are the size of the design and the perforation.

Of the German stamps the 10 pfennig red (wm. lozenges) of the issue 1905, Scott No. 83, and the 15 pfennig violet-brown, Scott No. 120, are the ones counterfeited. The horizontal perforation of the counterfeits has 15 teeth instead of the 14 of the original. The watermark lozenges differ also from the original. The vertical bars on the T and H of the inscription are very faint.

The 5, 10 and 15 pfennig values of the Bavarian issue of 1914 are known to have been reproduced both perforated and imperforated. The expression of King Ludwig III shows a marked difference from the original. The size of the stamp picture of the originals is 17 1/2mm x 21 3/4mm. The counterfeits have the following dimensions:

5pf, 17 1/2 x 21 3/4mm
10pf, 17 3/4 x 21 3/4mm
15pf, 18 x 21 3/4mm

The perforation of the originals shows 15 x 18 teeth. The counterfeits 16 by 18 teeth.

The Austrian stamps imitated are the 5 and 10 heller values of the crown design, Scott No. 146 and 148, also the 25 heller value of the issue 1917, Scott No. 168. The latter, however, seems not to have been actually used. Perforated and imperforated specimens were issued. As with the Bavarian issues the divergency is in the size of the design. The reproduction of the 5 heller is about .7mm higher and .3mm wider than the original. The 10 heller is .2mm higher and .4mm wider. The design deviates also, especially the letters nk in the engraver's name Junk are smaller than the rest of the letters.

Undoubtedly the position of these fac-similes is unique in the realm of philately. Great obscurity still veils the reason for their existence. Whether the theory of Dr. Munk is correct or whether other conditions are responsible for their existence is left undecided.

SOME STICKLESS STAMPS SAVED

(Clipping from H. Walk.)

A stickless stamp, if it's the right kind, may be worth 1,000 times its face value. Postoffice customers have complained that occasionally they found a stamp that looks all right but "won't stick well."

A little lapse in the efficiency of the government bureau of printing and engraving accounts for the freak, which collectors hail as a rarity. The few specimens held by observant stamp fans are quoted at \$20 each, it was learned yesterday.

The freak, discovered by Cleveland postal officials in six different denominations, is a "double paper" or "overlap" species. Thirty of them are known to have been sold at the postoffice here. Probably 500 have gone into circulation. Except those seized by vigilant stamp collectors, all probably have been used and destroyed.

Alvin Good, stamp broker of 558 Hippodrome building, was among the first to recognize that the stamps which post-office customers scorned are a collector's gem.

"Recently the bureau of printing and engraving at Washington began printing stamps on a rotary press instead of a 'flat bed,'" Good said yesterday.

"When some roll of paper was used up, the printer simply lapped the end of a new roll over the end of the old one and pasted them together. As this splice went through the press the 'split' caused one row of stamps to be printed partly on one piece of paper and partly on the other.

"Twenty stamps out of each 500,000 became these 'double paper' prints."

The freak is listed in rare stamp catalogs now being printed, Good said, and, as the public learns of the rarity, more will probably be caught and saved and the collectors' price will decrease, he said.

Just now they are the most eagerly sought for oddity among stamps.—*Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

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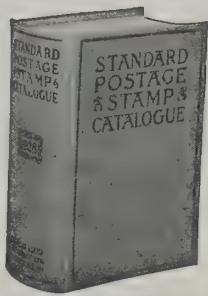
An observation that is made by an experienced philatelist has been received and since it has a direct application to any predictions of the course of market movements during the season, now impending, it is spoken of here. He says that the restoration of normal conditions in European countries is proceeding more rapidly than is generally imagined and that in consequence, the supply of really fine things that have been sent here from the countries abroad for sale, due to necessity, is dwindling. He writes: "I do not suppose any one of us knows how huge a number of stamps were sold in the U. S. for the account of philatelists in some of the war countries, at any price, but now such 'hard time' consignments are few. Collectors in Europe are keeping many of the best stamps there and the American market is not called upon to absorb them." Consequently, he adds, more money will be released to buy high-priced pieces in our own country. By this token, business here will be greatly speeded up, but while this momentum is acceptable it is not really vital as it is in the air that philately will have the most active season that it has ever enjoyed during the coming months.

Mr. S. Singer, New York, writes from Luxembourg, under date of September 5th, where he was in attendance at the International Stamp Exhibition, which was opened on September 4th by the Grand Duke of Luxembourg. Mr. Singer says that many very fine exhibits were entered that previously had not been shown; and he promises details of the exhibition. At the time of writing, Mr. Singer was the only representative of American philately there.

The arrest and confession of a thirteen-year-old boy in Milwaukee solves the recent burglaries committed there, according to word received from that city. The miscast philatelic zeal of this youth accounted for the losses sustained by the dealers there and it is evident that the campaign of theft did not embrace other than local territory.

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Mr. Augustus E. Ingram, Washington, D. C., furnishes information that solves the mystery surrounding the whereabouts of the Spanish stamp-issuing colony of La Aguera. He says: "The location of 'La Aguera,' presumed to be a Spanish colony in Africa, of which information was desired by Mr. Robt. S. Gordon in the issue of September 12th was certainly a geographical puzzle. Atlases, year-books, etc., proving of no avail, inquiry was made at the Map Division of the Congressional Library, but without success. A visit was then paid to the Spanish Embassy in this city and after leaving the matter for their careful attention, the following written reply was received later: 'La Aguera' is a trade factory situated in the territory of Rio de Oro, on the west coast of Africa to the south of Villa Cisneros. It is a very small place and its only importance is as a fishery station, fish being caught and dried there, preparatory to being sold to the natives in other parts of the West Coast. Its European population is negligible, just a few government officials and trading officials.' We are indebted to Mr. Ingram for his persistence in securing data concerning this sequestered colony and proving its geographical identity. The stage is set for a diatribe on the postal necessities of La Aguera as contrasted with its stamp issues, but we forbear to enlarge on this subject as the sophisticated philatelist knows that it is the exceptional country that does not throw in extra stamps for good measure."

It is not always easy to track a stamp-issuing country nowadays to the atlas or other special work where it may be observed in its infinitesimal proportions, as we have reason to know from experience. Some time ago, we had occasion to search for information concerning Alaouites in consequence of the receipt of the following letter: "I have recently purchased a collection of Alaouites complete and find myself in the rather humorous position of owning all the stamps of a country or territory of which I know nothing and can find nothing. The latest supplement to our Boston Public Library encyclopedia contains no information. Hammond's, the map people, offer nothing, or at least, their Boston office is helpless; and I am daily getting more curious. From the stamps,

I deduce that originally a French possession or protectorate, the territory has recently come under Syrian dominion." This was in March of 1927, and our seeker after knowledge has had a long wait for an answer if he depended on us. It has taken us six months to get Alaouites straightened out as we shall show in a subsequent number.

In the issue of August 22, 1927, editorial mention was made of the federation of certain British colonies in East Africa, as a consequence of a letter that came from Mr. Arthur L. Wainwright of New York. The subject was not a new one by any means and other stamp publications had spoken of the development before our correspondent wrote us. However, a most interesting letter has come from Colonel R. A. Eddy, Evanston, Illinois, as a consequence of the lag-gard notice, in the form of the following text: "Actually some of the places mentioned in the item are not yet real colonies." Ask H. M., the Sultan of Zanzibar; and what of the other places not mentioned? I include Northern Rhodesia, Bechuanaland and British Nyasaland before Zanzibar, but believe the latter to be a possibility—because a merry sultan would not stand in the way of the minor colonial development. I hate to read in the WEEKLY an incomplete comment on something that will happen not in the immediate future, but one of these days; and when it does happen, it will be very interesting, and some collectors will wish that they had paid earlier attention to what one West Indies specialist recently called my 'Chinese East Africa.' Some of the items even now are high-priced." In order to present the case properly, we repeat the item that occasioned Colonel Eddy's remarks: "Steps are to be taken to consider plans whereby Great Britain may federate the colonies of Zanzibar, Tanganyika and Kenya. If federation were accomplished, the stamp changes would be important ones for the collector. As a statistician informs us, the far-seeing collector is always on the alert to foretell what the result of new political alignments will be on collecting." Our mentor has contributed instructive matter on the subject in recent numbers of Scott's Monthly Journal, in Kent Stile's column.

In a stampless cover sent from Pinckneyville, Illinois, on September 21, 1843, to Joliet, Illinois, the following words catch the eye: "Your letter when it reached me was broken open and badly torn. It was so badly soiled that I could scarcely read it, having been apparently thoroughly soaked in water.

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Stray Bits of News

Mis-Strike.—A term often used in connection with envelope stamps impressed in the wrong place, doubly printed, or only partly impressed.

M. J. I.—An overprint applied to certain stamps of the Argentine republic in 1913 for official use. The letters stand for "Ministerio de Justicia y Instruccion," meaning "Ministry of Justice and Instruction (or Education)."

M.M.—A frequently used philatelic abbreviation for "millimetre."

M. M.—An official overprint applied to certain stamps of the Argentine republic in 1913 for use by the Navy department. The letters stand for "Ministerio de Marina," which means "Ministry of Marine."

Mobile.—A city in the state of Alabama having a population of about 40,000, which is philatellically famed from the fact that in 1861 the postmaster issued special 2c and 5c stamps to facilitate the working of the local postoffice.

Millieme and Millimetre

Millieme.—The value in which many of the stamps of Egypt and the Sudan are expressed. Ten milliemmes are equal to a piastre and one millieme is worth about half a cent in American money.

Millimetre.—The thousandth part of a metre in French or metric measurement. Twenty millimetres is the space now adopted as the standard in measuring perforations, the number of holes counted in this space forming the "gauge."

Palestine Pictorials

On August 13, a set of pictorial stamps was issued for Palestine in characteristic designs. The set we now chronicle will be supplemented with a 1 millieme value:—

- 2m blue-green. Rachel's Tomb.
- 4m pink. Dome of the Rock.
- 5m orange. Citadel of Jerusalem.
- 6m dark green. Dome of the Rock.
- 7m red. Citadel of Jerusalem.
- 8m light brown. Dome of the Rock.
- 10m grey. Rachel's Tomb.
- 20m olive. Citadel of Jerusalem.
- 50m red-purple. Lake Tiberias.
- 90m bistre. Lake Tiberias.
- 100m cobalt-blue. Lake Tiberias.
- 200m deep purple. Lake Tiberias.

The Plaint of the Postage-Stamp

(1862)

I'm a very dirty little Stamp;
My back is gummed, my face is dimly blurred;
And yet I am in commerce, cot, and camp,
Familiar as the well-known household word.
Yet O, to think that I should ever be
Converted into legal currency!

Now on an envelope I'm not so bad,
And I take letters through both cheap and neat;
Sticking to one thing was a way I had,
But now I stick to everything I meet:
And O, to think that I could ever be
Passed in the place of metal currency!

To do my duty I did ne'er refuse;
But woe is me! for I have fallen low;
I'm passed for vulgar drinks and oyster-stews,
And dirty shaves—'tis that that sticks me so!
Alas! alas! that I should ever be
A victim to the dearth of currency!

Thumbing and gumming have quite worn me out;
I'm drab and dingy now, instead of red;
My back is weak, and soon, without a doubt,
If I am passed much more I'll lose my head.
O sorry day! when I did chance to be
Put to the use of baser currency!

GEORGE ARNOLD.

[George Arnold was one of the band of young litterateurs, of Bohemian proclivities, who flourished in New York City about the middle of the last century, among whom were Fitz-James O'Brien and John Brougham, and of whom William Winter is the sole survivor. Arnold was born in Bedford Street in 1834, died at Strawberry Farms, N. J., in 1865, and is best remembered by his pathetic poem "The Jolly Old Pedagogue." The poem above reprinted is not generally known, and was evidently evoked by the necessity, caused by the Civil War, of making encased postage stamps perform the service of the vanishing metallic currency.]

Mixed Perforations

This is a combination of perforations found, I believe, only in the case of some modern New Zealand stamps. The term "mixed" is applied to stamps from sheets which were either defectively or incompletely perforated and were then patched on the backs with strips of paper and re-perforated by a machine of a different gauge in those parts where the original perforation was not satisfactory.

JUNIOR STAMP STUDIES

The Wild Goose
China A19
1898-07, \$1, \$2, \$5



The carp on the 20 to 50c values and the wild goose on the dollar denominations are not advertisements of Chinese sport, like some of Newfoundland's Cabot issue. The carp is the symbol of intellectuality (do not we believe that fish are good food for brain workers?) and the stamp is rather a boast of the literati of China. The honking of geese is said to have saved Rome on one occasion, and a wild goose once performed a useful service in China. The Emperor having sent an ambassador to the ruler of a northern country, heard nothing more of him, for the man was despitely used and made a slave. Having caught a wild goose, the ambassador tied a written message under its wing and released it to pursue its southward flight. This goose, so the legend runs, was taken, the message read and the ambassador subsequently rescued. So the wild goose became the Chinese emblem of a messenger, and a legend more than two thousand years old determines the design of a nineteenth century stamp.

Introducing Slowacki



A new 20g Polish stamp which will advertise a local writer of some prominence, Julius Slowacki, and at the same time lend additional variety to Poland's stamp issues.

The Republic of Tuva

L'Echo de la Timbrologie for July 15th, contains an illustrated article signed by Ismail Bey on the stamps of this Soviet Republic. Situated in Central Asia, a neighbour of that philatellically active state, Mongolia, the first stamps were issued last year. The design, which was the same for all values, consisted of an indented wheel, symbol of eternity, and all the inscriptions and figures of value were expressed in local characters.

Now a new series of fourteen pictorial stamps is about to make its appearance:—

1k, Native woman; 2k, Stag; 3k, wild deer; 4k, Native hunter's hut; 5k, Native man; 8k, Map of the Republic; 10k, Native huntsman; 14k, Camels; 18k, Native hut; 28k, View; 40k, Men fording a river; 50k, Girl making carpets; 70k, Horseman; 1 rouble, Natives on stags.

The designs are the work of Olga Feodorovna Amosova. The inscriptions are in native characters and also in English. Printed by lithography in three colours on thick white paper and perforated, the stamps form an interesting addition to one's album.—*Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.*

Something Stampic

Mozambique.—The Portuguese form of Mozambique as shown upon the stamps for that territory.

Modena.—An Italian province having an area of 1,002 square miles. Postage stamps for Modena were first issued on June 1, 1852. In 1860 they were superseded by the stamps of Sardinia and in 1862 by those for the kingdom of Italy.

Modenesi.—The Italian form of the adjective "Modenese" as shown upon the 1859 stamps for that province.

Moheli.—A small island in the Indian Ocean, having a population of about 6,000, which belongs to France. It has issued its own distinctive postage stamps since 1906.

Moiré.—A French word meaning "watered" and generally used in connection with textile fabrics having a finish corresponding to "watered silk." Philatellically it is applied to stamps having a moiré pattern on the back, as an extra precaution against forgery, such as on the 1872 stamps for Mexico.

Moldavia.—One of the Danubian principalities now forming part of the kingdom of Roumania. It issued postage stamps on July 15, 1858.

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Missionary Stamps

This is the name by which the stamps forming the first issue for the Hawaiian Islands is generally known. These stamps came to be known "missionaries" from the fact that many of the few existing specimens were found on letters sent by American missionaries in Hawaii to their friends and relatives in this country. The first stamps of Uganda, which were manufactured with the aid of an ordinary typewriter by the missionaries stationed there, are also frequently known as mission stamps.

Paper No. 14—Blued

This is paper which has not been intentionally colored, but has turned more or less blue, sometimes all over, sometimes only in patches. The bluing is the result of the chemical action of certain ingredients in the printing on the paper. Almost any of the common line-engraved stamps of Great Britain will serve for illustration.

Junior Dictionary

S. N. D. A.—These four letters prominently displayed on all values of the Dante commemorative set issued Italy in 1921. They represent the patriotic Italian society "Societa Nazionale Dante Alighieri" in whose interests stamps were issued.

Steigiamasis Seimas.—This inscription is found (also in abbreviated form) on stamps issued by Lithuania commemorate the opening of the "First Parliament" this being the translation of the two words given.

Sub Umbra Floreo.—This inscription found on British Honduras 2c postage stamp beneath the arms is the Latin motto. It signifies "I flourish beneath the shadow."

Tanger-Fez.—Local stamps bearing this inscription were issued about 1870 for postal service between Tangier (Tanger), a seaport town of Morocco, on the Strait of Gibraltar, and Fez, an inland city. The use of the labels was limited and they have practically no philatelic value.

3 Novembre, 1918.—This overprint on certain war charity stamps of St. Marino was applied to commemorate the world war armistice of that count with Austria.

3. 6. 18.—Bahamas issued a War Charity stamp March 6, 1918, and the figures are supposed to represent the date of issue. The stamps actually appeared July 10.

31. 7. 17.—This date on the Mozambique Co. 1917, charity issue, represents the anniversary of the opening of World War hostilities in Portuguese East Africa.

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By GEO. B. SLOANE.

In your issue of August 29th, I note an inquiry in reference to Mesopotamia by Naim H. Bikhor, Bagdad, Mesopotamia, who states he has never seen an unused, mint copy of Scott's No. 50, the 1 rupee surcharged on the 10 rupee red-brown, the variety without the "Reshad" at the right of the toughra or Sultan's signature.

The stamp is not priced by Scott in either used or unused condition, and in my opinion is exceedingly rare unused, with gum, although relatively common used.

The only unused copy I ever saw, I sold at auction early this year in disposing of the Stockton Buzby collection. None of the leading collectors of 20th Century stamps had this stamp unused, in so far as those on my mailing list were concerned. This copy was sold to a leading collector for \$320. Following the sale of this copy, I was sent at least a dozen copies of the stamp used by various collectors and dealers, but not another copy turned up unused.

The same variety is also found in the Official stamps overprinted "On State Service," Scott's No. 227. This stamp, likewise, is not priced, but seems to be fairly common. I have had a number of these sent me, in singles, pairs, and in strips, unused, and used.

I trust that the foregoing information will be of interest to Mr. Bikhor and to any other collectors who have been seeking an unused copy of Scott's No. 50.

A COURT CASE

Some time ago, we learned of an action that John A. Klemann, president of the Nassau Stamp Company, New York, had instituted against A. H. Weber, Berkeley, California, when Mr. Klemann went to the coast in order to appear at the proceedings. The issue involved was one of liability for stamps belonging to the Nassau Stamp Company that were in the keeping of Mr. Weber at the time of the great fire in Berkeley and destroyed with other stamps. A decision has been rendered in this case as is shown by the following item that appeared in the Oakland Press, California, of September 3, 1927, under the head: "New York Man Receives Justice in California." We quote:

"An interesting case came up before Judge Robinson in Department 2 of the Superior Court on August 29th, regarding a collection of stamps.

John A. Klemann of New York City, president of the Nassau Stamp Co., was plaintiff and A. H. Weber of Berkeley, was defendant.

The suit was brought to recover the loss of a collection of stamps which had been sent to Mr. Weber to select from the collection the ones he wanted and to return the remainder. The fire which swept Berkeley in the fall of September, 1923, burned the entire collection.

The point of law brought out in the case was that Weber kept the collection longer than he should have, they being sent for him to select what he wished after an examination.

The jury was unanimous in its decision for the stamp company.

Attorney Fred L. Button represented the plaintiff. He was assisted by Peter J. Crosby."

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 1847, 5c block of six
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 1901, 2c invert, two copies
 1918, 24c invert, block of four
 Revenue, 3c Proprietary, inverted center
 Confederate States, 10c outer line, strip of seven

Confederate, 5c Talbotton, unique
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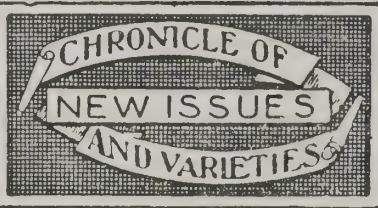
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United States

1847, 10c, Block of Fourteen

There has recently been found, what is without doubt the finest United States item that is today known to Philately. This is a block of fourteen of the 10c Black, 1847, used in connection with a horizontal strip of ten of the same stamp.

This wonderful item was recently located in one of our smaller, but important towns, and was found stored away with old letters and papers that had not been touched for nearly eighty years. The block and strip are in a wonderful state of preservation, and were found on a large piece of the cover wrapped around other letters. Fortunately, it was so wrapped that not a single stamp was creased, and not a single stamp discolored by time.

The block of fourteen consists of stamps number 1 to 14 inclusive, from the right pane, that is, the complete horizontal first row of ten, together with the first four stamps of the second row. There are full sheet margins at the top, as well as at the right and left sides. Stamps No. 1 and No. 2, show the shifts in the right "X."

The strip of ten has sheet margins at the sides, and this was found pasted along the sheet margins of the larger block, giving it the appearance at first of a block of twenty-four. The stamps

are lightly pen-cancelled, and show a portion of the red grid postmark on the right end stamps. As the portion of the cover remaining had no address and showed no postmark, we are unable to say as to the city using these stamps. The impression is very sharp, and clear, and time has not taken the bluish tinge out of the paper, which is found in copies well preserved.

Heretofore, the largest block known of this variety was a mint block of six, in a Philadelphia collection. The same collection has the two heretofore largest known strips, namely, two strips of six on two different covers. The only other blocks are a mint block of four from the Duveen Collection, a very fine pen-cancelled block of four from the Sinkler Collection, and a further postmarked block of four, badly cut into on two sides from the Eagle Collection.

New 2c Booklet Pane

The new 2c rotary print Booklet Pane in the current design has appeared with a new perforation 11x10 1/2, unnoticed. In purchasing several booklets recently the variety came to my attention, and upon investigation, find that it was issued in June.

The 1c Booklet in the new perforation has not, as yet, been issued and as the Department is not making up 1c Booklets, it is quite likely that this variety will not appear, until such a time when the postal rates are again changed.

Washington Notes

Mention was made in this column several months back, that the Department was preparing special coils of three thousand subjects, with the gum side out for use in connection with the mailing machines. These have, what they are now designating abroad as "Jazz Perforations." The Bureau of Engraving and Printing informs me that these will be available towards the end of October, depending upon completion and assembling of the special coiling machines necessary.

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denominations, they issued for the printing machine Company the 1 1/2c imperforate, the product of the press. Because of the large gutter between the panes, they were unable to use these sheets and the Department rather than print further stamps, decided to make up special coils for use of mailing machines.

New Surcharged Envelope

Mr. Carl Young has just shown new envelope not noted heretofore, namely, the 1 1/2c on 2c Blue, size 13 H. This bears the solid type of print, and the error has only been recently discovered, although it was probably surcharged some months back.

1 1/2c Surcharged Envelope

Through the courtesy of Mr. Assistant Superintendent of Division Stamps, I am enabled to bring out of the present location of the envelope, up to date. The last list appeared several months back.

Universal Model "G"

Die
 No. 2—Hastings, Nebr., 5/31/27; kosh, Wis., 7/8/27.
 No. 3—Eugene, Oregon, 5/3/27.
 No. 4—Long Island City, N. Y., 6/14/27.
 Wilkesbarre, Pa., 7/26/27.
 No. 12—Passaic, N. J., 6/22/27.
 No. 13—Orange, N. J., 5/27/27.
 No. 15—San Jose, Calif., 8/9/27.

International Flyer

Die
 No. 13—Bradford, Pa., 4/29/27.
 No. 15—Wayne, Nebr., 6/16/27; Smith, Ark., 8/31/27.
 No. 17—Baraboo, Wis., 5/27/27.
 Cleveland, Ohio, revalued envelope for Findlay, Ohio, July, 1927, International die No. 12.
 Philadelphia, Pa., revalued envelope for Bedford, Pa., July, 1927.

"Referring further to the list furnished you on April 9, you are advised that International Flyer Die No. 17, was to Spencer, Iowa., not Spencer, Ind. March 2, 1926, in case you desire to rectify your records."

Air Mail Notes

Through the courtesy of Mr. Charles E. Jandree, Jr., I am able to record a new air mail cover from Springfield, Mass., bearing a blue seal shape postmark.

We find in three lines, "Eastern States Exposition, Springfield, Mass., Sept. 24, 1927." In the upper part of the stamp we find stamped in red the winged

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| 224 20 Mk. | .02 | 234 1000 Mk. | .02 | 242 5T"/40" | .02 | 251 75T"/400" | .02 |
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| 226 30 Mk. | .03 | 236 5000 Mk. | .02 | 243 15T"/40 Mk. | .01 | 253 100T"/100" | .01 |
| 227 40 Mk. | .02 | 236a 100,000 Mk. | .02 | 244 20T"/12" | .02 | 254 100T"/400" | .02 |
| 228 50 Mk. | .02 | 237 5000 Mk. | .04 | 245 20T"/25" | .04 | 255 125T"/1000" | .02 |
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Mr. Charles H. Hermann calls attention to the several colors in which certain air mail cancellations have appeared here of late. For instance, in the Lindbergh Springfield postmark he advises this has appeared in blue, purple, and magenta, together with a combination of blue and magenta. Of the Detroit Lindbergh variety, he has found both magenta and purple.

Mr. Hermann also calls attention to several February first varieties, not heretofore recorded. These are first day letters under the general 10c air rate for 1/2 oz. One shows a Omaha postmark in magenta in four lines reading, "Omaha, First Flight—Air Mail—Under new 10c Rate." A similar postmark in the same color was used by North Platte, Iowa City used a special hand stamp in combination with manuscript reading, "At 10c, 1/2 oz. Anywhere in the U. S. A." These were postmarked in violet.

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the Postmaster at Talbotton, Ga. The marking is circular in shape, printed in black, and reads, Talbotton, Ga., paid with large figure "5" in the center. The cover is postmarked, "Talbotton, Ga., Jul. 29, 1927."

Mr. Merser writes that the variety has been shown to the Scott Company, and is being listed.

Brazil.—Mr. R. Roberts sends for chronicle two values of stamps issued to commemorate the centennial of the "Fundacao dos Cursos Juridicas do Brazil." The two values are of different designs and each bears the wording mentioned above together with the dates "1827-1927." The colors are 100r blue and 200r red.

Bulgaria.—Mr. R. Roberts advises that he has received a copy of the 30st blue-black and buff, in a revival of the old type of Scott's A1. The stamp is perf. 13 with no watermark.

China.—According to the Chinese newspapers, a set of commemorative stamps will be issued by the government of North China to commemorate the ceremony of Marshall Chang Tso Lin being installed in the post of generalissimo of North China. These stamps are ten denominations: 1c, 2c, 4c, 5c, 10c, 16c, 20c, 40c, 50c, and \$1. They will be sold in Chili, Shantung, Manchuria Provinces and the three special Districts: Kingchao (Pekin), Johov, Chahar, and other places which are occupied by his forces. —TSAN WEN WAN.

Greece.—Three new stamps have been issued to mark the centenary of the death of Colonel Favier, one of the "Philhellene" heroes of the Greek War of Independence. He was a Colonel in Napoleon's army and went to Greece during the war, where he received a command in the Greek revolutionary army. His great feat, the centenary of which is now being celebrated, was the running of the blockade when the Turks besieged the Acropolis, the entrance as it was then and through which Favier entered being shown on the stamps together with Favier's portrait surrounded by the dates "1826-1926."—Whitfield King & Co's Bulletin.

Italy.—Whitfield King & Co. send for chronicle a copy of the 50c brown and grey, type of A85.

Japan.—Mr. R. Roberts submits copies of the 1 1/2s lilac and 3s pale olive in the Postal Commemoration series mentioned in issue 1913. Regarding the 6s and 10s Mr. Roberts advises that these are speculative issues having been bought up mostly by officials.

In the ordinary postal issue a 30s chocolate has been placed on sale. Mr. Roberts sends us a copy for inspection. It is of the type of the 1913-14 issue on granite paper, perf. 13 x 13 1/2.

Lebanon Republic.—Whitfield King & Co's Bulletin prints the following: "In the recently issued provisionals overprinted 'Republique Libanaise' we have discovered three errors as follows:—Without stop after 'P', 4 1/2 piastres on 75c, 7 1/2 on 2 1/2 piastres. Comma instead of stop after 'P', 15 piastres on 25 piastres. Arabic character 'P' omitted, 15 on 25 piastres."

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South West Africa.—Whitfield King & Co. report that they have received copies of the 1½p postage due, Pretoria printing, Union of South Africa stamps surcharged "South West Africa" and "Suidwes Afrika" alternately 12mm being the space between the two lines of overprint. Also our correspondent further informs us that the 1p postage due stamps of the 1927 issue of South Africa bears the same overprint as that mentioned above.

PANAMA PROTESTS

(Clipping from Edw. J. Meehan.)

Dr. Eusebio Morales, Minister of Finance for Panama, made a statement before the League of Nations Assembly at Geneva that is of interest to philatelists. We would like to publish his address in full, but we have space only to print the following which appeared in the *New York Sun*, Sept. 14:—

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Recent Data Concerning Some of the Rarities Among the Multiple Imperforates and the Inverted Heads

By HENRY L. DEAN, 239 Windsor Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Again prompted by further requests for additional data to supplement or extend his articles in the March 22, 1926, and the January 3, and January 17, 1927, issues of MEKEEL'S the writer has in preparation a discussion of the first issue part-perforate multiples, a general price resume of imperforate pairs and blocks and a partial treatment, at least, of shifts, cracks, double prints and related varieties for the specialist.

The magnitude of such a program, however, must be obvious and pending the completion of any single chapter a few random comments are now offered that round out and bring up to date the earlier articles referred to above.

3c Playing Cards

Imperforate

The advance sheets released by the compilers of the standard catalog now price this stamp at \$300, and while the writer shares the views of several revenue authorities that this figure represents too drastic a jump above the former level of \$200, it must be remembered that the rarest imperforate revenue is being dealt with, especially so when condition is considered. Bearing in mind further, however, that the catalog is founded on "Good" stamps not "Fine" a downward revision would seem appropriate. A year or so ago the opinion was ventured that the finest known pair was easily worth \$800 (the piece in mind being the one transferred from the first collection of Mr. W. S. White to Senator E. R. Ackerman) and this valuation was confirmed subsequently by the sale of the Lapham pair, a nice full margined piece although creased in the bottom stamp, for \$750. Collectors might have in mind that the total issue of this stamp, including both imperforate and perforated, was 368,106.

3c Telegraph

Imperforate

Earlier notes concerning numbers of blocks must be revised as the A. G. Bishop collection contained a block of four and the writer has secured a fine block of six from the Ballard property at \$125. He has likewise disposed of the previously recorded inferior block of 12, and recently sold one of the blocks of 15 for a price of \$225, at the same time cutting the bottom strip of three from the duplicate piece to make a perfect block of 12.

10c Power of Attorney

Imperforate

During the past year, two hitherto generally unknown blocks of four developed, one a magnificent item dated Feb. 22, 1864, the other much inferior, being short on two sides. Mention is made

of these particular pieces simply to stimulate those who are apt to become discouraged through failure to add anything new to their collections and to indicate that it is by no means too late to uncover almost anything in these early fiscals.

\$1.60 Foreign Exchange

Imperforate

An unsevered pair of this value having long been regarded as the most desirable of the Imperforate multiples and by reason of the odd rate very unlikely to again come to light it may be of some interest to record the history of the two pieces known. One, somewhat defective, was originally held by Dr. Fisk of Chicago, the other by Dr. Bowers of Connecticut, the latter selling to Mr. Clarence Eagle, and the former to Mr. H. Gibson, both pieces passing through the same dealer. The Gibson property later went intact to Mr. H. Lapham and when his collection was dispersed last year, the \$1.60 pair brought \$1,000. Senator E. R. Ackerman took the Eagle pair (and incidentally the 70c and \$2.50 Imperforate pairs and the Imperforate blocks of \$10.00 Charter Party and \$10.00 Mortgage) the writer in turn securing his entire collection in 1925. The original Bowers piece is truly magnificent and unbiased and conservative judges have placed its value at \$1,500.

\$3.50 Inland Exchange

Imperforate

Since the matter of a specialized revenue catalog was broached about two years ago some differences of opinion have naturally developed concerning values the general consensus, however, being that the 3c P. C. and the \$200 Imperf. are adjusted too high and the \$10.00 titles exclusive of Conveyance, too low. The views regarding the \$3.50 pair seem to be in almost perfect harmony, focusing at \$500 for a fine piece, hence, among the rarities this item would appear to be the standard by which other multiples can safely be judged, duly considering numbers, attractiveness, desirability and condition. The \$2.00 Probate pair is rarer than the \$3.50 and more desirable, of the 3c Playing Cards about the same number of pairs are known, but generally inferior condition makes the perfect piece more in demand while the 50c Surety Bond is much rarer, but less attractive, and hence, is found on a lower price level.

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Imperforate

The paragraph in the March 22, 1926 issue dealing with this value and title must be corrected since the two blocks

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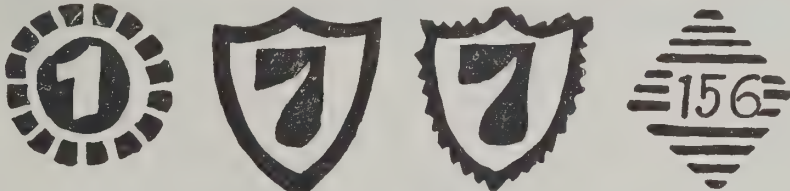
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and none except possibly the No. 1 copy,
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comes on the various denominations of
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longer. Our No. 4 is an oddity. In my
own lot I have a 3c Amer. with the same
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secured a post card with this same cancellation, and it comes from Traverse City, Michigan. Possibly it comes from other towns also.

No. 6 is an odd Waterbury cancel. The town also used "100" as a cancellation. I do not know the significance of these numbers. Our No. 7 is a neat cancellation, and it is very fine to look at on the postcard.

Going back to our July 11 Forum, we find that our No. 9 obliteration in that Whatdoyoucallit Group is mentioned as "undoubtedly" a harpoon. Having recently read "Moby Dick, or The White Whale" I was very much interested in receiving a letter from Miss Amy L. Swift to the effect that this is not the sort of harpoon any whaleman would look at for an instant.

Will quote from the letter as it clearly shows why this is not a harpoon:

"To the mind of those who are personally acquainted with the appearance of the aforesaid whaling implement the resemblance is very slight, and is more imaginary than actual, since the 'barbed shaft' is not of the right shape, nor would the whale-line be visible in the position indicated. The line is fastened to the iron at the other end, just below the hollow shank which fits over the long wooden handle, then is run snugly back over the pole into the whale boat."

To any reader so inclined, "Moby Dick, or The White Whale," by Herman Melville, presents amazing word pictures of these monstrous living creatures, and it might be well to include this book in your reading matter, for it will be on a subject that is not alone interesting, but you will learn what the big whales can do, and what they have done. The world is their playground except for the land part, where we hang around and do whatever comes to our hand.

About all we ever wish to have to do with a whale is to be able to see one alive, and of course when it is spouting. In reading of Col. Lindbergh's trip, I noticed that he said he kept a lookout for a whale; but was quite disappointed in not seeing any.

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elephants. The following radiocast last eve held my attention more than the regular newspaper chatter, and you may be interested in this too.—"Capt. Chas. B. Morrill reported that seven white whales followed the steamer Aucocisco at a distance of fifty yards on her course between Orr's Island and Bailey Island,

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It is rather nice to save some copies most any stamp with all four margins extra wide. In fact, the man who called my attention to the book "Moby Dick" has been saving stamps with four, extra wide margins—yes, they are whales they are seldom caught.

NEW FRANCE

By HERMANN FOCKE.

The two postage stamps commemorating the visit in France of members of the American Legion are to hand, but they have been liberally advertised, scribed and even reproduced in the papers, it will not be necessary to go into full details, suffice it to say they might be worse and still please better from our own viewpoint as much as the effigy of the father of our country, reproduced thereon, is concerned. We therefore report for the matter record, the 90 centimes red and blue of this particular issue.

But on the cover bearing these commemoratives there comes a third, which nothing had been heard up to present, another 90 centimes red, with portrait of the eminent French educator and chemist, Pierre Eugene Marcelin Berthelot, to commemorate the hundredth anniversary of his birth in 1827. This stamp is of nearly square size, somewhat larger than the current French stamps; the portrait is shown facing the left, at top the name shortened Marcelin Berthelot, at bottom République Française, in the lower left value 90c and at right, reading up, word Postes.

The cover also bears a copy of the text, or let us hope the last, provision the 50c on 65c rose, Scott's No. 179, A20, and it may not be remiss to give this time a complete list of the two provisionals with which our Sister

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COLONIAL NOTES

By "CALABAR."

The following letter, whilst couched in rather vigorous terms, sets forth a point of view, which I think readers will agree, is entitled to at least the formality of a hearing. The writer's views, I may add, are not necessarily my own.

"Sir,—May I take this opportunity to call your attention to a subject which, from what I can gather, has been little discussed in the philatelic press. I refer to the excessively high prices asked (and apparently received) for current Colonials, viz., 32c per s. Not a very stiff price, you say. At first sight, no. But consider: this figure is asked regardless of face value! For a 1/- stamp, the price is 32c; for a 5/-, \$1.60; for a 10/-, \$3.20; and for a £1, \$6.40! At these figures, one pays \$6.40 for a stamp with a face value of \$4.87—and \$1.53 goes in the dealer's pocket.

Now, by way of contrast, take the prices obtaining on the British market. What do we find? Not a fixed scale, no! but one which varies according to the face value of the stamp. Thus, as a general rule, for a 1/- stamp, 1/3 is asked; for a 5/-, 6/-; for a 10/-, 12/-; and for a £1, £1 4/-. Even Stanley Gibbons realize the absurdity of a fixed scale, and in their Catalogue a current 1/- is priced at 1/4; a 5/- at 6/6; a 10/- at 12/6; and a £1 at £1 5/-. Incidentally, Gibbons' prices for 5/-s, 10/-s and £1's are lower than those charged by our U. S. dealers!

Well, how the latter get away with it is a puzzle to me. To be quite frank, anyone who pays \$6.40 for a \$4.87-stamp, when he can get it for £1 4/- (\$5.84), or—if it be a stamp issued by a West Indian Colony—when he can get it at face value—anyone who indulges in such expenditure is, to my mind, a ripe case for the psychopathic ward.

What are dealers' views?

"AD REM."

Mr. Th. Berg, the well-known specialist-dealer, gives us some very pertinent (and welcome) criticisms in a recent No. of the WEEKLY. He anent Scott's failure to distinguish between the first printings of the 2½d blues and the later re-printings which followed the provisional 2½d yellows. The differences between the two printings, as Mr. Berg points out, are quite marked; e. g. the first printing of the 2½d Montserrat is in a bright blue shade, the later printing coming in pale bright blue. With ref. the 2½d

Virgins, here the printings are just the other way round, the pale shade being the first printing. (Incidentally, the new printing of the 2½d Virgins has double jubilee lines, whereas the original printing has single lines only. The double lines first appeared with the 2½d yellow and are found also in the second printing of the 1/- and in the 5/- script.) The easiest to tell apart are the two St. Kitts 2½d's—the first issue is in dull blue on unsurfaced paper, whilst the later printing is in bright blue on chalk-surfaced paper.

Mr. Berg's comments re. Scott's omission of the scarce Thom high values doubtless echo the sentiments of all Irish specialists and many general collectors interested in this little country. The two printings are quite as much entitled to a place in the Catalogue as, say, the two printings of the 2½d blues. Re. market prices, the 5/- and 10/- (with blue-black ovpt.) are slowly hardening, but the chances are rather slim, I think, of the 2/6 going any higher, for a while, at least.

St. Kitts.—One of my British contemporaries states that the 5/- stamps of the current issue with the old block CA wmk. are exhausted. (vide the WEEKLY, No. 1909, p. 448.) This statement, I believe, is quite unfounded, the 5/- being available at the P. O. up to the end of May, and—what is pretty conclusive—this duty is not amongst the new printings announced in the last Crown Agents Bulletin. These, for St. Kitts, were the ½d green, 2½d blue, 3d purple on yellow, 6d purple and brilliant rosa, 2/- purple and blue and 2/6 black and red (all to appear with script CA wmk.).

By the way, the new series seems definitely postponed, the Colonial Office being averse to approving stamp-design changes at less than five-year intervals. However, 1928 will roll round soon enough, and then—unless I miss my guess—this year's disappointment will be amply compensated for.

Speaking of St. Kitts, three of the Colony's P. O.'s—Cayen, Dieppe Bay and Nevis—still employ the old duplex pmk. This, in the case of Nevis, is A09, with a date stamp attached; in the case of the two former, A12 with a similar date stamp and the letters C. A. and D. B.—these showing which of the two Offices the pmk. belongs to.

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Later.—Under date of 28th July the Postmaster of St. Kitts writes—

"The 6d script has been out of issue for about one year. No definite date known.

The few 2/6 stamps now on hand are some returned by a customer, and the new stock, which is shortly expected, will be on script wmk. paper."

Readers will recall that in these Notes for July I mentioned a despatch sent me by the Postmaster under date of 27th May, enclosing the 3d blue, script; 6d MCA; 2/- MCA; and 2/6 MCA, along with various other current stamps. I now learn from the despatch sent on 28th July that there are "no 3d blue in stock"—these having exhausted, therefore, between 27th May and 28th July. In this latest despatch are the 3d purple on yellow, script; 6d MCA; 2/- MCA; and 2/6 MCA (besides several other values). (Note that both the 6d and 2/-, with the MCA wmk., are still on hand—from which I infer that the remainder stocks of these two items were rather large, inasmuch as the script 6d and 2/- were issued in 1924 and 1922 respectfully.)

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| 115 | .06 | | 177-182 (6) | .15 | 264a | 1.75 | 355 | .08 | 569 | .01 |
| 116 | .09 | | 185 | .02 | 265 | .02 | 356 | .10 | 570 | .01 |
| 117 | .55 | | 186 | .02 | 266 | .01 | 357 | .12 | 571 | .02 |
| 118 | .02 | | 187 | .02 | 266a | 1.75 | 358 | .16 | 551-571 (21) | .45 |
| 119 | .02 | | 188 | .02 | 267 | .02 | 359 | .20 | 572 | .02 |
| 119b (t.b.) | .10 | | 189 | .02 | 268 | .02 | 360 | .32 | 573 | .01 |
| 120 | .02 | | 190 | .02 | 269 | .01 | 351-360 (10) | 1.10 | 573 | .01 |
| 121 | .02 | | 191 | .01 | 270 | .01 | 361 | .06 | 577 | .02 |
| 122 | .03 | | 192 | .02 | 271 | .02 | 362 | .07 | 578 | .01 |
| 123a (t.b.) | .15 | | 185-192 (8) | .12 | 272 | .02 | 401 | .01 | 579 | .02 |
| 124 | .02 | | 193 | .02 | 273 | .02 | 402 | .01 | 580 | .01 |
| 124a (t.b.) | .10 | | 194 | .02 | 274 | .01 | 403 | .05 | 572-580 (7) | .09 |
| 125 | .05 | | 195 | .02 | 275 | .01 | 404 | .05 | 581 | .01 |
| 126 | .02 | | 196 | .02 | 276 | .02 | 405 | .02 | 582 | .02 |
| 126a (t.b.) | .18 | | 197 | .02 | 277 | .02 | 406 | .03 | 583 | .02 |
| 127 | .02 | | 193-197 (5) | .08 | 278 | .02 | 407 | .03 | 584 | .02 |
| 128 | .02 | | 200 | .01 | 241-278 (38) | .50 | 408 | .01 | 585 | .13 |
| 129 | .02 | | 201 | .01 | 280 | .02 | 409 | .01 | 586 | .01 |
| 130 | .03 | | 202 | .01 | 281 | .02 | 410 | .01 | 587 | .01 |
| 131 | .12 | | 202a | .60 | 282 | .02 | 411 | .01 | 588 | .01 |
| 132 | .04 | | 203 | .01 | 283 | .01 | 412 | .01 | 589 | .01 |
| 118-132 (15) | .45 | | 204 | .02 | 285 | .01 | 413 | .01 | 590 | .02 |
| 133 | .02 | | 205 | .01 | 286 | .01 | 415 | .02 | 591 | .02 |
| 134 | .02 | | 206 on request | | 287 | .02 | 416 | .01 | 581-591 (11) | .25 |
| 135 | .02 | | 207 | .01 | 288 | .02 | 417 | .01 | 592 | .02 |
| 136 | .02 | | 208 | .01 | 289 | .01 | 418 | .01 | 593 | .02 |
| 133-136 (4) | .06 | | 209 | .02 | 290 | .01 | 420 | .01 | 594 | .03 |
| 137 | .01 | | 200-209 (9) | .07 | 291 | .01 | 421 | .01 | 595 | .04 |
| 138 | .01 | | 211 | .01 | 293 | .01 | 401-421 (19) | .28 | 596 | .06 |
| 138a (t.b.) | .50 | | 212 | .03 | 294 | .01 | 422 | .02 | 597 | .10 |
| 139 | .01 | | 213 | .02 | 295 | .01 | 423 | .03 | 598 | .13 |
| 140 | .02 | | 214 | .02 | 296 | .02 | 424 | .06 | 592-598 (7) | .35 |
| 141 | .01 | | 215 | .02 | 297 | .03 | 425 | .15 | 599 | .03 |
| 141a (t.b.) | .35 | | 216 | .02 | 298 | .03 | 426 | .35 | 600 | .04 |
| 142 | .01 | | 217 | .02 | 299 | .04 | 427 | .80 | 601 | .05 |
| 143 | .07 | | 218 | .02 | 280-299 (18) | .25 | 428 | 1.50 | 602 | .19 |
| 144 | .02 | | 218a | .02 | 301 | .02 | 422-428 (7) | 2.80 | 603 | .27 |
| 145 | .01 | | 219 | .02 | 302 | .02 | 429 | .03 | 604 | .45 |
| 146 | .13 | | 220 | .13 | 303 | .01 | 430 | .04 | 605 | 1.05 |
| 147 | .07 | | 221 | .01 | 304 | .01 | 431 | .08 | 606 | .03 |
| 148 | .02 | | 222 | .02 | 305 | .02 | 432 | .20 | 607 | .04 |
| 149 | .01 | | 223 | .01 | 306 | .02 | 433 | .40 | 608 | .08 |
| 150 | .10 | | 224 on request | | 307 | .01 | 434 | .80 | 609 | .15 |
| 151 | .11 | | 225 | .02 | 308 | .03 | 435 | 1.10 | 610 | .20 |
| 152 | .02 | | 226 | .03 | 309 | .05 | 424-435 (7) | 2.40 | 612 | .25 |
| 153 | .10 | | 227 | .02 | 301-309 (9) | .15 | 436 | .10 | 613 | .37 |
| 154 | .15 | | 228 | .02 | 310 | .01 | 475 | .05 | 605-613 (8) | 2.00 |
| 155 | .25 | | 221-228 (8) | .10 | 311 | .03 | 476 | .09 | | |
| 137-155 (19) | .95 | | 229 | .01 | 312 | .03 | 475-476 (2) | .09 | | |
| (10) No. in parenthesis = Varieties in set. (t.b.) = Tete-Beche. | | | | | | | | | | |

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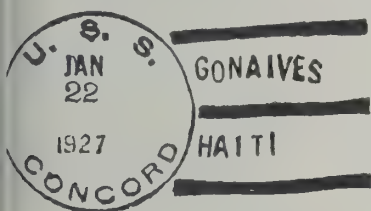
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BATTLESHIP CANCELLATIONS

By WILLIAM EVANS, M.D.

Of late there seems to have arisen considerable interest in "Battleship Cancellations" and quite a good deal of guess-
ing is going on regarding them.



There has been much speculation as to when the ships first began to use their cancellations. We have to thank Mr. Harry M. Konwiser for the research necessary to find out the facts definitely. The results ascertained by him are given below.

In the report of the First Assistant Postmaster General for 1908 he found that the Post Office appropriation act of May 27, 1908, authorizing the Postmaster General to designate as Navy Mail Clerks, and Assistant Navy Mail Clerks enlisted men selected by the Secretary of the Navy, and provided that all clerks should make deliveries of all mail addressed to Navy vessels, receive dispatch mail, receipt for registered mail, keep for sale an adequate supply of postage stamps, and perform such other postal duties as might be authorized by the Postmaster General.

It was further provided that such employees should give bond, etc. The Secretary of the Navy was authorized to appoint sixty-four clerks and twenty-nine assistants for service aboard vessels. Instructions for their guidance have been promulgated and they have been supplied with post-marking stamps with postage stamps and stamped envelopes.

In the same year the Third Assistant Postmaster General in his report refers to instructions having been issued to Navy Mail Clerks and Assistant Navy Mail Clerks in the handling of registered mail and he considered the introduction of postal mail service on board naval vessels "a decided improvement."

As these reports were filed as of June 1908, it would seem that we may safely conclude that the first cancellations on the naval vessels occurred in June, 1908, since the reports mention the sub-
mission of the designation of the Mail Clerks and Assistant Mail Clerks as accomplished, and as the law was passed on May 27, 1908, it seems fair to surmise that a few days were required to perform the acts necessary to make it effective.

In the report of the First Assistant Postmaster General for 1909 he repeats the fact that services began as of the act of May 27, 1908, and says that Navy Mail Clerks have been designated for service on board one hundred and five vessels, and Assistant Mail Clerks on forty vessels, and that a pamphlet of instructions was prepared and copies forwarded to all clerks and assistants, as well as to post-marking outfits, etc.

He also says, "The Services of forty-

two Clerks and Assistant Clerks have been discontinued principally by reason of the transfer of such clerks to other vessels, or the termination of their periods of enlistment in the Navy."

The Postal Guide of 1926 lists sixty-five vessels as branches of the New York Post Office, but there are a great many more on which there are mail clerks, who distribute and dispatch mail. These are unlisted.

A few of the postmarks and cancellers are described below. I have a cover postmarked U. S. S. Minnesota February 6, 1909, back stamped Norfolk Virginia, February 19, 1909. The postmark is a circle 30mm in diameter with the name of the ship at the top and below this in four lines Feb. 6 5 A. M. 1909. At the right of it are four parallel bars, heavy ones 1mm wide and spaced 2 1/2 mm.

The next date I have is May 16, 1913. This is from the Lebanon and the postmark is 30mm in diameter, but this time the letter is different arranged. It is "U. S. S." at the top, "Lebanon" at the bottom, with May 16, P. M. 1913 in four lines in the center. The canceller is four heavy bars 1 1/4 mm thick, spaced 4mm. The top and bottom bars are 23mm long, and the center ones 22mm.

The next date I have is September, 1914. This is from the Wyoming. The circle of this postmark is 32mm and the arrangement of the lettering is the same as in the last mentioned one. The canceller has been changed to three heavy bars. The left end of these almost touches the top and bottom of the postmark. They are 36mm long. The center bar is 31mm long. This one is horizontal and the ones above and below it slant a little so that they are closer to it at the right than at the left. By this time the practice of designating the location of the ship had come into use.

This was accomplished by setting up the required type in the spaces between the bars. This one shows that the ship was off Fortress Monroe, Virginia. This type of postmark and canceller is still in use on some of the ships, and I am told is the one which the Government regulations require. Some of the mail clerks have, however, secured other forms and there are several of these in use. Part of the Battleships ("Battle-wagons"), Dreadnaughts, have postmarks which look like those of the electric machines used in the large post offices. A few ships use an elliptical grid attached to the postmark. One of the Battleships was using in 1924 the regulation postmark with four short heavy bars. The Orion—gone now—had the regular postmark with three short bars with the words Navy Mail in the spaces and to the right of these two small stars.

Occasionally one finds a letter cancelled by the M. O. B. or Registered postmark, or one of the same type with the name of the ship above.

When the mail clerk takes the trouble to insert the location the covers are often very interesting. Here is one from the Billingsby cancelled July 4, 1924, at Cherbourg, France. This clerk used blue ink on that day and the cover is a success from any angle. One from the Converse shows that the ship was in "European Waters," from the Curlew that she was at Coco Solo, Canal Zone, one from the Hulbert at Tsing Tan, China, and one mail clerk took the

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| No. | Mint. | Good. | Used. |
|------|--|-------|-------|
| 205 | 1882, 5c yellow brown (Garfield) | 1.50 | .10 |
| 211 | 1883, 4c blue-green | 1.10 | .15 |
| 213 | 1887, 3c vermilion | .65 | .90 |
| 215 | 1888, 4c carmine | .60 | .18 |
| 216 | 5c indigo | .85 | .10 |
| 219d | 1890, 2c lake | .65 | .15 |
| 226 | 10c green | .60 | .01 |
| 227 | 15c indigo | 1.10 | .35 |
| 228 | 30c black | .60 | .45 |
| 230 | 1893, Columbian, 1c | .04 | .01 |
| 231 | 2c | .05 | .01 |
| 232 | 3c | .14 | .07 |
| 233 | 4c | .12 | .04 |
| 234 | 5c | .10 | .03 |
| 235 | 6c | .30 | .20 |
| 236 | 8c | .18 | .03 |
| 237 | 10c | .23 | .03 |
| 238 | 15c | .90 | .65 |
| 240 | 50c | 1.75 | .35 |
| 248 | 1894, 2c pink, triangle I .. | .18 | .55 |
| 257 | 8c violet brown .. | 1.00 | .00 |
| 264 | 1895 watermarked: 1c blue (35) .. | .07 | .00 |
| 265 | 2c, triangle I .. | .38 | .10 |
| 266 | 2c, triangle II .. | .45 | .14 |
| 268 | 3c purple (.90) .. | .18 | .02 |
| 269 | 4c dk. brn. (1.30) .. | .23 | .02 |
| 270 | 5c choc. (2.00) .. | .36 | .04 |
| 272 | 8c vio. brn. (2.10) .. | .51 | .01 |
| 273 | 10c green (6.75) .. | .55 | .02 |
| 274 | 15c indigo .. | 1.00 | .17 |
| 279 | 1898-9, 1c green (25) .. | .05 | .00 |
| 279b | 2c orange-red .. | .70 | .00 |
| 280 | 4c orange-brown .. | .45 | .02 |
| 281 | 5c blue (1.30) .. | .75 | .01 |
| 282 | 6c lake .. | .23 | .02 |
| 282c | 10c brown (type I) .. | 2.25 | .05 |
| 283 | 10c brn. (type II) .. | .03 | .04 |
| 284 | 15c olive-green .. | 1.50 | .10 |
| 285 | 1898, Omaha, 1c .. | .08 | .04 |
| 286 | 2c (45) .. | .08 | .02 |
| 287 | 4c (1.80) .. | .38 | .23 |
| 288 | 5c (2.75) .. | .55 | .00 |
| 289 | 8c .. | .90 | .30 |
| 290 | 10c .. | .90 | .40 |
| 291 | 50c .. | 3.75 | 2.00 |
| 294 | (Set thru 10c .. | 2.75 | 2.40 |
| 295 | 1901, Pan-Am'n, 1c (25) .. | .04 | .02 |
| 296 | 2c (35) .. | .07 | .03 |
| 297 | 4c .. | .25 | .10 |
| 298 | 5c .. | .38 | .20 |
| 299 | 8c .. | .58 | .35 |
| 300 | 10c .. | .50 | .20 |
| 300 | (Set complete .. | 1.70 | .85 |
| 301 | 1902, 1c green .. | .03 | .01 |
| 302 | 2c carmine (1.40) .. | .25 | .01 |
| 303 | 3c violet (1.35) .. | .27 | .06 |
| 304 | 4c brown (1.30) .. | .27 | .01 |
| 305 | 5c blue .. | .30 | .01 |
| 306 | 6c claret .. | .45 | .02 |
| 307 | 8c violet-black .. | .30 | .02 |
| 308 | 10c red brown .. | .40 | .01 |
| 309 | 13c purple black .. | .37 | .12 |
| 309 | 15c olive green .. | .85 | .03 |
| 309 | (Set 1c to 15c inclusive .. | 3.30 | .25 |

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STERLING STAMP CO., 44 Bromfield St., BOSTON, MASS.

trouble to write Chefor, China, between the lines. Perhaps his type was not in good shape.

Most of the clerks use black ink, but a few have an eye for colors, and we have blue, green, red, and purple occasionally.

One fellow was patriotic. In the spaces of his canceller he has used the words "Join the Navy." Probably other slogans were in use at various times. The training station at Hampton Roads (now discontinued as a Post Office) had "Enlist in the Navy." That of course isn't exactly a Battleship.

So few of the covers of the earlier days, 1908 to 1914, have come into the hands of collectors that practically nothing can be said about them. Perhaps some one will find some sometime, but the chances are that most of them have been destroyed. We await the revelations of a find.—American Philatelist.

| No. | Mint. | Good. | Used. |
|-----|---|-------|-------|
| 323 | 1904, Louisiana, 1c | .09 | .03 |
| 324 | 2c | .10 | .02 |
| 325 | 3c | .45 | .36 |
| 326 | 5c | .75 | .30 |
| 327 | 10c | .95 | .18 |
| 327 | (Set complete | 2.25 | .85 |
| 328 | 1907, Jamestown, 1c | .05 | .03 |
| 329 | 2c | .10 | .02 |
| 330 | 5c | .30 | .15 |
| 330 | (Set complete | .45 | .20 |
| 367 | 1909, Commemoratives: 2c Lincoln (27) .. | .06 | .00 |
| 369 | 2c Lincoln (bluish) .. | .60 | .00 |
| 370 | 2c Alaska-Yukon (27) .. | .06 | .00 |
| 372 | 2c Hudson-Fulton (27) .. | .06 | .00 |
| 407 | 1912-15, perf. 12: 7c black | .28 | .00 |
| 414 | 8c olive-green (1.50) .. | .30 | .04 |
| 416 | 10c yellow (2.00) .. | .35 | .01 |
| 418 | 15c gray .. | .55 | .03 |
| 432 | 1914-15, perf. 10, watermarked: 9c salmon (1.75) .. | .30 | .06 |
| 433 | 10c yellow (1.75) .. | .30 | .02 |
| 434 | 11c dark green .. | .45 | .00 |
| 438 | 20c ultramarine .. | .05 | .07 |
| 439 | 30c orange-red .. | .06 | .09 |
| 464 | 1916-17, perf. 10, unwatermarked: 3c violet .. | .35 | .50 |
| 470 | 8c olive-green .. | .48 | .05 |
| 471 | 9c salmon-red (7.00) .. | .90 | .00 |
| 473 | 11c dark-green (4.00) .. | .55 | .09 |
| 474 | 12c claret-brown (4.50) .. | .60 | .12 |
| 478 | \$1 violet-black .. | .30 | .40 |
| 520 | 1918, Airplanes: 6c (75) .. | .18 | .15 |
| 521 | 16c (1.75) .. | .35 | .20 |
| 522 | 24c (2.50) .. | .55 | .35 |
| 538 | (Set complete .. | 1.05 | .65 |
| 543 | 1919-21, R. P. printings: 1c 11x10 .. | .05 | .00 |
| 543 | 1c 10x11 (.50) .. | .10 | .00 |
| 545 | 1c 11x11 (4.50) .. | 1.00 | .00 |
| 545 | (superb) (6.00) .. | 1.35 | .00 |
| 547 | 1920, \$2 cam. & black .. | 2.40 | .35 |
| 548 | Pilgrim, 1c (15) .. | .03 | .02 |
| 549 | 2c (30) .. | .06 | .02 |
| 550 | 5c .. | .20 | .12 |
| 578 | (Set complete .. | .27 | .15 |
| 579 | 1922-23, 11x10 R. P. s: 1c (1.00) .. | .18 | .00 |
| 608 | 2c (.65) .. | .12 | .00 |
| 609 | 1923, Air-mail, 8c (.48) .. | .12 | .00 |
| 610 | 16c (.92) .. | .23 | .00 |
| 610 | 24c (1.28) .. | .32 | .20 |
| 614 | (Set complete .. | .65 | .00 |
| 615 | 1924, Huguenot, 1c (.08) .. | .02 | .02 |
| 616 | 2c (.16) .. | .04 | .01 |
| 616 | 5c (.60) .. | .12 | .08 |
| 621 | (Set complete .. | .16 | .10 |
| 629 | 1925, Lexington, set epl. 15c .. | .10 | .15 |
| 629 | 1925, Norse, 5c (1.00) .. | .23 | .18 |
| 629 | 15c Air-mail (.90) .. | .22 | .14 |
| 314 | Impers. Mint. Blks. 4. Coils. Mint. 1c (1902) .. | .20 | .100 |
| 320 | 2c (1903) .. | .20 | .355 |
| 343 | 1908-09, 1c .. | .04 | .20 |
| 344 | 2c .. | .10 | .50 |
| 345 | 3c .. | .22 | 1.00 |
| 346 | 4c .. | .28 | 1.20 |
| 347 | 5c .. | .45 | 2.25 |
| 347 | (Set complete 1.05 (4.90) .. | 4.10 | .05 |
| 368 | 2c Lincoln .. | .15 | .70 |
| 371 | 2c Al-Yuk. .. | .15 | .60 |
| 373 | 2c Hud. Fult. .. | .15 | .65 |
| 373 | These three .. | .40 | 1.85 |
| 383 | 1910, single wmk.: 1c .. | .04 | .20 |
| 384 | 2c .. | .10 | .50 |
| 408 | 1912, new designs: 1c .. | .03 | .15 |
| 409 | 2c .. | .06 | .30 |
| 481 | 1916, Unwatermarked: 1c .. | .02 | .08 |
| 482 | 2c .. | .04 | .16 |
| 483 | 3c .. | .06 | .24 |
| 483 | (Set .. | .10 | .45 |
| 531 | 1918, Offset: 1c .. | .20 | .60 |
| 532 | 2c .. | .06 | .24 |
| 535 | 3c .. | .15 | .60 |
| 535 | (Set .. | .40 | .60 |

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|-----------|--|-----------------|
| Cat. No. | Description | Cat. Price. Net |
| 2 | 10c green, fine used | \$2.25 |
| 2a | 10c diagonal half tied to piece of cover | 5.00 |
| 5 | 5c rose, 1862 | 1.50 |
| 6 | 10c green, good used | 4.00 |
| 9 | 10c green imperf., fine margins on three sides, very lightly cancelled | 150.00 37.50 |
| 33 | 1876, 5c vermilion rouletted, perfection | 9.00 |
| 46 | 12c greenish blue, fine used | 1.20 |
| 24 | 30c orange 1873, fine used | 1.00 |
| 62 | 1888, 6c red, fine unused | 1.75 |
| 86 | 1p blue 1891, fine used | .90 |
| 87 | 5p ultramarine, v. fine used | 3.50 |
| 88 | 20p green, fine used, purple cancellation | 7.50 |
| 88 | 20p green, postal canc., but surcharged "MUESTRA" | 5.00 |
| 128 | 16c orange, scarce, mint blk. | 10.00 |
| 128 | 16c orange, scarce, fine used | 2.00 |
| 202 | 5p, lightly cancelled, fine | 1.35 |

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|--------------|----------------------------------|-------------|
| 1 | 1p, good copy, slightly repaired | 50.00 8.00 |
| 2 | 2p blue, unused, slightly thin | 50.00 7.50 |
| 6 | 4r brown, good copy | 40.00 11.00 |
| 7 | 1p blue, used copy | 30.00 10.00 |
| 7 | 1p blue, fair copy | 6.50 |
| 10 | 1p blue, good copy | 6.00 2.50 |
| 13 | 2p blue, good copy | 20.00 7.00 |

| AUSTRIA | | |
|---------|--|-----------|
| 7 | 2k yellow, good copy | .75 |
| 9 | 3k black, good copy | 2.85 |
| 126 | 10k Jubilee, fine used | 7.00 3.50 |
| 611 | Newspaper 25kr carmine, fine used copy | 4.00 |

| LOMBARDY-VENETIA | | |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1a | 5c printed on both sides, fine used | 4.75 |
| 8 | 3s black, good used | 5.00 2.25 |

| AZORES | | |
|--------|----------------------|-------------|
| 11 | 50r green, good used | 12.50 4.50 |
| 15 | 240r violet, mint | 50.00 20.00 |
| 60 | 1,000r black, mint | 2.50 |

| BADEN | | |
|-------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| 1 | 1kr buff, fine unused | 35.00 14.00 |
| 1 | 1kr buff, fine used | 15.00 7.00 |
| 25 | 30kr orange, fine used copy | 30.00 15.00 |

| BAVARIA | | |
|---------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| 1 | Superb mint copy | 35.00 25.00 |
| 2a | 3kr green, blue, superb mint | .80 |
| 3 | 6kr brown, sup'b mint copy | .65 |
| 4 | 6kr brown broken circle, fine | 8.00 4.50 |
| 5 | 1kr pink, superb mint | .80 |
| 6 | 9kr green, superb mint | 1.35 |
| 7 | 12kr red | 7.00 4.00 |
| 8 | 18kr yellow, superb mint | 8.00 6.00 |
| 19 | 12kr lilac, fine used | 3.50 |
| 20 | 18kr red, good copy | 8.00 3.25 |
| 29 | 12kr lilac, mint | 15.00 9.00 |
| 32 | 1m violet, good copy | .75 |

| BELGIUM | | |
|---------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| 3 | 10c brown, good copy | .95 |
| 9 | 1c green, fine unused | 6.00 3.00 |
| 12 | 40c carmine, fine unused | 40.00 16.00 |
| 16 | 40c rose, good unused | 7.50 2.75 |
| 23 | 1c green imperf., fine unused | 12.00 6.50 |
| 31 | 8c lilac, good used | 1.20 |
| 133 | 1 franc light orange, mint | 2.00 |
| 134 | 2 franc violet, mint | 27.50 13.75 |
| 134 | 2 franc violet, lightly canc. | 22.00 11.00 |
| 135 | 5 franc carmine, mint | 10.00 5.50 |
| 135 | 10 franc violet, mint | 10.00 5.50 |

| BOLIVIA | | |
|---------|------------------------|-------------|
| 1 | 5c yellow green | 9.00 3.50 |
| 5 | 50c orange, unused | .75 |
| 14 | 500c black, off-center | 50.00 11.00 |

| BOSNIA | | |
|--------|----------------------------|------------|
| 85 | 10k ultramar. mint, scarce | 12.00 8.00 |

| BRAZIL | | |
|--------|-----------------------------|------------|
| 1 | 1843, 30r, good copy | 17.50 5.75 |
| 2 | 60r, good copy | 3.50 |
| 26 | 180r, good unused copy | 8.00 3.00 |
| 26 | 180r, fine used copy | 5.00 2.50 |
| 27 | 300r, fine unused | 10.00 4.50 |
| 28 | 600r, good used copy | 9.00 3.85 |
| 40 | 430r yellow, very fine used | 15.00 7.50 |
| 54c | 20r on blue, fine used | 3.50 |
| 525 | 20000r, unused | 2.00 |
| 526 | 50,000r, mint | 4.50 |
| 110a | 100r inverted head, unused | 8.00 |

| BREMEN | | |
|--------|---|------------|
| 7 | 10gr black superb, red and black cancellation | 40.00 9.50 |
| 10 | 3gr on blue used, nice copy | 25.00 9.50 |
| 14 | 10gr black o. g., faint crease | 6.00 |

| BRUNSWICK | | |
|-----------|--|-------------|
| 3 | 3sgr vermilion, good copy, small margins | 30.00 6.00 |
| 4a | 1sgr on buff, un'd, trifle thin | 35.00 5.00 |
| 5 | 1sgr on yellow, unused, fine | 30.00 11.50 |
| 8 | 1/4sgr on brown, fine used | 20.00 9.00 |

| BULGARIA | | |
|----------|--------------------------------|------|
| 19 | 3 on 10s rose, fine | 3.00 |
| 22 | 50s on 1fr, trifling thin spot | 4.50 |

| CANAL ZONE | | |
|------------|------------------------------|------|
| 56 | 1b violet & black, fine used | 1.75 |

| CHILE | | |
|-----------|----------------------------------|-------------|
| 96 | 5p green and black, unused (132) | 10.00 6.00 |
| 14c | unissued, mint | 3.00 |
| 439 & 440 | Mint pair | 30.00 11.50 |

| CHINA | | |
|-------|----------------------|------|
| 49 | \$1.00 on 3c, unused | 2.40 |

| COLOMBIAN REPUBLIC | | |
|--------------------|---|-------------|
| 2 | Unused | 2.75 |
| 2a | Fine used, scarce | 4.25 |
| 8 | Fine used | 2.50 |
| 10 | Fine used or unused | .90 |
| 13 | 2 1/2c black, fine used | 45.00 21.00 |
| 14 | 5c yellow, used | 2.50 |
| 16 | 10c blue, fine used | 7.50 |
| 18 | 1p pink, good used | 20.00 6.00 |
| 31 | Fine used | .85 |
| 34 | Fine unused | 25.00 11.50 |
| 64 | 5p on green, fine | 1.10 |
| 65 | 10p on vermilion, fine | 1.10 |
| 337 | 1p Centenario, fine used | 1.45 |
| 338 | 10p, very fine used | 10.00 |
| 347, 348, 349 | 1p, 2p, 5p, mint set; face value \$8.00 | 9.00 |

| CAUCA | | |
|-------|--|------|
| 2 | 5c violet, used copy | 8.50 |
| 3 | 5c violet, fine pair; one stp. trifle thin | 8.50 |
| 4 | 5c violet, fine | 2.75 |
| 5 | 5c red, superb unused | 2.50 |
| 18 | 10c "N" inverted, fine used | 5.75 |
| 19 | 20c "Cali" issue, o. g. | 5.00 |
| 24 | 10c, inverted "N" | 6.50 |

| CONGO | | |
|-------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| 13 | 10 francs buff, unused | 20.00 10.00 |
| 153 | 3 franc 50c on 5 francs violet | 10.00 6.50 |

| COSTA RICA | | |
|------------|-------------------------|------|
| 14 | 10c on 2r scarlet | 1.65 |
| 15 | 20c on 4r green, scarce | 4.25 |

| CUBA | | |
|------|------------------------|------|
| 252 | 1p black, unused o. g. | 3.50 |

| CURACAO | | |
|---------|------------------------|-----------|
| 6 | 50c violet, mint block | .85 |
| 7 | 2gld 50, fine unused | 2.25 |
| 12 | 1gld 50, unused o. g. | 6.00 3.50 |
| 58 | 1 1/2gld violet, mint | .90 |

| DANISH WEST INDIES | | |
|--------------------|--|------------|
| 1 | 3c with brn. gum, mint fine | 15.00 8.00 |
| 2 | 3c rose, fine used | 2.25 |
| 3 | 3c perf., fine unused | 3.50 |
| 4 | 4c dull blue perf., fine un'd | 6.00 |
| 12 | 14c fine unused copy, corner perf. missing | 35.00 9.00 |

| DENMARK | | |
|---------|--|-------------|
| 10 | 16s vio. rouletted, fine used cancelled in red and black | 25.00 12.00 |
| 24 | 48s brown & lilac, good used | 5.00 |
| 503 | 16s green, good used copy | 3.00 |
| 506 | 16s perf. 12 1/2, v. fine unused | 17.50 9.00 |

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|--------------------|---|--------------|
| 1 | 1/2r on rose, fine unused | 15.00 |
| 1 | 1/2r on rose, fine used | 13.50 |
| 3 | 1/2r on pale grn., good un'd | 65.00 15.00 |
| 3 | 1/2r on pale green, with margins repaired | 5.50 |
| 4 | 1r on straw unused; small thin spots | 150.00 21.00 |
| 4 | Pen cancellation | 100.00 17.50 |
| 67 | 2fr 50/50c orange, fine un'd | 1.75 |

| ECUADOR | | |
|---------|--|------------|
| 1a | 1r quadrille paper, mint blk. with sheet margins | 8.00 |
| 6 | 4r red, fine unused o. g. | 15.00 9.00 |
| 18 | 10c on 50c green, fine | 2.50 |

| FERNANDO PO | | |
|-------------|----------------|------------|
| 1 | Nice used copy | 20.00 8.00 |

| FINLAND | | |
|---------|---|-------------|
| 2 | 10k rose, big margins, pen cancellation | 4.00 |
| 11 | 1m brown, fine unused | 25.00 11.00 |
| 11 | 1m brown, good unused | 7.00 |
| 16 | Fine used copy | 7.00 4.00 |
| 58 | 7r black and yellow, mint | 6.00 3.00 |

| FRANCE | | |
|--------|---|-------------|
| 2 | 15c green, good used copy, thin | 3.25 |
| 3b | 20c black on buff, fine unused copy with corner sheet margins | 2.50 |
| 7 | 40c orange, good used copy | 7.50 2.50 |
| 9 | 1 franc carm., superb used | 6.50 |
| 9 | 1 franc carmine, good used | 2.50 |
| 9b | 1 franc brown carmine, very fine used | 10.00 6.00 |
| 10 | 10c bistre, very fine | 5.50 |
| 10 | 10c bistre, thin spot | 10.00 2.50 |
| 21 | 1 franc lake, fine used | 9.00 |
| 21 | 1 franc lake, small thin spot | 5.00 |
| 47 | 80c rose, superb horiz. pair | 8.50 |
| 47a | 80c dull rose, fine vert. pair | 5.75 |
| 55a | 10c rose, mint tete beche pr. | 25.00 21.00 |
| 57b | 20c blue, mint tete beche pair, scarce | 75.00 40.00 |
| 72 | 25c ultramarine type 1, unused o. g. | 30.00 11.00 |

| FRENCH COLONIES | | |
|-----------------|--|-------------|
| 21 | 4c gray, very fine used, town cancellation | 60.00 28.50 |

| GERMAN EAST AFRICA | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|------|
| 41 | 3r carmine and slate, very fine used | 2.75 |

| HUNGARY | | |
|---------|---|-------------|
| 2 | 3k light green, fine used | 35.00 15.00 |
| 2 | 3k light green, good copy but trifle thin | 6.00 |
| 4 | 10k blue, good used | 6.00 2.00 |

| ICELAND | | |
|---------|------------------------------|------------|
| 1 | 2s ultram., good unused copy | 9.00 3.00 |
| 4 | 16s yellow, fine unused | 3.00 |
| 4a | 16s orange, fine unused | 3.00 |
| 5 | Mint block of four | 16.00 6.00 |

| INHAMANE | | |
|----------|---------------------------|------------|
| 6 | 50r blue, fine used | 4.50 |
| 9 | 300r orange, good used | 25.00 6.50 |
| 10 | 50r light blue, good used | 12.00 5.00 |

| IVORY COAST | | |
|-------------|--|------|
| 165 | Mint pair, 4fr on 60c parcel post | 4.00 |
| 174 | Mint pair, 4fr on 5c parcel post | 6.00 |
| 175 | Mint pair, 8fr on 15c parcel post | 6.00 |
| 177 | Mint pair, 1fr rose on buff, parcel post | 3.50 |

| JAPAN | | |
|-------|-----------------------------|------------|
| 1 | 48m brown, fine unused | 1.25 |
| 2 | 100m blue, fine unused | 1.75 |
| 3 | 200m vermilion, fine unused | 3.25 |
| 4 | 500m blue green | 7.00 |
| 8 | 5s blue green, unused | 4.00 |
| 8a | 5s yellow green | 15.00 7.00 |
| 13 | 4s rose, unused | 20.00 7.00 |
| 36 | 6s brown, syll. 18, unused | 12.00 4.75 |
| 39 | 30s gray, fine used | 5.00 |
| 43 | 6s orange, fine unused | 3.00 |
| 49 | 30s violet, fine unused | 8.00 3.50 |
| 64 | 12s rose o. g., rare | 4.00 |

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| 8 | 12c blue, fine unused | 5.75 |
| 1901-2 | Official stamps surch. "Ordinary"; the following stamps at 25% discount: 68, 69, 71, 73, 74, 75, 79. | 5.50 |

| LUBECK | | |
|--------|---------------------------|------------|
| 1 | Unused, small margins | 35.00 8.00 |
| 3 | 2s brown | 1.25 .75 |
| 4 | 2 1/2s rose | 3.50 2.00 |
| 5 | 4s green | 1.00 .60 |
| 6 | 1/2s lilac | 1.00 .60 |
| 7 | 1s orange | 3.00 2.00 |
| 10 | 2s rose, o. g. | .75 |
| 11 | 2 1/2s ultramarine, o. g. | 1.50 |

| MADAGASCAR (French) | | |
|---------------------|------------------------|------------|
| 1 | Fine used | 10.00 5.50 |
| 3 | 25c on 40c, unused | 10.00 4.75 |
| 4 | 5c on 40c, fine unused | 4.00 2.50 |

| THURN AND TAXIS | | |
|-----------------|----------------------|------------|
| 6 | 2sgr on rose, unused | 35.00 6.50 |
| 45 | 6kr on rose, unused | 30.00 6.50 |

| NORTH GERMAN POSTAL DIST. | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|------|
| 23 | 18kr bistre, fine unused | 5.50 |

| GERMAN EMPIRE | | |
|---------------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| 22 | 2kr or'ge, large eagle; fine o. g. | 8.00 4.00 |
| 65a | 5m type 2, fine used | 9.00 6.25 |
| 78 | 5m, fine unused | 7.50 3.75 |

| GREECE | | |
|--------|-----------------|------------|
| 252 | 25d slate, mint | 10.00 6.00 |

| GUATEMALA | | |
|-----------|----------------------|------------|
| 5 | 4r violet, fine used | 9.00 6.00 |
| 6 | 1p orange, fine used | 12.00 6.50 |

| HAITI | | |
|-------|--------------------------|------|
| 4 | 5c green, very fine used | 3.00 |
| 5 | 7c blue, very fine used | 1.00 |
| 6 | 20c red brown, fine used | 6.25 |

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| 4 | 5c green, very fine used | .. | 3.00 |
| 5 | 7c blue, very fine used | .. | 1.00 |
| 6 | 20c red brown, fine used | .. | 6.25 |
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| 10 cent green, Type III, #49b | 2.50 | *1883, 2 cent red brown, #210 | .25 |
| 10 cent green, Type V, #50 | 1.25 | 4 cent blue green, #211 | .20 |
| 12 cent black, #51 | 3.00 | *1887, 2 cent green, #212 | .20 |
| 24 cent lilac, #52 | 7.50 | *3 cent vermilion, #213 | .75 |
| 30 cent orange, #53, pen canc. | 10.00 | *1 cent ultramarine, #214 | .25 |
| 1861, 1 cent blue, #63 | .60 | *4 cent carmine, #215 | .55 |
| 3 cent pink, #64 | 7.50 | 5 cent indigo, #216 | .15 |
| 10 cent yellow green, #68 | .60 | 30 cent orange brown, #217 | 1.25 |
| 12 cent black, #69 | 1.75 | 90 cent purple, #218 | 4.00 |
| 24 cent red lilac, #70 | 5.50 | *1893, 15 cent dark green, #238 | .75 |
| 30 cent orange, #71 | 2.00 | 30 cent orange brown, #239 | 1.25 |
| 90 cent blue, #72 | 7.50 | *50 cent slate blue, #240 | 1.50 |
| 1862-66, 2 cent black, #73 | .25 | 1895, 50 cent red orange, #275a | .50 |
| 5 cent red brown, #75 | 4.00 | *1 black, type II, #276a | 2.00 |
| 5 cent brown, #76 | 1.75 | *5 dark green, #278 | 6.50 |
| 15 cent black, #77 | 2.50 | *1898, 1, 2 cent, #285-6 | .18 |
| 24 cent lilac, #78 | 1.50 | *4 cent orange, #287 | .40 |
| 1867, 1 cent blue, #86 | 3.00 | 5 cent dull blue, #288 | .35 |
| 3 cent rose, #88 | .20 | *8 cent violet brown, #289 | .85 |
| 10 cent green, #89 | 3.00 | 10 cent gray violet, #290 | .18 |
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| 10 cent yellow green, 9x13, #96 | 1.50 | *2 orange brown, #293 | 10.00 |
| 15 cent black, #98 | 1.75 | *1901, 1 to 10 cent, #294-99 | 1.50 |
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| 3 cent ultramarine, #114 | .10 | *5 cent blue, #304 | .25 |
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| 10 cent yellow, #116 | 2.00 | *13 cent purple black, #308 | .40 |
| 12 cent green, #117 | 2.25 | *15 cent olive green, #309 | .85 |
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| 2 cent red brown, #135 | .25 | *13 cent blue green, #339 | .65 |
| 3 cent green, #136 | .10 | *15 cent pale ultramarine, #340 | .65 |
| 7 cent vermilion, #138 | 4.50 | *1 violet black, #342 | 4.00 |
| 1870-71, 1 cent ultramarine, #145 | .15 | *4 cent or. brown, pair coils, #350 | 2.50 |
| 2, 3 cent, #146, 147 | .10 | *1 cent green, #352, pair coils | .75 |
| 6 cent carmine, #148 | .30 | *2 cent carmine, #353, pair coils | .75 |
| 7 cent vermilion, #149 | 1.50 | *1910, 1 cent green, #385, pair coils | .35 |
| 10 cent brown, #150 | .55 | *1 cent green, pairs, #392 | .30 |
| 12 cent dull violet, #151 | 1.00 | *2 cent carmine, pairs, #393 | .50 |
| 15 cent bright orange, #152 | 1.25 | *3 cent violet, pairs, #394 | .40 |
| 24 cent purple, #153 | 3.50 | *4 cent brown, pairs, #395 | .65 |
| 30 cent full black, #154 | 2.25 | *5 cent blue, pairs, #396 | .85 |
| 1873, 1, 2, 3 cent, #156-158 | .18 | *1914-15, 1 cent green, #441, pairs | .30 |
| 6 cent dull pink, #159 | .20 | *1916-17, 9 cent salmon red, #471 | .75 |
| 7 cent orange vermilion, #160 | 1.75 | *11 cent dark green, #473 | .50 |
| 10 cent brown, #161 | .25 | *2 dark blue, #479 | 2.75 |
| 12 cent blackish violet, #162 | 1.25 | *5 light green, #480 | 6.50 |
| 15 cent yellow orange, #163 | 1.50 | *1918, 24 cent Aeroplane, #522 | .50 |
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Tete Beches, Their Creation.

Some years ago (about 1900 A. D.) on a hot day, a certain Mrs. Postmaster General had a picnic party. As in those days, mailing picture postcards was the "ritzy" thing, old man P. G. had to bring stamps along. Now, as the "mints" in those good old days did not behave any better than they do today, the stamps promptly stuck together, an inseparable mass, in good old P. G.'s pocket. "—," said old man P. G. "Men are senseless creatures," answered Mrs. P. G.

Anyhow old man P. G. had to do something to forestall the re-occurrence of such a disaster. Well, he invented the stamp booklets and lived happily ever after.

It looks rather easy, fastening some stamps together in booklets. However, stamps are cheap things and Uncle Sam and other stamp venders have to sell their product cheap since, outside of us dyed-in-the-wool stamp bugs, the bulk of the public doesn't want to spend much money for the beautiful engravings. So the stamp makers did not care to invest money in new machinery and had to find means and ways to use the apparatus they already had to make stamp sheets for the booklets.

Paper, plates, forms, presses, perforating machines, etc., were all built and set for the standard sheets. As, however, booklets larger than three stamps long and two stamps wide did not fit in ladies' handbags and the P. G.'s vest pocket, six stamp booklet pages were made by practically all stamp publishers, except when stamp booklets were made for use by masculines only, as, for instance, the booklets which Uncle Sam made for the boys in France who had plenty of dough to spend when they left home. Uncle, knowing fickle France, wanted to make sure that, in case they went broke, the boys would at least have postage to write home for more coin.

How did they print the booklet pages? First let us see how they did the trick.

Due to the somewhat larger bulging fronts of the booklet users, the German vest pockets or receptacles for booklets seem to favor a booklet page three stamps wide (horizontally) and two

stamps high (vertically), Fig. 1. (The government printing office figuring on less deep vest pockets, due probably to

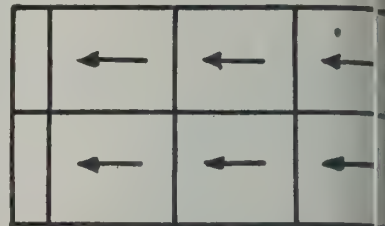


Fig. 1

more slender booklet users, as a rule, puts the stamps horizontally. The width of the U. S. standard booklet page is three stamps (vertical) and two stamps

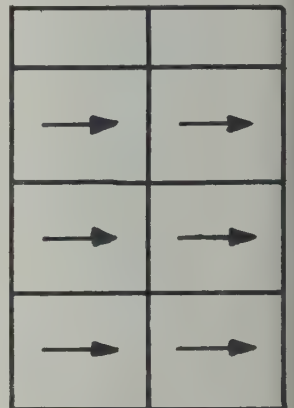


Fig. 2

high (horizontal), Fig. 2. Tete beches, however, only occur with booklets shown Fig. 1 and therefore this type is under discussion.

Most stamps are sold in sheets hundreds (10 rows of 10 stamps) are printed in such sheets or multiples of such sheets. Frequently four panes one hundred each are printed on a large sheet and later cut into panes hundreds for sale to the public. The width of such printed sheets equals the width of 20 single stamps plus the margin

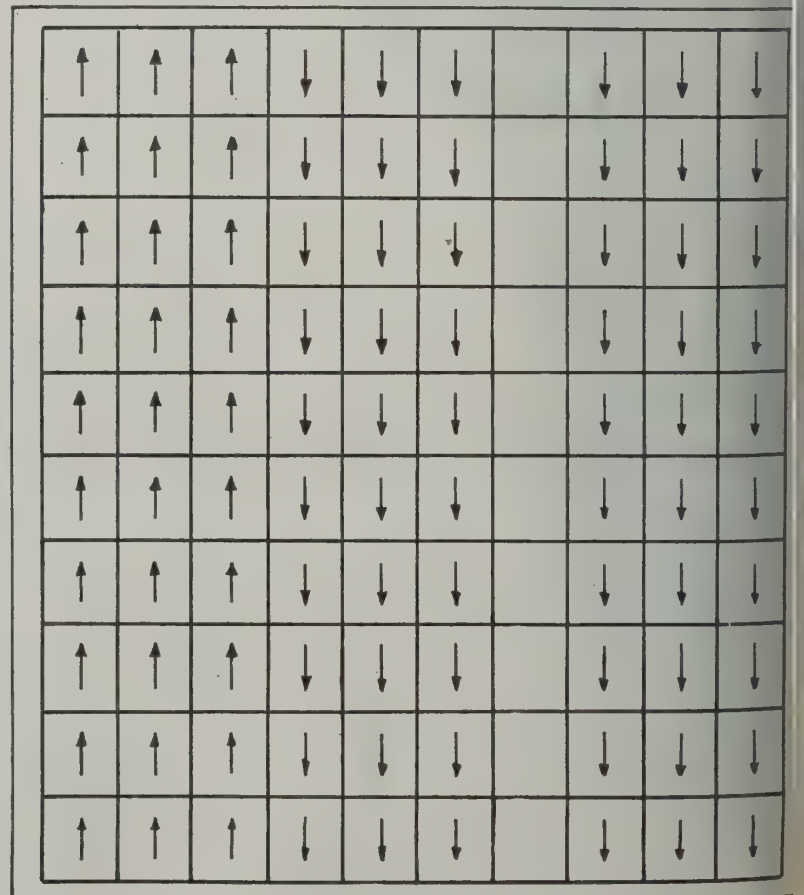


Fig. 3

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on the side and the margin between panes. The latter frequently equals width of one stamp. The normal is therefore 21 stamps wide plus side margins.

the booklet (Fig. 1) pages are 3 stamps and need a margin for binding. In r to use the presses and perforating ratus, set for a normal 4 pane sheet, arrangement, Fig. 3, was selected. ad of 4 panes of 100, this sheet con- 6 panes of 60 (only one-half sheet down). The sheet is 3 panes of 60 ps. The margin between the panes is the width of one stamp. Thus we 18 stamps and 2 margins between panes equals the width two panes 0 stamps each. In order to use the ard perforating punch and also the ard width of paper one outside mar- was made one stamp wider than l, thus making the sheet 21 stamps plus the usual side margins.

Switzerland goes at it slightly differ- In each pane of 100 the fourth al row is blank and is used as the ng margin. Fig. 4 gives a schemat- picture of this arrangement.

order to bind the panes in booklets rgin for fastening them must be In order that all pages come the way (face up) the margin must

always be on the same side of the booklet pane. To accomplish this without hav- ing a margin every third stamp, part of the stamps had to be printed upside down.

This interesting feature, namely that two adjoining stamps had to be printed one straight up and the other upside down, did not escape the stamp bugs and the various governments granted the request that sheets intended for booklets be sold to collectors. Thus the *tete beche* specimens were launched. Fig. 3 also illustrates how and why a *tete beche* with a margin between the stamps occurs.

I have mentioned only two typical sheet arrangements producing *tete beche* pairs. There are, however, a number of other combinations of margins and stamps possible.

Outside of these intended *tete beche* printings, adjoining stamps in reverse position came into existence through an error in placing the dies. The French issues of 1853-1863-1870 and 1871 are among the class of *tete beches* originated by mistake.

Intentionally created or as offsprings of the printer's devil, the *tete beches* form an interesting lot in any collection and—you never can stick 'em in upside down.

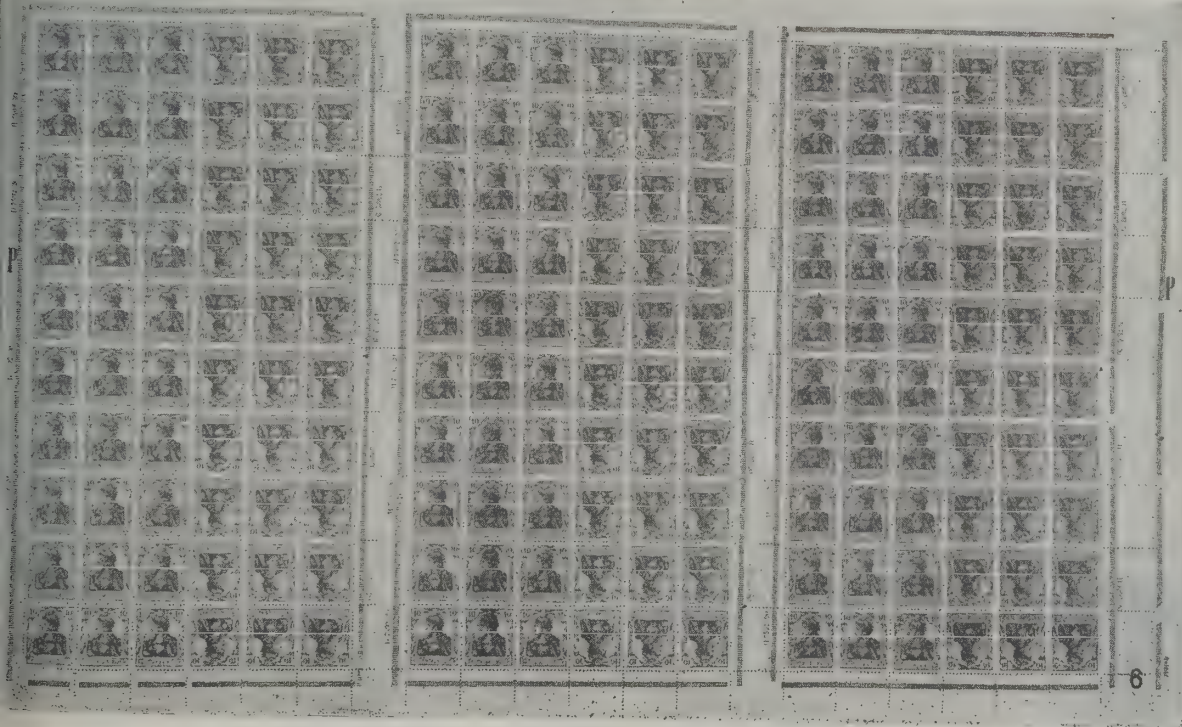


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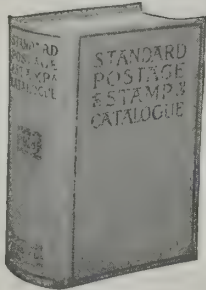
EDITORIAL

The French stamps celebrating the Legion convention are here and are interesting, particularly in their suggestions because of the text of the lower tablet, "Legion Americaine-Septembre, 1927," flanked at left with value and at right, R F, in monogram. There is so much detail handled in the design, with busts of LaFayette and Washington at left and right, respectively, that the finished stamps, large as they are, have a full appearance. Evidences of coarseness in the engraving, the production of A. Delzers who made the Decorative Arts set of 1924, are not absent, but under the circumstances, one is not too critical of the work. The issue represents a tribute that is a graceful one, whose significance is appreciated by collectors.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Vogel of Chicago, we are in receipt of air mail covers from the Leviathan, postmarked Sept. 12th, 13th and 14th, respectively. There are two varieties of postmark, "U. S. Sea Post Office," in small postmark form and "U. S. Sea Post S. S. Leviathan," in larger circle.

We have been shown by Mr. G. B. McBean, Chicago, a decidedly interesting presentation book, "Postal Organization of the Kingdom of Siam," edited by the Siamese Legation at Paris and printed "by order of H. H. Prince Prisdang," by William Ridgway, London. The frontispiece shows pictures of the king of Siam and the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, with cuts of the General Post Office, Bangkok and Wat Aron. Bangkok and the text, it happens, is in English. Mr. McBean has been in possession of the book since 1893, at the time of the World's Fair at Chicago, when it was given him by a member of the Royal Siamese Commission to the World's Columbian Exposition. In the course of friendly relations with the Siamese officer that were established through a contact in 1893, it became known to the latter that Mr. McBean was interested in stamps and had a small collection. The officer was considerate enough in consequence to hand him the work, which contains two pages of stamps issued through the 1887 set, including post cards and revenue stamps. Oddly enough, the 1s blue of the first issue, 1883, is one of the surcharged 1 tical in red; and this is the only one of these

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surcharges in the book; otherwise the 1883 and 1887 issues are complete, with revenues and postals. The Siamese Postal Organization is described in the course of thirty pages and in reference to the 1887 issue, it is said that the new stamps were decided on in 1885, and completed in the beginning of 1886! We hope to refer somewhat in detail to this history of the Siamese post, which though only brought down to about thirty years ago, has an admitted value.

Last week, Mr. Augustus E. Ingram submitted interesting particulars of the extent and location of the Spanish Colony, La Agüera; and now the Reverend Joseph Dreyer, S. M., St. Michael's Rectory, Convent, La., contributes a readable exposition based on Mr. Gordon's inquiry, the instructive value of which will be recognized: "In the U. S. Official Postal Guide for July, 1927, p. 343, mention is made of the Spanish Colonies 'La Agüera (Cabo Blanco) and 'Villa Cisneros' (Rio de Oro). However, Cabo Blanco (with Port Etienne) itself is in the French territory of Mauritania (Mauritanie-Africaine occidentale française). The gradual establishment of these Spanish colonies is clearly illustrated by the various issues of special stamps bearing the respective names of these districts. The rivalry between Spain and France in N. W. Africa is thereby well emphasized. Ever since 1900, Spain essayed her hand at colonizing along the N. W. shore of the Atlantic, south of the undetermined frontier of Morocco, the while France penetrated pacifically and otherwise the Sherifian Empire. Between 1900 and 1905, Spain organized the Coast just north of Cabo Blanco up to Cabo Juby, into the district called Colonia de Rio de Oro (the Rio de Oro discovered by the Portuguese in 1442), for which they issued special stamps in 1905. The seat of Government is at Villa Cisneros. France at that time claimed the coast line north of Cabo Juby, but had not established a definite frontier to the south of Morocco. Spain had also occupied Ifni, well to the north of the Wady Draa, which Morocco claimed for her southern boundary line. The French colony of Mauritania (Mauritania), part of French Western Africa, then actually surrounded the Rio de Oro Colony. By agreement between France and Spain, the frontier was definitely established, Spain extending her territory around and beyond Cabo Juby (Cape Juby), which is 67 miles due east of Fuerteventura Island in the Canary Group, and up the Wady Draa, the new boundary of French protected Morocco. That left the Spanish colony of Ifni in Moroccan territory. On Cape Juby there

is a very powerful wireless station since 1916. Cabo Juby is the northern part of the Spanish Rio de Oro Colony (as shown on present day maps) between Morocco and the District of Rio de Oro of Spanish Western Sahara. The first stamps were issued in 1915, being Rio de Oro stamps overprinted Cabo Juby. Since 1919 the current Spanish stamps overprinted Cabo Juby are in use. The colony is really a dependency of the Canary Islands and is governed from Las Palmas. In Nov., 1920, the Southern District of Rio de Oro was organized into the Territory of La Agüera (lat. 20° 47' n., long. 16° 58' w.) which used Rio de Oro stamps overprinted La Agüera. Early in 1921, the home government decided to change the name of the Rio de Oro District and issued stamps with the inscription: 'Sahara Occidental-Rio de Oro.' Similarly, the next issue (1922) for La Agüera was inscribed: 'Sahara Occidental-La Agüera.' The next step was to reunite the two under the general denomination: 'Posesiones Españolas del Sahara Occidental,' or Spanish possessions in the Western Sahara. The very latest stamp additions, the overprinted Red Cross issue of Spain, show the name of the Colony simplified to 'Sahara Español' or Spanish Sahara. Before the issue of special sets, ordinary Spanish stamps were in use in the entire District from Morocco to Cabo Blanco."

Now for Alaouites. By an Anglo-French agreement, made in 1916, Syria was divided into three parts to be administered respectively by the authorities of Great Britain, France and Arabia. Under the provisions of the treaty of Sevres, Aug. 10, 1920, Syria was given an independence subject to the administrative advice and assistance of a mandatory selected by the Allied Powers, with France as the mandatory nation. France, under the mandate, divided Syria into five more or less autonomous states, as follows: Bamasus, Aleppo, Alaouite, Gt. Lebanon and Gebel-Bruve. This division of Syria was made in 1925, when Alaouite was divided into sub-provinces as well, several of which are called Lapakla and Tartons, respectively. We are indebted to Colonel R. A. Eddy for the information conveyed in these findings, which have been in hand for several months.

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5fr dark green on bluish—Cat. 7.50—A mighty good stamp is this .350
1c gray black .01 Blk. .04
2c red brown .01 .04
5c orange .02 .08
10c blue .02 .08
25c rose .02 .08
30c orange .02 .08
50c myrtle green .15 .60
1fr on orange paper .15 .60
1.05fr red violet .12 .48
2fr violet & olive brown .20 .80
5fr green & rose .40 1.60
10fr yellow brown & blue .80 3.20
30c/25c rose—GOOD .10 .40
45c gray black .17 .68

Italy AND WE MAKE A BIT OF A TRIP INTO MUSSOLINI COUNTRY PICKING UP A FEW MUCH-DESIRED SPECIALS.

OPAGANDA OF THE FAITH—#138-141—A GOOD SERIES—much sought after .160
1921 ISSUE—#188-190—Dignified and worthy of a great inventor .22
VICTOR EMANUEL—#191-192—1.85L black & 2.65L deep violet .35
1921 YEAR—#420-425—A BEAUTIFUL SERIES which is of assured future worth .115
1921 ISSUE—#426-429—The glory that is of Rome—Very interesting .100
ALSO PICTORIAL ISSUES FOR THE COLONIES ALWAYS IN STOCK

Scott's 1928 Catalog HAVE WE YOUR ORDER? POST-FREE POST-FREE POST-FREE

ADVANCE ORDERS ONLY POST-FREE TO ALL POINTS IN U.S.A.
SPECIAL DELIVERY EAST OF THE MISSISSIPPI
TO CANADA 15c EXTRA—TO OTHER COUNTRIES 25c EXTRA
CATALOGS MAILED DAY OF ISSUE OCT. 24
EVERY SPECIAL "FLUSHING, N.Y." PRECANS—NOT OTHERWISE AVAILABLE
COLLECTORS WILL BE USED—THEY WILL BE WORTHWHILE TOO.
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THE HOME OF THE POSTAGE STAMP

VERY WELLS
AN KIRK WELLS

Austria FLYING OVER INTO AUSTRIA—WE FIND THE PICTURESQUE AND THE PRACTICAL—IT'S ALWAYS WORTH OWNING.

AIR POST SURCHARGED MONARCHY VALUES—#675-677 (formerly #575-7) GOOD SET .55

Semi-Postals FIRST REPUBLIC ISSUE—#678-685, 300k to 4800k COMPLETE .75

POSTAGE CITIES—#838-846—Cat. 2.35—CHOICE, BEAUTIFUL, SCARCE 1.05

DUES SYMBOLICAL ISSUE—#847-851—Cat. 1.85—GOING UP ALSO .75

1908-13 ISSUE—#1158-1167 (formerly #958-67)—Seldom seen .85

1916 ISSUE—#1173-1183—5h to 10kr COMPLETE, Cat. 1.35 .85

1922-24 ISSUE—#1239-1256—Cat. 1.65 & GROWING SCARCE .85

1927 ADDITIONAL VALUES TO CURRENT SET—5g, 14g, 28g, Type D11 .18

THE "HOME NEWS" WILL HELP YOU COMPLETE THIS GREAT OLD COUNTRY

Hungary NEW ISSUES DRAW US ACROSS THE BORDER—HERE

NEW AIR POST THE NEWEST AIRMAIL IS MOST EXCITING.

EAGLES DESIGNS ON EIGHT VALUES—12f, 16f, 20f, 32f, 40f, 50f 1.05

1924 AIR POST—#656-661—100k to 10000k COMPLETE—OBSOLETE & WAY UP .80

ALL CURRENT POSTAGE & POSTAGE DUES ARE LISTED IN "NEWSETTES"

Roumania THE LURE OF THE PICTURESQUE BRINGS US TO THE

LAND OF THE LITTLE KING MIHAI AND THEN

THERE IS QUEEN MARIE—YOU MUST HAVE THE

FIFTY-YEAR JUBILEE ISSUE IT IS A BEAUTIFUL SERIES OF 12 LARGE STPS. 1.15

COMPL. SUPERB SETS OF THIS RECENT ISSUE

#176-185—1906 JUBILEE ISSUE—Including #181a—Always celebrating here .45

#270-276—CORONATION ISSUE—With the RARE 6 lei QUEEN MARIE—Very nice 1.20

SEMI-POSTALS OF 1906—#351-362—12 values of these good stamps .135

Russia EXCITING AIRMAIL FLIGHT TO MOSCOW

INTERESTING NEW ISSUES ALL ALONG

THE 1926-1927 WAY—CAT. RAISES HERE

LENIN TOMB IMPERFORATE #294-297—A good series growing better .90

PERFORATE #298-301—The colors are especially attractive .90

PROVISIONAL "8KON" SURCHARGES ON 1925 POST. DUES #810-819—Unwmkd. .49

NEW ESPERANTO COMMEMOR.—14k green & sepia—Wmkd.—both for .24

FLOOD SET OF 1924—#545-549—Also well-worth .165

POOR LITTLE YOUNGSTERS #550-555—1926-1927 .80

#701—THE RED AIRPLANE—Cat. 2.50 now—Still .115

#702-705—Issue 1923—Cat. 12.50—Desirable .525

#706-709—SURCHARGES OF 1924—Not plentiful .55

NEW—10k brown & blue, 15k red & green—NEW .22

KERENSKY SURCHARGES #801-808—Cat. 3.54—GOOD 1.65

1925 UNWATERMARKED SERIES #810-819—OBSO. .75

1925 WATERMARKED SERIES #820-826—ALSO OBSO. .50

MOST OF THE OTHER SETS & MANY SINGLE ITEMS ARE ON OUR RUSSIA LIST

Esthonia ALONG THE WIND-SWEPT SHORES OF THE BALTIC SEA

BRAVE BUSY INTERESTING COUNTRIES TO STUDY.

WEAVER & BLACKSMITH PERFORATE SERIES—#67-73—Real workers are here .29

PICTORIAL 30m & 70m—#79 & 80—These are of course face value stamps .58

1925 ISSUE—CURRENT VALUES—#81-83—More busy folks—Better fill in .18

1923 ISSUE—#202-206—This oddly surcharged set cats. 4.50 now .220

1924 ISSUE IMPERFORATE #212-216—Cat. 1.85—VERY PRETTY SET .75

1925 ISSUE PERFORATE #218-222—Cat. 1.57—ALSO MIGHTY NICE .65

Latvia QUAIN & UNUSUAL WITH ITS "RISING SUNS"

ITS MANY LADIES, ITS UNIQUE OVERPRINTS.

IMPERFORATE #9-16—A good series, cat. 3.80 .150

PERFORATE #17-24—Cat. 3.40—Scarce & fine .145

#251-252—PERFORATE TRIANGLES—Cat. .75—Very attractive .34

#253-254—IMPERFORATE TRIANGLES—Cat. 2.50—They fly better .98

#367-370—THIS SURCHARGED SERIES CATS. 4.00—Our price still 1.15

LIBAU COMMEMORATIVE—#374-378—Cat. 2.30—Gorgeous Pictures 1.10

NEW PROVISIONAL SURCHARGES "15 SANTIMU" on 40k #79 & 50k #80—Current .12

"1 L" on 3r #72—Decidedly a pretty one .35

Lithuania THE BRILLIANT BEAUTY OF THE PHILATELIC

LANDSCAPE SUGGESTS SMOKED GLASSES—A COUNTRY RICH IN STORY—IN COLOR—IN VARIETY.

EARLY BLACK BIRDS—#7-19—10sk to 60sk—Cat. 6.30—SCARCE & WELL-WORTH 4.75

INDEPENDENCE ISSUE—#70-80—Cat. 3.64—Designs suggest legend and story .145

FLAMING HORSEMEN—#97-111—Cat. 3.87—Gorgeous and mighty interesting .130

DIAMONDS—#176-188—Cat. 8.05—It is the jewel of them all—SPECIAL .310

BASANCIOTIS—#219-222—These little mourning stamps are far from dull .30

PROVISIONAL AIRMAILS—#421-431—Cat. 9.10—Eleven mighty good surcharges. 4.25

SEMI-POSTAL 1924—#601-611 COMPLETE—(at 11.10—One of the HARD-TO-GETS 5.25

GERMAN OCCUPATION—#701-712—Another series seldom offered complete .95

WE LIST THIS COUNTRY NEARLY COMPLETE IN THE "HOME NEWS"

Memel WE MUST NOT NEGLECT THIS CORNER OF THE OLD WORLD

IT'S FULL OF RISING VALUES AND EXCITING SURCHARGES.

AIR POST—#318—THIS IS ONE OF THE GOOD ONES—Cat. 7.50—Our price is low 3.50

LITHUANIA #419-428—DEFINITE UNSURCHARGED SERIES—Cat. 2.19—And good .75

OCCUPATION 429-431 OVERPRINTS ON FRENCH SURCHS—Cat. 2.35—Price still .85

442-444 COMMEMORATIVES—LIGHT-HOUSES, ANCHORS, etc. Scarce 1.65

445-460 SIXTEEN GOOD SURCHARGES—Cat. 3.80—Not plentiful .175

Danzig SHALL WE TAKE A BOAT TO DANZIG? RICH DESIGNS

AND HIGH COLORS CHARACTERIZE ALL ISSUES.

FIRST GERMANY SURCHARGES—#1-18—Cat. 3.84—A set that is steadily rising .150

ROGGE ISSUE—#49-58—Cat. 3.73—This is most picturesque—also GOOD .160

GOLD GULDEN PROVISIONALS—#156-167—Cat. 15.08—OBSOLETE AND SCARCE 5.75

GOLD CURRENCY—#168-176, 5pf-75pf .90

#177-1g—OBSO. .75

#178-2g—LETE .95

#179-3g—NICE .105

#180-5g—BEAUTY 1.55

#181-10g—BEST .300

#182-1g—CURRENT .35

#183-2g—NOW .70

#184-186—15pf, 35pf, 3pf .20

GOLD AIR POST—#188-192—Good .145

GOLD OFFICIALS—#646-654 .90

#655-656—15pf & 35pf—1925 .18

BLUE DUES—#831-838—GOLD .100

ASK FOR OUR DANZIG CHECK-LIST—IT WILL GIVE YOU MOST NUMBERS PRICED SINGLY AND IN BLOCKS.

Saar BY MOTOR THRU THE SAAR VALLEY WITH ITS QUAIN

OLD-WORLD BUILDINGS—LOVELY VIEWS—BUSY SMOKING CHIMNEYS—FASCINATING AND COLORFUL.

"SAARGEBIET" ON GERMANY—#56-64—5pf to 4m—A much-needed little set .50

THREE SCARCE PROVISIONALS—#65-67—20pf/75pf, 5m/15pf, 10m/15pf—GOOD .95

1921 PICTORIAL ISSUE—#68-83—16 GORGEOUS PICTURES—WORTHWHILE SET 3.60

FRENCH SURCHS ON PICTORIALS—#85-98—AND THESE ARE AS BRILLIANT 2.25

1922 PICTORIALS—#99-112—ANOTHER BRIGHT SERIES ALREADY OBSOLETE 1.65

NEW PICTORIAL SERIES—#120-134—COMPL. 14 VALUES—10c to 5fr—BEAUTIES 1.10

Germany SHALL WE SAIL FOR HOME FROM BREMEN—SPENDING

THE LAST OF OUR LETTER-OF-CREDIT ON DESIRABLE

"GOLD CURRENCY" AND THE NEW "HINDENBURGS".

#323-328—3pf to 100pf NUMERALS .75

#330-336—3pf to 50pf EAGLES .70

#337-38, 343-44—STEPHAN ISSUE .70

#339—1m green—"RHEINSTEIN" .37

#340—2m blue—"KOHN"—Attractive .74

#341—3m claret—"MARIENBURG" .110

#350—5m green—"SEYER" .175

#345-346—5pf & 10pf—"MUNICH" .08

#347-349—5, 10, 20pf—"RHEINLAND" .15

#351-360—3pf to 80pf—"CELEBRITIES" 1.01

Hindenburg NEW SERIES JUST HERE—FINE-LOOKING PORTRAITS OF

PRESIDENT HINDENBURG—8pf deep green, 15pf vermilion,

25pf deep blue, 50pf dark brown—double-face value .75

Charity OUR GERMANY CHECK-LIST PRICES NEARLY ALL NUMBERS IN GERMAN RE-

PUBLIC IN SINGLES AND BLOCKS OF FOUR—ASK FOR IT.

New 3pf

Table with 2 columns: Item, Price. Includes items like 'Panzig #168 to 175 (Cat. \$1.21)', 'Ghana Airpost, #201', 'Russian Offices in Turkey, #15', etc.

AMERICAN LEGION
French Commemoratives, 90c & 1.50fr. .22
Berthelot Commemorative, 90c .08
Guinea, 1 & 2fr (77-8) Cat. .60 .27
Nobon, 1 & 2fr (99-100) .60 .27
Cory Coast, 1 & 2fr (56-7) .60 .27
Pierre, 1 & 2fr (92-3) .60 .27
Small Coast, 1 & 2fr (94-5) .60 .27
Postage extra, Fr. Col. approvals. Reference.
A. HAROLD KIRKPATRICK
13 N. 16th St. Phila., Pa.

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Bromfield Street, Boston, Mass.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Price. Includes items like 'Afr. & Uganda, 1R, #49a', 'Bermuda, 1/2d to 3sh, #116-126', 'Bermuda, 1/2d to 6d, #127-134', etc.

S. AND FOREIGN
19th and 20th Century
AT MARKET PRICES
Burger & Co.
NEW YORK

KEEPING RECORD OF STAMP PURCHASES

A recent editorial in MEKEEL'S refers to the loss of a stamp collection by fire, and the difficulty of establishing the amount paid for the same. Perhaps others would be interested in a way in use, which could easily be modified to suit the individual. A key system is used to denote the vendor, such as "SM" for John Smith, and the first purchase from this dealer is denoted as "SM-1," the second purchase as "SM-2," etc. This notation may be put on the label, or on the page underneath the specimen. A small sheet, preferably of loose leaf book, may be kept for each purchase (or several purchases, if small), giving a line for each specimen, giving log number, catalog price, price paid, and one or two other points of information if necessary. The above scheme, while laid out for general collection, could easily be adapted to a specialized collection, and would give a continual inventory of such stamps as were important enough for such record, and requires surprisingly little space to keep up. This only gives a record of the original cost, while appraisal of the collection at a later date or at time of loss would necessarily take into account appreciation since purchase.—J. H. BRACKEN, A. P. S. No. 7101.

BACK VOLUMES FOR SALE

We have bound volumes of the WEEKLY on hand for the years 1906, 1922, 1923. Price, \$2.50 each. We have unbound volumes of the WEEKLY for the years:—
1904-5-6-7-9, Price each \$2.00
1900-1-2-9, " " 1.50
1910-1-5-6-7-8-9, " " 1.50
1920-2-3, " " 1.50
Limited supply on hand.

BUSINESS ITEMS OF A VARIED NATURE

Elsewhere in this number will be found the advertisement of Arthur Barger & Co., and the firm will be with us frequently during the winter. They carry a general line of stamps, but specialize in first day covers. Office space has been taken at 46 Cornhill, Boston, and this move upon the part of the firm will no doubt be appreciated by its many patrons.

We are very glad to enter Fred W. Noske, Milwaukee, Wis., as a regular advertiser. He has taken out a "3-in-1" contract and will be with us indefinitely. He comes well recommended.

A new "3-in-1" contract is at hand from Bertram W. H. Poole, 620 Washington Bldg., Los Angeles, Cal. A quarter-page advertisement in this issue introduces him in a handsome manner, and his list of fine stamps will attract attention.

We are advised by the Premier Stamp Co., of Brighton, Eng., that the firm has removed to new premises at 65 Western Road, Hove, Brighton.

Francis J. Gross of Brooklyn, N. Y., returns to our columns this week. He has signed a "3-in-1" contract and begins its use with a quarter-page advertisement elsewhere in this number. Mr. Gross is well acquainted from past experience with the pulling powers of the WEEKLY, and he has the forethought to order five hundred reprints of the advertisement appearing this week.

If you are interested in the novelties W. T. Wilson is offering week by week on page 1, we suggest that you address him at 18 Livingstone Rd., Birmingham, England, and procure a copy of his October list. It is most interesting and attractive. Mr. Wilson in writing us from Paris prepaies the postage upon his letter with the 1fr 50c American Legion stamp. It bears the date of Sept. 15.

Last week F. B. Buffham of Racine, Wis., returned to our columns with a new advertising contract. We can recommend him to the favorable consideration of our readers.

We have received from B. J. Dattner, 324 S. 24th St., Philadelphia, Pa., a copy of Dattner's Circular, a sample copy of which will no doubt be sent upon request. It is something more than a mere house-organ and we can commend it to our readers.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found the introductory advertisement of Homan, Krassa Co., Inc., of N. Y. City. There is also a business write-up of this firm, which was formerly known to WEEKLY readers as A. Krassa. It is with great satisfaction that we recommend this firm. The Managing Editor has personally inspected the superb stock which the Homan, Krassa Co. carries and its richness will be fully presented during the coming year with the firm's contract for five thousand lines.

J. C. Morgenthau & Co. has resumed their advertising and will now be found throughout the winter regularly in our columns. The Morgenthau firm is now in the Collectors Club Building on W. 48th St., N. Y. City.

M. J. Fenster, Elmira, N. Y., who has just returned from a lengthy trip abroad, is making his plans for the early use of the WEEKLY. His first advertisement will be a big one, and our readers will hear from him regularly thereafter.

The well-known Paris dealer, Theodore Champion, has sent us some large posters advertising the International Stamp Exhibition to be held at Monte Carlo in February. He desires these placed in the offices of dealers in the United States. We shall be glad to send the ten specimens received to the first ten applicants that come to us. The poster is a handsome production.

How many of our subscribers noticed the make-up of the advertisement of the Home of the Postage Stamp in our issue of Sept. 26? It was indeed striking and as interesting as anything printed in that particular number of the WEEKLY. If the reader fails to notice this week's advertisement by this firm another treat will be missed. It shows the work of an experienced hand.

BUY TWENTIETH CENTURY MINT BRITISH COLONIALS

One good stamp deserves another. Fill up your Colonials. Here are about 200 offers, all in fine mint condition, priced on 1928 cat. from advance sheets. The best in the market, stamps in demand, from the most popular Colonies. Prompt reliable service, one of the largest stocks in the country to select from, and want lists filled. If you want action let me know your requirements. I solicit your trade, and back up my offers with a carefully selected stock, and can supply sets, Colonies complete, pairs, blocks of four, rarities, etc.

This is a bona fide offer of service, and collectors of British Colonials will find that my consistent policy of co-operative service brings satisfactory results. Please remember, CASH WITH ORDER.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Price. Includes items like 'ANTIGUA, MINT', 'BERMUDA, MINT', 'DOMINICA, MINT', 'FALKLAND IS., MINT', 'IRELAND, MINT', 'NEW HEBRIDES, MINT', 'ST. HELENA, MINT', 'ZANZIBAR, MINT', etc.

C. I. CROWELL, 574 5th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

A Few Recent Arrivals!

ALL UNUSED — PRICES NET

Table with 2 columns: Item, Price. Includes items like 'France—25c yellow brown', 'Algeria Provisional—', 'Norway—25 ore scarlet (block capitals)', etc.

SPECIALS!

We have recently found in stock a few sets of the "hard-to-get" Marine Insurance Stamps of the Dutch Indies. These are not priced in the Advance Pages of the 1928 Catalogue. We offer complete sets of these stamps: Nos. 401 to 407, 7 Varieties at a net price of \$27.50 (These catalogued \$50.00 in the 1927 Cat.)

Sets of the above stamps: Nos. 401 to 405, 5 Varieties at \$7.50 (These catalogued \$15.00 in the 1927 Cat.)

GIBRALTAR!

Table with 2 columns: Item, Price. Includes items like 'No. 84 1924, 2sh violet & ultra-marine, blue', '85 4sh black & scarlet', etc.

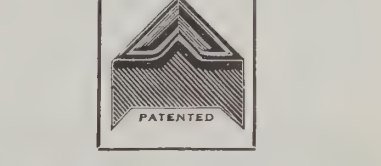
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Single 10c; Block of 4, 50c.
Plate Number Block, 90c.
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Postage extra on orders under \$1.00.
Send for my U. S. Price List.
W. T. POLLITZ
24 Milk St., Room 707
BOSTON, MASS.

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New list free.
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AIR POST COLLECTORS

If you are searching for any of the choice rarities in Air Posts, it will be to your advantage to drop us a line. We own the finest range of these in North America. Below are a few special offers:

Allahabad, India, Feb. 18, 1911. The first Airmail ever carried by Airplane. Autographed by Pilot\$48.50
Hawker, Transatlantic, fine cover\$45.00
Alcock, the 1st Transatlantic cover, fine, 1931.00
R34, N. Y. - Ireland, 1919, Very fine ..115.00
London-Windsor, Eng., 1911, card in

Violet 47.00
Siam 1920, Bangkok-Chandhaburi, rare 42.50
Return flight, Very rare 50.00

Paris Balloon Post, "Dépêche Ballon"

No. 13 or 14 30.00
"Correspondance Havas", rare Jour-
nal, 11th, 12th, 13th Dec., each .. 50.00

"Le Ballon Poste", No. 12 27.50
Several "Gazettes" @ \$9, \$12 & \$15, and
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Also splendid collections of Philippine Is.
and Canada, including a copy of the "1st
B. C. - Alberta Aerial Post", and a very
large stock of U. S. from 1911 to date. Send
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Publishers of the American Airmail
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We also buy U. S. A. stamps in America.
It always pays to go to the source. Why
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free?

Some Fine Sets at Low Prices

BAVARIA: Scott 86-91, \$6.00; 92-93,
2c; 94-175, 193-236\$1.50
176-191, 25c; 237, 1/2c; 238-25425
255, 25c; 256-275, 25c; 351-35301
509-518, 8c; 527-539, 8c; 540-55725
558-57525

Fine Bavarian Collections: 100 diff. .19
150 diff., 38c; 200 diff., \$1.; 300 diff. 3.13

ALLENSTEIN: 1-3, 5-14, 30c; 15-17,
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DANZIG: 1-18, 90c; 19-23, 15c; 25-30. 1.25
30b-30f, \$9.50; 30g-30m 2.10
30n-30t, \$5.00; 31, \$3.75; 32 8.00
33-46 exc. 44, 9.75; 34, 37, 38, 39, 45 1.15
44, 47, 48, \$75.00; 49-58 1.00
59-61, 20c; 63-79, 90c; 9350
94, 30c; 95, 35c; 123-12620
156-163, 80c; 164-167 3.50
168-176, 80c; 177-181 5.75
182-185, \$1.00; 401-40323
404-409, 12c; 428-432 1.25
551-553, 15c; 601-614 2.00
831-83890

Collections: 100 diff.25
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Including Watermark varieties.

MEMEL: 1-12, 33-36, \$12.50; 15-32 3.00
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72-85, 70c; 86-101, 35c; 301-307 4.50
308-317, 31935

Lithuania 401-428, 80c; 429-43165

Cent issues compl., 71 val.18.00

Very fine Memel collections:
70 diff., \$1.00; 100 diff., \$1.75; 200
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Memel complete, 238 val.42.00

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32-35, \$2.00; 36-39, 35c; 40-53 2.15

SAAR: 1-17, \$4.25; 21-39, \$19.75; 41-53 .25

41-67, \$1.50; 68-83, \$2.00; 85-98 1.90

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GERMANY: 100 diff. sheets and coils
(100 x 100 sets) 1.50

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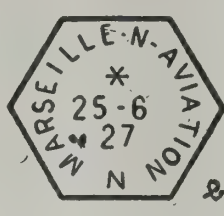
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AIRPOST COLLECTORS' WORLD WIDE CHRONICLE



Austria.—The airpost line between Vienna and Marseilles was inaugurated on July 1st and at the former city a special first day postmark was used which was inscribed in concentric circles "Post-Erstflug, Wien-Marseille." Below the date "I. VII. 27. 10" was depicted a small monoplane. At Aspern, for the same service, a cachet of the same type was also used. The first mail consisted of 1,296 pieces: 676 letters and cards, and 34 registered pieces, from Vienna; and 572 letters and cards with 14 registered pieces from Aspern. Included in these numbers were 600 of a special commemorative card issued in Austria.

Brazil.—According to local newspapers an airpost service was opened in this country early this year which included a line between Rio de Janeiro and Porto Alegre, the Minister of Posts announcing that the rates for cards and letters not exceeding 20grms. in weight, and newspaper and book post not exceeding 50grms. in weight, would be 2 milreis for transport on a distance from 500 to 1,500kms., 3 milreis for 3,000kms., 4 milreis for 4,500kms., and 5 milreis for 6,000kms.

Ceylon.—The Monthly Bulletin of the Indian society reports the following interesting news item: "On Tuesday, the 10th, and Wednesday, the 11th, December, 1912, Mons. George Verminck and Mons. Marc Pourpe gave an aerial exhibition on the Race Course at Colombo. The Exhibition came to an abrupt end, owing to police interference, as the aviators were stated to have flown over the forts. All photographs and negatives were seized by the police. It is unknown whether any mail or souvenir cards were carried by the aviators on the 10th and 11th, during their flights."

Chile.—We illustrate (No. 3) the official air postmark applied to mail carried on the service between Valparaiso and Santiago since it opened on May 3rd. The ordinary postmark is used for back-stamping.

Colombia.—The special air postmark now being applied to mail at Pereira is of the type first used in 1921, and is used with a bright green ink.

At Bogota, the following propaganda postmark is now being used: "Colombia tiene un servicio aero completo. Aprovechele." (Colombia has a complete air service. Profit by it).

Denmark.—On the occasion of the opening of the first airmail service from Copenhagen to Oslo on July 18th, the Danish Post Office brought into use for this day only the obsolete air postmark, but we are not informed whether this was used for the whole or for only part of the mail despatched.

Dutch East Indies.—Twenty-seven sacks of mail, weighing 381kgs., were carried on the first flight to Sabang from Batavia and Soerabaya, the Soerabaya pieces of which were described in our June number. Though postmarked at the end of March, these were probably carried to meet the SS. Slamet on April 2nd, arriving in Holland on April 22nd.

France.—The service to South America which is expected to open this month has been planned on very ambitious lines by the Latecoere Company. It is said that a fleet of 200 aeroplanes, 40 hydroplanes and nine steamers will be put into service and 266 pilots will be employed. Under the ten years' contract, 50% of the employees must be of Argentine birth. The route from Toulouse to Buenos Aires, via Casablanca, St. Louis and (Senegal), Cape Verde, Fernando de Noronha, Pernambuco, Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires, covers 7,704 miles and

will be cleared in seven and a half days by relays of land planes, hydroplanes and steamships. One voyage a week will be made at first, and it is stipulated that in three years' time the distance must be covered within four days.

As announced in our June number, the first two official air stamps of France were placed on sale at Marseilles Aviation Salon from June 25th to July 25th. Airmail covers bearing these stamps have been seen with the special postmark (No. 2) as well as with a circular postmark inscribed "Salon Aviation-Navigation Marseilles 25.6.27."

French Morocco.—A local correspondent states that the 5c orange air stamp has been withdrawn from issue, though as a matter of fact the Rabat post offices had sold out within two days of its first appearance.

Grand Liban.—The 1925 stamps surcharged with an aeroplane in red have now appeared with additional overprints: "Republique Libanaise" on the following values, 2, 3, 5 and 10 piastres.

Great Britain.—The extension of the London-Marseilles air service to Monaco for Monte Carlo was made on the following days: July 30th, August 2nd, 12th, 20th and 27th, and September 3rd, as a preliminary to a regular service.

Through the courtesy of Mr. S. H. Smith we learn that two or three letters were carried by Messrs. Carr and Gilman on the first British non-stop attempt to fly to Delhi. This mail was postmarked at Cranwell on May 20th and at Lower Baghdad on June 1st. Mr. G. Wylie calls our attention to the new series of blue air labels which now appear to be rouletted instead of perforated.

Greece.—A special postmark is now in use which reads (in Greek) "Athens, By Airmail." Registered letters, says Mr. Drossos, have a similar cancellation but with smaller characters and with the word "Registered" included.

Guatemala.—The Pan-American fliers carried a small official mail of six letters to Honduras and six to Costa Rica, the former bearing an air postmark dated Jan. 4, 1927, and being back-stamped at Tegucigalpa on January 14th. The delay in delivering was due to an accident, involving eight days, when the machine was taking off.

Holland.—The first mail, of about 7,000 pieces, weighing 120kgs., was flown on a Fokker F VIIa to Marseilles early on March 18th. It was taken on board the SS. Indra Poera to Sabang and from there flown by military machines on April 5th, 6th and 7th to Medan, Batavia and Soerabaya. We have seen a few covers postmarked in Holland a day prior to the Marseilles flight, March 17th and backstamped at Weltevreden on April 6th.

Jugo-Slavia.—An airmail service was opened on July 25th between Belgrade and Zagreb.

Kenya.—The four letters mentioned in our July number received a red first flight cachet on the front and was back-stamped in red February 15th. On February 27th, the second successful flight carried only a small mail which had special postmarks in red, with the date, but without the word "First."

Newfoundland.—Three hundred Cabot 60c stamps were overprinted for Pinedo's flight as announced, and it appears that 258 of these were used on the latter mail, the disposition of the remainder being as follows: four damaged and destroyed, 20 presented to Commander Pinedo, two presented to the Italian Consul, Mr. C. Mc. K. Harvey, seven sold to Mr. Woodford, Minister

of Posts, five sold to Mr. Hoddy, Deputy Minister, two sold to the Prime Minister, and two sold to Mr. O'Neil, Private Secretary to the Minister of Posts. The airmen arrived at Ostia, miles from Rome on June 16th, but the Newfoundland mail was not delivered to the post office until a week or more afterwards.

Nicaragua.—The first airmail from this country was carried on the experimental S.C.A.D.T.A. flight two years ago. Flown covers were postmarked Managua on August 17, 1925, and also received a small octagonal framed cachet reading "Primer Correo Aereo Colombia—America Central." They were back-stamped at Camapala on the 18th and Tegucigalpa on the 20th August.

Norway.—The first flight from Oslo to Copenhagen took place on July 18th, all mail being backstamped at Oslo on that day and mail for countries beyond Denmark receiving also the red air reception cachet of Hamburg. We are indebted to Mr. Davis calling our attention to an error in our July Chronicle. The official air stamp was first used and flown on June 13th, not June 6th.

Portugal.—An air line with a service three times weekly was opened between Lisbon, Madrid and Seville on June 10th, but according to a notice issued by the Director General of Communications the experimental mail carrying flights were made by the aeroplane "Sevilla" from May 2, 1927, first mail including official greetings and correspondence.

Sarawak.—We illustrate (No. 1) the official air postmark applied to the first airmail as described in *The Aero Field* of February.

Switzerland.—A regular airmail service between Lausanne, Chaux-de-Fonds and Locle was inaugurated on May 30th when a special mail carrying machine was used. As on previous official flights, special postmarks were applied to each town (No. 4). The new line expedites the delivery of Lausanne mail addressed to Amsterdam, Paris and London, via Basel. For this occasion the society "Nhora" of La Chaux issued a series of special cards and envelopes which were imprinted with official stamps of the 25c and 35c values in the types of the 1923 series. Fifteen thousand each of cards and envelopes were printed, including various quantities of minor types and varieties.

A propaganda postmark was in use at Zurich advertising the International Meeting of mid-August and propaganda labels depicting a white aeroplane descending from a very blue sky were also used. Various special air postcards were prepared for carrying on the special mails, including 15,000 bearing the 25c air stamp, 5,000 with the 40c air stamp about 1,000 without stamp (but sold at 30c each) and about 200 on chamotte paper sold at 50c each, we are advised by Dr. Vogler.

In connection with the first mail flight between Zurich and Bellinzona, the flight from Zurich was made on August 21st and the return journey from Bellinzona on the 22nd. Two types of vignette printed on envelopes appeared, one depicting a propeller and the other an eagle with inscriptions in three languages. For the Zurich flight, 1,000 series of six envelopes were issued, five bearing imprinted stamps of the William Tell series. For the Bellinzona flight 1,000 series of two envelopes, one with and one without the imprinted 5c William Tell stamp were issued. Two special official cachets were applied at each town.—*The Aero Field*.

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| Lithuania 1924, Commemoratives complete | 164-70 | 3.10 | 1.50 |
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| Lithuania 1925, Republic issue cpl. | 178-85 | 2.59 | 1.25 |
| Lithuania 1914, Postage dues complete | 301-5 | 7.50 | 2.00 |
| Lithuania 1919, dues complete | 331-34 | 8.00 | 2.00 |
| Lithuania 1920, Postage dues complete | 335-38 | 1.40 | .50 |
| Lithuania 1922, Postage dues complete | 344-47 | 2.50 | 1.25 |
| Lithuania 1924, Semi-Postal complete | 501-08 | 4.00 | 1.50 |
| Afghanistan 1877, 4 values | 55-58 | 28.00 | 12.50 |
| Afghanistan 1877, 5 values (inc. 66a) | 65-68 | 53.50 | 16.50 |
| Afghanistan 1921, 10pa to 30pa cpl. | 217-19 | 5.25 | 2.00 |
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| Belgium 1925, Branco Commemoratives cpl. | 228-47 | 2.92 | 1.25 |
| Belgium 1925, Commemoratives complete | 166-78 | 6.50 | 3.50 |
| Belgium 1910-11, Semi-Postal complete | 241-60 | 5.16 | 1.75 |
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| Bulgaria 1910, 1h to 5k complete | 46-61 | 6.00 | 3.00 |
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| Bulgaria 1916-17, 3h to 10k complete | 86-104 | 5.47 | 3.00 |
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| Greece 1912, postage dues complete | 1151-64 | 37.73 | 12.50 |
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| Honduras 1915-16, 1c to 1p complete | 174-81 | 2.47 | 1.00 |
| Honduras 1920, 2c silver, bronze, red | 196-98 | 11.00 | 3.50 |
| Honduras 1923, Provisionals complete | 203-5 | 3.85 | 1.50 |
| Iceland 1902-4, 3a to 5k complete | 34-44b | 8.16 | 3.50 |
| Iceland 1907-8, 1c to 5k complete | 71-85 | 8.05 | 3.50 |
| Iceland 1911-12, 1c to 5k complete | 86-98 | 8.33 | 3.50 |
| Iceland 1920, 1c to 5k complete | 108-23 | 6.26 | 2.25 |



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| *Saar 1922, 3c to 5fr. cpl. | 99-112 | 3.32 | 1.25 |
| *Salvador 1925, Commemoratives complete.... | 507-09 | 4.50 | 1.50 |
| *Salvador 1921, 1c to 1 col off. cpl. | 1178-85 | 4.13 | 1.75 |
| *Samoa 1900-15, 3pf to 5m cpl. | 60-68, 70-82 | 5.56 | 2.50 |
| *Sarawak 1897, 4 values complete | 29-32 | 10.25 | 4.50 |
| Siam 1908, 1t to 5t | 118-21 | 5.60 | 2.50 |
| Siam 1912, 1b to 20b complete | 151-56 | 11.55 | 3.50 |
| Siam 1926, Coronation Issue cpl. scarce (Y. & T. 3,000 francs) | 198-203 | 61.50 | 16.50 |
| Siam 1925, Air Post complete | 401-8 | 2.83 | 1.40 |
| *Spanish Guinea 1912, 5c-10p (minus #121, 23) | 117-27 | 2.24 | 1.25 |
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| *Uruguay 1921-22, Air Post complete | 401-3 | 10.00 | 5.00 |
| *Western Ukraine 1918, 3h to 20h cpl. | 5-8 | 20.00 | 5.00 |
| *West. Ukraine 1919, Stanislaw cpl. inc. #26a | 11-27 | 101.00 | 36.00 |
| *Western Ukraine 1919, (minus #43) | 34-52 | 515.00 | 149.50 |
| *Western Ukraine 1919, 2 values | 57-58 | 145.00 | 48.50 |

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BRATTLEBORO U. S. A. 5c black on buff



The story of the Brattleboro is so old that it will be new to many readers. The stamp has long been regarded as a choice gem and for years it has stood as a synonym for rarity. "Brattleboro" in the estimation of collectors generally represented the ne plus ultra of philatelic desire. Lately, greater rarities have been in the public eye, and the lustre of the Brattleboro has become somewhat dimmed. Probably, it has been the subject of more comment in the newspapers than any other stamp and its historical suggestions have been dwelt upon so often with more or less eloquence and accuracy that to old time philatelists, its story is threadbare.

The Brattleboro was issued rather late in 1846 by Frederick N. Palmer, postmaster of the place, from July, 1845, to November, 1848, who has been described as a "man of ability and charming accomplishments," and as proving the kindly qualification, it may be said that he was renowned as a flute player, who performed at old church concerts with signal success. The Brattleboro was issued as a convenient labor-saver and as a means for increasing the revenue of his office, but the expectations were not fully met and it seems agreed that not over five hundred stamps were used. The stamps were printed from a copper engraved plate that contained ten impressions arranged in two horizontal rows of five stamps each. The name of the engraver was shown on the bottom of the sheet in script: "Eng. by Thos. Chubbuck, Brat'to." Each stamp differs in some minor detail from its fellows on the sheet. The initials on the stamp, F. N. P., are a fac-simile of the autograph of the postmaster's initials.



SWISS PRO JUVENTUTE SET FOR 1927

10,000 Mile Stamp Hunt

(This clipping was sent us by C. A. Tully. It is going the rounds of the press and is an indication that our Cleveland friend W. W. McLaren is having a little competition.—Ed.)

WORCESTER, Sept. 23—On a 10,000-mile stamp hunt, Walter N. Emerson, retired editor of a Chicago trade paper, is in Worcester buying early American stamps from Worcester residents. He has acquired six lots ranging from a few stamps to a box the size of a peck measure into which for years the owner has been throwing stamps. Worcester is only one place where Mr. Emerson has stopped on his way from Bangor, Me. With Mrs. Emerson the collector left Chicago May 2. They traveled by automobile across the country, stopping to buy stamps in all but the largest cities. They are now on their way to Chicago, which place they hope to reach Oct. 1.

Correspondence and Stamps

By BEVERLY CAVERHILL

A hobby of mine which has helped me in stamp collecting is foreign correspondence. I have correspondents in Australia, Gold Coast, England, India, France and Canada, and thru them I get many stamps, covers, and blocks by exchange, and from the envelopes. One cover I received this way recently was stamped with the Australian Canberra issue. Also thru a Canadian friend I got the entire Jubilee and historical sets of 1927 unused. Those wishing correspondents, address their letters to: Secretary, W. B. B. % Boys' Life, 200 Fifth Ave., New York City, for information.

Cheboygan, Mich., Organizes

Edw. Gaines is president, and Bryant Kilpatrick is secretary of a stamp club just organized in Cheboygan, Mich., for both adults and juniors. The club starts with eight members. Good. Who will be the next to report a stamp club? A suggestion—go to the Secretary of your local Y. M. C. A. and tell him the boys of your town want a stamp club. He will help you, or else be a big misfit.



A Damaged Specimen

Have you one in your collection?

"C. A."

I. These letters appear on several of the stamps of Nicaragua, and signify "Central America," referring, of course, to the geographical position of the republic.

II. The letters "C A" form an overprint frequently found on the King Edward 1d stamps of Great Britain. Many collectors have been led to treat this as an official overprint of the same standing as the "I. R." etc., stamps. Their use is, however, purely fiscal, and they are simply used in the offices of the Crown Agents for the Colonies for the purpose of receipting documents, accounts, etc.

Ujarras Ruins, Costa Rica



One of a set of three values recently issued by Costa Rica. This 45c shows the Ruins of Ujarras.

Junior Dictionary

Populi Voluntas.—"Will of the People," part of the inscription found on stamps issued in connection with a plebiscite in 1920 in Marienwerder, West Prussia.

Port Cantonal.—An inscription shown upon all the cantonal stamps of Geneva, issued between 1843 and 1849, meaning "Cantonal Post."

Porte De Mar.—The chief inscription upon certain labels employed at one time in Mexico to denote to the authorities at Vera Cruz the amount of postage upon each letter which was to be paid to the Company conveying the mails by sea. As the whole of the postage was prepaid by means of the ordinary postage stamps and these labels merely gave information upon a matter of accounts, their philatelic interest is not very great. The inscription means, literally, "sea postage."

Porteado A Receber.—Found on the postage due stamps of Portugal meaning "postage to be received."

Porte De Conduccion.—Found on the parcel post stamps of Peru and means "postage for conveyance."

Porte Franco.—Found on many of the early stamps of Peru. It means literally, "post free."

Portielje, G.—A painter of Antwerp who designed the 5c Brussels Exhibition stamp issued in Belgium in 1896. His initials, "G. P.," are shown on the stamps in microscopic letters.

Port Lagos.—A small town in Turkey in Europe at which France maintains a consular post office. The stamps used at this office since 1893 have been overprinted with the name of the town.

Porto.—This word forms the only inscription, other than the value, shown upon the postage due stamps of Austria and the Austrian Levant issued since 1908. It means "postage."

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Cadiz

A Spanish province having an area of 2,834 square miles and a population of about half a million. After the revolution in Madrid in September, 1868, and consequent flight of the Queen, a Provisional Government was formed, which issued orders that all postage stamps were to be overprinted "Habilitado la Nacion" before being sold to the public. The province of Cadiz used a special handstamp for this purpose which differs from that in general use throughout the rest of Spain only in the size of the letters of the inscription.

Paper No. 15—Safety

A highly glazed bluish paper used on the 4d stamps of Great Britain issued in 1855, and for several of the reverse stamps of that country. The blue was caused by adding prussiate of ash to the pulp and the paper was so sensitive that any attempt at removal of the cancellations resulted in the removal of the design as well.

Mysterious Afghanistan

By ROBT. S. GORDON, Middletown, Conn. Along about 1921, England and Afghanistan decided to call a halt to promising young war they were developing. They sent their soldiers back to their barracks, slapped each other on the back in friendly diplomatic fashion, and decided to be friends. As a consequence British representatives are stationed in Kabul, Jalalabad, and Kandahar, moaning their exile; and Afghan agents are posted at London, Delhi, Bombay and Karachi, probably bemoaning their exile also.



Soviet Russia also insists on sticking her finger in the soup, with diplomatic representatives at Kabul, and the opinion is publicly expressed in the East that the soup is becoming contaminated thereby.

The mysterious lands which not very long ago were mere empty space on the map are gradually losing their isolation. It seems not improbable that tabloid newspapers, traffic cops, and the ubiquitous book agent will, within a short time, destroy the last vestige of romance attached to the little-known places of the earth. Tibet has its telegraph line



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Introduction

Someone were to ask me to select the most virgin field, in the broad expanse of the precancel hobby, in which the following factors were present:

Wealth of material
Freedom from speculation
Possibilities for attractive display
Investment possibilities
One could be forced to say "collect the Special Deliveries, including the Special Handling stamp."
We have a wide range of cities using the stamps. From Silver Lake, Ind., to New York City, there are hundreds of postoffices which precancel them. As I have to learn of a single variety of stamps especially for the collector's benefit. We find a multitude of styles of precancelling—handstamps, electroplates, special typesettings, all being used. The illustrated overprints all fall in the same named group. This combined with green, blue, orange, and black hues, the special size of the stamps, permit arrangement for a splendid display. Mitchell has expressed an interest in the 25c, Special Handling, and is accumulating a separate collection of them. No one has an important showing of the entire group, mounted as a special collection, to my knowledge.

Part I—The Various Issues

The first stamp to consider is the "Merry Widow" of 1908. When I said I knew of no speculative varieties, and under consideration the 1916 and present series. Claremont, N. H., No. 1, in a pretty three-line printed style, Mer Rouge, La., handstamped in the lines, are two "Merry Widow" stamps that are rank speculatives, and only be included as curiosities. Precancelling of Special Deliveries at an early period was deemed unnecessary, for I have never seen a "Merry Widow" that was authentic. The 10c blue, "boy on bicycle," perf. 12, may exist from some source, but to my knowledge it does not. The advent of precancelled special delivery stamps comes with the aforesaid stamp, perf. 11, issued in 1916. Quite a number of these are to be had, but they are difficult to procure as they are hoarded. Cincinnati is by far the most met with. New York, Chicago,

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Omaha, Indianapolis, are fairly common also. A rare item in this group was uncovered in the Lawrence collection, recently sold at auction by the Rotnem Stamp Co., precancelled Minneapolis, Minn., in Type VII. It is now priced at \$35.00.

The current series embraces over ninety per cent of the precancelled "specials." The 20c is scarce even from the large cities, such as Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, etc. The 25c Special Handling is plentiful, as all offices which use precancels upon baby chick shipments have need of it. Fruit shipments by parcel post, also call for use of the Special Handling. The stamp is also prolifically used during the holiday season. The 15c will require effort, if any number are to be obtained, but there are many different varieties to reward one. Prof. A. F. Gamber has one of the finest lots of this stamp in existence, which comprises 106 different specimens.

Part II—Unlisted Varieties

A. Electrotone Plate Printings

The 1916 10c from Topeka in Type V can be classed as a rarity.

Monmouth, Ill., in the large Universal Style I, has been seen on the 25c Special Handling.

The current 10c from Marion, Ind., makes a pretty appearance.

The 10c and 20c Decatur, Ill., are listed. The 15c is also out. If you wish to see an attractive set, just mount these three in a row.

Hamilton, Ohio, inverts are really scarce in the U-1 style. I happen to have one on the 10c Special.

Knoxville, Tenn., comes both normal and inverted on the 15c.

The 15c Omaha, Nebr., in the new electro, is a neat item.

Syracuse, N. Y., on the 15c is somewhat similar in style, but not nearly as pretty a specimen.

Saint Petersburg, Fla., in the three-line U-5 style, is now to be found on the 15c.

Miami uses quite a few specials also. While only the 15c is at present chronicled in the catalog, I can vouch for the 10c, 20c, and 25c Special Handling.

Double strikes on these large stamps are worth a second glance. I wish I could show you the 15c and 25c from Cleveland in the clear cut U-10 style.

Philadelphia,
Pa.

Also Chicago exists doubly printed on the entire series, though I have only the 15c.

Bay City still uses the tiny U-8 style. The latest from there is the 15c Special.

I'll wager that the 25c from Holland, Mich., in the new U-12, will be hard to pick up.

And you'll have to hunt a long time to find a better one than the 25c North Abington, Mass.

Mexico, Mo., and Ottumwa, Ia., in the same style, exist on the 25c Special Handling.

Worcester, Mass., on the 25c, with overprint inverted, should turn out to be a rarity, as it is rumored that Worcester will replace the U-10 plate with another of different style.

Passaic, N. J., and Waukegan, Ill., precancels are always in demand because of their attractiveness. Both cities use the 15c Special, and Passaic the 10c as well.

Salisbury, Md., Universal Style 10, are seldom seen, so the 20c Special will not be represented in many collections.

B. Local Type-Set Productions

Brookville, Pa., in two lines of plain capitals of medium size, between lines, exists on the 15c. It's mighty scarce, too!

The catalog lists the specials from New London under the regular U-10 style. As can be seen from the illustration the type is similar, and evidently patterned after the U-10. It appears on the 10, 15, and 20c.

C. Handstamped Overprintings

Pearl River, N. Y., has a handstamp like U-73 to precancel stamps for the Lederle Anti-Toxin Laboratories. It has been used on the 10, 15, and 25c Specials, besides the regular series. On all three stamps, I have both the normal and inverted overprints.

Lincoln, Ill., ships a lot of baby chicks. I have the Special Handling in three positions.

Chatfield, O., 25c, Marion, O., 25c (U-71), Hoytville, O., 25c, Kirksville, Mo., 25c, Creston, Ia., 25c, Upper Sandusky, O., 25c, Platteville, Wis., 25c, South River, N. J., 25c (inverted), Spencer, Ia., 25c, all were used on shipments of chicks.

Ridgely, Md., is another town that uses precancels for just one thing, the shipping of this merchandise. I have the 25c in four different positions.

Fruit shipments by parcel post from Newark, Del., bear precancels. Of course there is need for the precancelled specials. The 15c has the greatest use. I have seen this stamp with the overprint normal, inverted, and up. The 20c is found in several positions, too.

Cabbage plants are shipped by the thousands from Pharr, La., every spring. That's the reason for the 10c, 1916, Special having been precancelled.

Galion, O., and Tiro, O., use the 25c Special Handlings occasionally. Sidney, O., also has need for them and has precancelled in several different types. Shelby, O., is still another, the latest from there being in the U-56 style.

Batavia, N. Y., is a comparatively newcomer with the 10c Special.

Crawfordsville, Ind., has a new style of plain caps reading "CRAWFORDS-VILLE, IND.," in two lines between lines. It is very cheap looking, I regret to say. It was the 15c Special that brought it to my attention.

Connorsville, Ind., seldom are plainly cancelled, and doubles are quite common. The best item I have seen from here is the 15c Special, double inverted.

Centralia, Ill., on the 10c and 15c are two worthwhile varieties.

Delaware, O., on the 15c would fit in a lot of collections.

Other scarce 15c Specials that have come to my attention are: Stockton, Calif. (U-74), Salisbury, Md. (U-71),

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Conclusion

If the descriptions have been confusing to any reader and he would care to receive a chart illustrating the various Universal Styles, I shall gladly mail one upon request, and receipt of sixteen cents.

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CONFEDERATE ESSAY

As it is well known, several of the plates for Confederate stamps were prepared in London. One plate of four hundred subjects of a 2c denomination, showing the portrait of Calhoun, was prepared, but was captured on its way to America. This plate was discovered in Louisiana last year, and a limited number of impressions in green have been taken from the plate. Not only the specialist but the collector of these most interesting issues, should have a block of four of this variety in his collection. While one sheet lasts, I can furnish this variety in a block at one dollar (\$1.00) a block.

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NEWS ITEMS:—

WE are indebted to Bradie Buchanan, East Liverpool, Ohio, for greetings from Paris. Two very interesting covers have been received. Postage is paid with the two American Legion stamps, and the postmark reads:—"Congress American Legion." At the left of the envelope is a printed inscription of greeting, and above are the French and American flags in red, white and blue, with a picture of the American Legion button in gilt. We thank Mr. Buchanan for his courtesy.

WE have received from C. E. Jandru, Everett, Mass., what appears to be an airmail flight cover, but it could not have traveled very far by plane. It was mailed at the Boston Radio Aero Show held at Mechanics Building, Boston, Mass., Sept. 26-Oct. 1. It is a first day cover and it bears a marking of the airmail station at the Aero Show from which it was probably conveyed to the Back Bay Station by airplane. We have no particulars concerning the flight, but if made it is probably one of the shortest on record.

C. L. HALL, 6049 N. Maplewood Av., Chicago, Ill., can get no replies to letters sent W. K. Martin, Ridley Park, Pa. Mr. Hall would like to hear from any interested parties.

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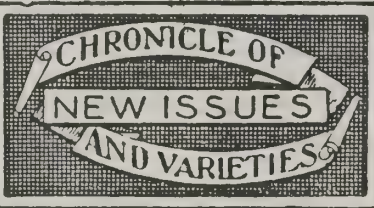
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United States

Air Mail Notes

Mr. Charles E. Jandru kindly submits an air mail communication carried by express on the very first air express trip, between Boston and New York. The cover was carried over C. A. M. No. 1, and shows a Boston postmark reading, "Boston Mass., Sept. 2, 6:30 P. M. G. P. O. Air Mail." On the back of the cover there is an express label printed in black and red on orange paper reading, "American Railway Express Company, from Boston, Mass., via Air Mail." In addition there is arranged proper spaces for the weight, size, value, together with a place for charges separated as follows:— (1) Charges to Air Agency, (2) Charges for Air Service, (3) Charges from Air Agency. This label is tied to the back by a New York postmark dated Sept. 4,

8:30 A. M., and as it was addressed to New Brunswick, it bears a further postmark of this city, dated Sept. 4, 12 P. M., and a delivery postmark in magenta of Sept. 7, 1927.

It will be recalled that the mail and express carried on this trip was lost for a day and a night, and when it was finally located, Pilot Cline was found dead.

Mr. Jandru writes that this was the first air express out of Boston and that but ten covers were carried. He states that on the express out of New York for Chicago, a special rubber auxiliary cancellation was used, but as yet, I have not had the pleasure of inspecting one of these covers.

The same correspondent also kindly favors me with an air mail cover used on the first day by the special post office established at the Boston Show. These covers bear a small circular postmark in blue about 1¼" in diameter reading, "Radio-Aero-Show Air Mail Station, Boston Mass., Sept. 26, 1927." In addition the covers bear a special concentric postmark 2" in diameter reading, "Boston Radio Aero Show, Mechanics Bld. Sept. 26-Oct. 1." In the center we find a radio station signaling to an aeroplane, with a hanger in the distance. All covers also show the regular Boston, Mass., Back Bay Station postmark.

Messrs. George E. Verden and Albert N. Brown favor me with air mail covers from Los Angeles, posted on Lindbergh Day. These covers bear a special postmark in magenta, consisting of three concentric circles, the largest nearly 1½" in diameter, and reading, "Lindbergh Day, Los Angeles, Calif., Sept. 20, 1927."

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1898, 2c Rose Carmine
My recent remarks upon the rarity of the 2c Rose Carmine issue of 1898, have resulted in quite a few collectors submitting the variety which they have had in their collection, and which they supposed to be this shade. With one exception, they are all in a deep shade issue in 1898, but not the rare rose carmine listed in the catalogue.

The one exception was a used copy submitted by Mrs. Catherine L. Manning, Government Philatelist, at the National Museum. "Miss Kate" as she is known to the Washington collectors of twenty years back, and the writer is among the number submits a used copy, which she states was on the cover, written to Mr. Colman, the original finder at the time the stamp were located.

I had never seen a used copy before and it is my impression that this one, which bears the seven wavy lines of the well-known flag cancellation, is probably the only copy existing used at the right time.

Cameroons.—Copies of the 75c, brown and mauve, type of A6, have been shown us by Whitfield King & Co. and the Economist Stamp Co.

Costa Rica.—In addition to the new pictorial stamps mentioned in issue No. 1911, we have received from Mr. J. Roberts the 3c, ultramarine, with a view of one of the buildings of the College of St. Louis, Carthage.

Dahomey.—The Economist Stamp Co. and Whitfield King & Co. submit for chronicle the 20c, magenta and mauve type of the 1913 issue.

Egypt.—Mr. R. Roberts submits copies of three more values of the new set of King Fuad stamps: 2m, black, 10m red and 15m, blue.

France.—The K. Lissiuik Philatel. Co. sends for chronicle the two new American Legion commemorative stamps. The colors and values are 90c red and 1fr50c blue. The designs of these stamps have been described in previous issues. Rev. J. Dreyer, S. M., informs us that these stamps, regardless of previous statements, will be on sale only in the Paris postoffices. Also copies of a new 90c red, bearing the likeness of Marcellin Berthelot, have made their appearance. The stamps are issued in commemoration of the birth of this noted authority of thermo-chemistry and organic chemistry. He was born in 1827 in Paris and died there in 1907. Copies are at hand from The K. Lissiuik Philately Co., Whitfield King & Co., and information regarding the life of the noted personage from Rev. S. Dreyer, S. M.

Copies of the 3fr mauve and magenta are at hand from the Economist Stamp Co. and Whitfield King & Co.

French Alexandria.—Mr. R. Roberts advises of the appearance of a 15mm blue, of a new design. The stamp is similar to Scott's A3 but has beneath the figures of value the letters "M m."

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BRITISH EMPIRE

French Guinea.—The 15c has been printed in maroon and mauve, same design as before. Copies are duly acknowledged from Whitfield King & Co. and the Economist Stamp Co.

French India.—Whitfield King & Co. and the Economist Stamp Co. advise that they have received the 45c green and red, surcharged "20 Caches" in black, and the 15c red and green, overprinted "1 Fanon Caches" in two lines also in black.

Luxemburg.—Copies of the new set of stamps described by Mr. Hermann Kake on page 528 are to hand from the Lissiak Philately Co.

Madagascar.—Whitfield King & Co. and the Economist Stamp Co. have shown copies of the 15c green, design as A9.

Middle Congo.—The 20c brown and blue, type of A1, with the surcharge "Republique Equatoriale Francaise" in two lines in black has made its appearance. New items have been shown us by the Economist Stamp Co. and Whitfield King & Co.

Netherlands.—The Economist Stamp Co. report that they have received the 10c olive, current type, with the circles watermark.

Peru.—Mr. R. Roberts sends for review a copy of a 20c red of a new design. It bears the inscription "Provincia y Arica" and is a simplified type of the 10c P 1, no watermark, perf. 11½.

Senegal.—The Economist Stamp Co. and Whitfield King & Co. report the appearance of the 20c, current design, in olive and blue.

Somali Coast.—Copies of the 75c, in the colors of mauve and sepia, have been received from the Economist Stamp Co. and Whitfield King & Co.

Venezuela.—Mr. K. N. Woodward advises that he has received the following new stamps of this country: 40c, in the colors of the late 50c, new foreign rate; 50c, orange and 5b purple, all same head of Bolivar with various frames. They were issued Sept. 5th and are perf. 12½.

Antigua.—The Rev. W. G. Iremonger shows us the latest printing of the 1d, violet, which is in a distinctly paler shade.

Australian Commonwealth.—According to Mr. Adrien Albert, the booklets of the Canberra stamps are selling so slowly that many of them have been pulled to pieces at the Sydney G. P. O. and sold over the counter, stamp by stamp.

Blocks of the Canberra stamp showing plate number (upper left-hand corner) are scarce, says the same kind correspondent, as most of the numbers are trimmed off. So keen is the demand that blocks are fetching £1 in Australia. There are said to be sixteen plates extant.

The current 2d and 4½d are expected soon on the new paper with Multiple watermark.

Bermuda.—The latest shade of the current 1d, shown us by the Rev. W. G. Iremonger, returns to the redder tone of the first shade, but is rather paler. It will be remembered that the intermediate printing was in carmine.

British Solomon Islands.—The Plate 2 printing of the 2½d on old C A paper, shown us by the Rev. W. G. Iremonger, was printed in 1920 and issued in 1926. The colour is pale dull blue. The violet of the new 1d is particularly dull, compared with the 1d stamps of other Colonies.

Canada.—Mr. W. J. F. Emslie tells us that official air mail services are to be instituted in Canada, commencing in September. The service will be unique in one respect, in that part of the mail to be carried will go at the normal postal rates, British letters being taken from Rimouski to Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto without any additional charge.

Gold Coast.—The Rev. W. G. Iremonger shows us the 6d printed from Plate 16, which has the thinner letters as in Plate 10. It will be recalled that the Plate 11 printing had the thicker letters.

Malta.—It may be put on record that the current 2d, King George, fades from

grey to a blue not unlike that of the 2½d, when exposed to bright sunlight.

St. Kitts-Nevis.—The 1927 printing of the 6d value has two plate numbers in the bottom margin. In this respect it follows the 2½d and 3d.

Southern Rhodesia.—Mr. Heathcote Tatham tells us that the reduction in the local postage rate from 1½d to 1d is now an accomplished fact. The 1½d value remains on issue, at least for the present.

OTHER COUNTRIES

Afghanistan.—Mr. Faqir Hussein Zahid shows us a sheet of 8 of the magenta "8th Anniversary" stamp, recently issued, in which one of the blocks of 4 has the central vertical perforation missing, thus giving two horizontal pairs imperf. between. The same reader learns from a reliable source that 5,000 of these stamps were printed, of which 700 were put on sale, the remainder being held by the postal authorities for their own profit. The quantity of used stamps arriving at Peshawar appears to confirm this. There is talk of the remainder being provided with a correctly dated postmark at Kabul, in which case they can only be regarded as "cancelled to order."

Belgium.—Mr. A. C. Constantinides shows us the 50c, Montenez type (S.G. No. 314), perforated 11½ x 12½ instead of the normal 11½. He finds that all the other values of this set are perforated 11½, except the 75c, blue, which comes normally perf. 11½ x 12½, but which he has also found perf. 11½ in a very few copies.

Brazil.—Dr. Mario de Sanctis kindly gives us the unwelcome news that there is to be another change in the Brazilian watermark, which will in future consist of rows of stars, in each of which stars the letters "CM" will appear, signifying, we presume, "CASA DA MOEDA."

Colombia.—Mr. C. G. Higley tells us that the 1c, green, postage stamp, printed by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co., is now being offered locally in a shade of pale blue, as an error. As the printers have no knowledge of such a variety, it is probable that the "error" has been produced with the aid of chemicals.

The 4c Fiscal stamp, with inverted overprinted "CORREOS PROVISIONAL" (which exists genuinely thus), is also offered with forged overprint, the colour of the overprint being too bright, and the letters slightly larger than in the genuine overprint.

France.—Maison M. Fischer kindly show us a photograph of the design accepted for the new "Caisse d'amortissement" stamp which is to appear in the autumn. The design, which is a very artistic one, shows a man, symbolising industry and labour, and a woman, typifying agriculture. If properly printed it should prove a very handsome stamp.

The artist who is responsible for the design is M. Pierre Turin, a painter and medal-engraver. In the latter subject he gained the Grand Prix de Rome in 1920. He was the designer of the official medal of the Decorative Arts Exhibition of 1925.

Honduras.—A new pictorial series is authorised and should appear shortly. The designs of the Official stamps differ from those of the postage stamps. The quantities to be printed are not very large, ranging from 100,000 of the high values to 1,000,000 of the 6c.

North Mongolia.—According to Mr. V. Tchertkoff a long series of pictorial stamps is to be issued here. While the stamps of Mongolia proper are in legitimate use, we have never seen any postally used stamps of the first issue of North Mongolia, and are beginning to "have our doubts."

Russia.—A new issue, bearing views of various Russian towns, is to appear before the end of the year. As the current issue has been extensively cleaned, the new set will be printed on chalky paper.

Turkey.—Mr. M. Mattievich tells us that on the arrival of Kemal Pasha in Constantinople, all letters posted from Stamboul were to have a special obliteration reading "Dolma Bagtche Stamboul," the words "Dolma Bagtche" being the name of the Sultan's Palace in which the Turkish President will now live.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

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A conference on international air mail has been called by the International Postal Union, to be held at the Hague, September. Temporary agreements will be drawn up for submission to the Universal Postal Union's next convention which is to be held in London. * * *

"I have a farthing Maltese stamp which I understand to be unique," says a non-philatelic correspondent in a letter to our Editor. * * *

Messrs. Harmer, Rooke and Co. are about to move into the Strand, thus adding new philatelic strength to the "Street of Stamps." * * *

There is an addition to the interesting list of ladies who have contributed designs for postage stamps. Olga Feodorovna Amosova is her name, and a new series of stamps for the Tannou Touva Republic were designed by her from studies made during an expedition to Mongolia last year. * * *

Jules Slowacki, who figures in the recent 20 groszy Polish stamp, was one of Poland's chief poets of last century, author of numerous epic poems and revolutionary songs. He was born in 1811 and died an exile in Paris in 1857. * * *

Stamp meetings in Great Britain are for the most part, brief, bright and brotherly, but on the Continent they afford a good excuse for coming home late. The report of a recent meeting of the Thionville Philatelic Society noted that it started at 8.30 and concluded midnight. * * *

The Algerian and Tunisian Philatelic Union deplores the loss of their "distinguished philatelic poet," M. Mellis who is leaving to take up a post in Indo-China. * * *

A huge coloured poster, designed by M. E. Clerissi for the International Philatelic Exhibition at Monaco, brings a pictorial sense of blue seas and sunclimes to the editorial den. The exhibition is to take place February 18-26, 1928. * * *

Mr. Henry Ford is said to be collecting air mail covers. * * *

On Hinderberg's 80th birthday Germany is to issue a series of three postage stamps bearing his portrait. * * *

An American journal states that an English postman recently won a wager by walking sixteen miles in a pair of woman's high-heeled shoes. That's nothing; we know a Strand stamp-dealer who walked part of the way from Southampton to New York in a pair of woman's silk stockings. * * *

A remittance of about £10,000 mysteriously disappeared from several packets in registered mail bags in Siam. * * *

The inventor of the mail chute died recently. It was in connection with an argument over this device that the Patent Office handed down the momentous dictum, "No one can patent the law of gravity."—Detroit News. * * *

The recent regional stamp exhibition at Troyes finished up with a balance of 1,200 francs, of which 200 francs were donated to the funds for the poor of the town, and 1,000 francs for the Post, Telegraphs and Telephone charity in the department of the Aube.—Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.

—The "Stampless Covers Society" is the revised name of the "Covers Before Stamps Society." It is a marked improvement. If you want to know about this society write F. S. Eaton, 70 Sachse St., New Haven, Conn.

GERMANY 1919-1923

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STAMP MARKET GOSSIP

By "THE SEER OF THE STRAND."

A GENERAL COMMENT.—During the last few weeks there have been very few movements in the modern British Colonial Stamp Market, but what slight movements there have been, have been in the upward direction, except for one or two lines which "bears" have been forced to sell, or which have fallen slightly owing to profit taking. This is always in evidence at this time of year. Ireland, Cyprus, Gibraltar and Malta have all reacted slightly owing to profit taking, and I think the upward rise will again be shown as soon as our "stamping" days re-start.

CANADIAN COMMEMORATIVE SETS.—Canada has given us two Commemorative Sets at the same time. I should have thought that it would have paid them better to have given us a few months' interval between the issues, but am afraid that although our numbers are getting so large, Canada does not yet consider philatelists when they issue new stamps. However, these two sets fill a very picturesque page of our albums, and for that reason we welcome them. Each sheet of these stamps contains two sides with perforate edges. This must be very annoying, I should think, to our friends, the New Issue distributors, and I often wonder what they do with these stamps. Rather unthoughtful of the Canadian Post Office!

PALESTINE.—I am able to give authentic information that the whole of the remainder of the new set of this country will be issued during this month, and am pleased to pass this on to my readers, so that they may fill up all blanks of the current and recently current issues of this Territory, ere the new set appears.

ALGERIAN PROVISIONALS.—Recent provisionals of this Territory have had a very short life, and I hope readers did not forget my previous remarks re obtaining these French Colonial provisionals as soon as they appear. I am afraid by the time these lines appear in print that a fairly stiff premium will have to be paid by any laggards who have overlooked these and now wish to complete.

FRANCE.—Here again, provisionals are still coming out, and should be picked up as soon as they are on the market, and I should recommend readers who are interested in this country not to leave out the two Marseilles Air Post stamps or the two values put on sale at the Strasbourg Exhibition, although personally, I think both were very unnecessary issues. I find during the last ten or twelve years, unnecessary issues gener-

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FIJI.—Perhaps the modern Colonials most in demand at the moment are the 1917, or first issue, of Fiji Postage Dues. I have had the greatest difficulty in completing my set of six of these, and I found, on trying to do so, that many others were after them. It is not often that Postage Due stamps are so run after, and if any readers can obtain them at anything under Gibbons' prices, don't be afraid of them. They are much rarer mint than used, although the catalogue quotations do not show much in it.

Whilst on the subject of Fiji, be sure that you have the 1/4d script King George in your set, as it is obsolete and will not be reprinted.

IRISH FREE STATE.—The new high values of Ireland have been rather a long time putting in their appearance. They have had considerable trouble, I believe, in filling in details of the design, so that the finished article will bear a smart appearance. After practically settling on the stamps and approving the proofs, the powers that be decided that the stamp as a whole was overcrowded, and the artist had to get to work again. They should soon be ready.

I am going to a little stamp of this country for my "Best thing of the month." The 2 1/2d Thom overprinted in carmine, S. G. No. 37, is priced in the 1927 catalogue at 1/3 mint, altered in the Monthly Journal to 2/6. I advise readers to buy, even if they have to pay a little more than this latter price.

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—Philatelic Journal Great Britain.



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By FREDERICK W. ALLEN.

Part II—The Philippine Islands

MANILA, P. I.

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P. I.

TYPE I

In November, 1926, there appeared certain values of the current Philippines stamps with the above overprint. It is claimed that they are regular precancellations, but their authenticity has not been determined and until it is collectors will do well to desist from buying. The appearance is quite striking, but is marred by the fact that all copies so far seen, have an additional cancellation. Why this should be necessary, except on returned parcels, is a matter for thought. Perhaps the overprint is forged upon previously cancelled stamps. It is impossible to tell from the copies at hand, whether this is the case. We are open to conviction, and if their status can be proved, we shall willingly admit these items to our collection. The 2, 4, 6, 12, 20 and 30 centavos and the 1 peso are all that are supposed to have been issued.

GUAM

"Agana," Guam

AGANA

GUAM

COUNTERFEIT TYPE

There are no genuine precancels from our island colony in the Pacific, but bogus specimens exist in the above type. It was in 1914 when they appeared and at the time they created quite a furor among the precancel fraternity. Outside of a few isolated copies in scattered collections, they are now forgotten.

An enterprising party announced that a local company in "Agana" was shipping merchandise by Parcel Post, to the United States, particularly to Philadelphia. It was claimed that these stamps were salvaged in that city. The specimens are mostly perforated 12, but some of the 1914 series are known to exist with the overprint, as well as the Panama-Pacific commemoratives. The rumor was that collectors in some cases paid as high as \$15 to \$25 for the stamps. Finally the word was passed around that they were not genuine and everyone was stung. The post office of "Agana" exists only in story.

I am indebted to Mr. W. H. Field for particulars in regard to the issue.

PORTO RICO

San Juan, P. R.

San Juan

P. R.

TYPE I

A ten subject rubber handstamp is employed upon occasions for producing

precanceled stamps. There is a limited demand for their use, and for that reason they are seldom seen. Those that generally come upon the market, come from New York, where they are salvaged from parcels. The 1914 issue 1 cent perf. 10 was the first item known. Its catalog value is but 85 cents and I doubt if five copies exist. The 1917 perf. 11 series is represented by the 1, 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8 cents stamps, while of the current set only the 5 cent is listed. The Harding 2 cent will be found to be the easiest specimen to locate. The reason for this is that a quantity appeared during the boom period of these stamps, which were quite apparently "made to order."

PONCE, P. R.

COUNTERFEIT TYPE

This is of the same vintage as the Honolulu counterfeit of which mention was made earlier in this article. It is simply one of the crude Hall fakes and should not fool any collector who reasons with intelligence. This "PONCE" came to me on a 14 cent stamp, the hand-stamping of which was done with bright red ink.

SHANGHAI, CHINA

The history of an issuance of precancels for this office begins and ends with the year 1913. Little seems to be known in regard to it. Precancel collectors have generally accepted the stamps as worthy of collection for there has never been adverse comment about them. It is desirable that particulars of their emission be set forth in order that their legitimacy be clearly established. None of the "precancels" were allowed to go through uncanceled additionally to the original overprint, so besides the latter they bear either the office cancellation, or a smudge. There are thirty-two varieties known, which were listed in the Standard Precancel Catalog for 1925, and priced at a total sum of \$214.00. In the 1926 edition the stamps were omitted from the Catalog, whether intentionally or through an oversight, I am not able to say. There are two known types of the overprint, one being found on the regular stamps, and the other upon the large Parcel Post Series.

This brings to a conclusion, the consideration of this group of precancellations. I trust that the reader will not confuse the stamps printed for use in Shanghai, Canal Zone, etc., with any of the precancellations.

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This is what the lure of stamps sometimes leads to.

More detail may be of interest to you. Being determined if possible to turn up a confederate "ten" or perchance a much sought "outer line" I have been devoting considerable time to the very fascinating pursuit of stamp hunting, the trail in this instance leading to the scene above described; the experiences were I assure you as enjoyable as if the objects of my hunt were acquired in quantities.

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Walking up a really long winding drive under these majestic oaks, I was greeted by a darky footman and with an elaborate courtesy such as seems to be peculiar to the southern negro, comfortably seated in a rocker on the porch. Having taken my hat, he soon returned to enquire my name, or as he put it, "what are your initials, sah" being far too courteous to admit that he did not know my name.

In due time his excellency appeared and the writer enjoyed a long visit, conversation touching on many things in addition to stamps. It was very interesting to hear the story of the home and those who were its former owners, etc.; time quickly passed and I took leave.

Turning homeward I could but reflect on what genuine pleasure is to be had, all from a postage stamp or the search of it. While stamp hunting in the strictest sense of the word cannot perhaps be followed by a large number of collectors, it is nevertheless a fascinating thing and should be done by all who can, not alone for the hope of reward in the nature of a

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MARKET NOTES AND NEWS

By "CALABAR."

Turks & Caicos Ids.—With a new series in the offing, the future of the current 2/- and 3/- makes an interesting subject for speculation. The 2/-, readers will recall, was issued in November, 1925. Should the new series appear as per schedule, it will have had a comparatively short life, and, once it is obsolete, we may find that no very large numbers of it were sold—although none of the current series gives promise of duplicating the sensational rise of the 2/- 1922. The 3/- may also turn out good, and in making an estimation of this nature one should bear in mind the fact that stamp supplies are not being requisitioned in large quantities by the present Postmaster—a welcome change from the practise which prevailed formerly, when the stamps lay around the P. O. for years before being completely used up.

Ascension.—The overprints of this Colony, as pointed out in these columns last Spring, are continuing on the upgrade, in spite of the high figures which they have already attained. In a recent issue of the WEEKLY I note the complete set, 1/2d to 3/-, offered at \$12.82—quite a jump from last season's prices, which rarely exceeded \$9. The former figure is considerably above Gibbons' present (1927) quotation, viz., 45/-, a fact worth noting in passing, as prices here seldom exceed Gibbons' quotations, even for scarce and out-of-the-way items. In light of the above, I should be considerably surprised if the overprints failed to show a substantial increase in the 1928 Gibbons. They were on issue for a comparatively short period, from December, 1922, to September, 1924; the numbers sold, both in the Colony and by the Crown Agents in London, were never large, as modern Colonial issues go; and, with stocks steadily diminishing, the stamps are becoming scarcer and more difficult to obtain year by year, the two high values (2/- and 3/-) particularly.

The Barbuda overprints are also soaring, the following comparison of Scott's 1927 and 1928 prices showing the upward trend plainly—

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Power's List.—A copy of Mr. E. B. Power's "Check List of all British Colonial Stamps Issued During the XXth Century, Jan., 1901, to Jan., 1927," is now to hand, and like all lists of modern Colonials, as for example Turpin's, Robert's, Austin's, etc., etc., it is well worth careful study. Before discussing the prices, I cannot let slip the opportunity to call attention to Mr. Power's remarks anent "centring." "There is one point, however, that I wish to emphasize very clearly," he writes. "The printers of British Colonial issues print them for consumption by the public, not by stamp collectors, and it is therefore impossible to guarantee to supply 'perfectly centred copies.' I will palliate this by saying I will supply the best I have, but if your requirements call for a specimen in which a plumb line level is the test of centring, we shall both be happier if you send your list to someone else. I don't wish to be autocratic, but this centring business has been carried to unreasonable limits. I will not bow down to it. Neither do the European collectors who know a thing or two themselves." Whilst I believe most modern Colonial collectors are not particularly finical as regards centring, there are some, however, who are obsessed with the idea that unless a stamp is "perfectly centred" it is not worth bothering about, and it is these people who had best take Mr. Power's remarks to heart before they are startled some fine day by a letter from an ordinarily mild-mannered dealer which would be barred from the mails, should it come to the attention of the Postal Inspectors. So far as modern British Colonials are concerned, a stamp may be correctly termed "well centred" as long as the perforation does not cut into the design—this is my own opinion and I believe is also that of most reasonable collectors.

Well, to get back to the subject: As a whole, Mr. Power's prices reflect present market values pretty accurately, though several quotations seem either too high or too low. The 2/- and 3/- Barbadoes, 1912 series, are a trifle high at \$7.50 and \$9, as are the same values of the 1921 set at \$1.50 and \$2.50. On the other hand, the 3/- 1916 is priced the same as the 1918 3/-, viz., \$4.50; at this figure the 1916 stamp is a rather good buy.

Prices of the Barbuda ovpt. are quite a bit lower than present market quotations for these stamps, but this is explained, of course, by the fact that Mr.

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Finland, A19, 10p, 50p, 2 var.06
Greece, A41, 1d blue & brown04
India, Jhind State, 3p slate, wkld. stars .02
Italy, PNI, 15c on 20c, 35c on 40c, 2 var. .06
PP3, 3L, 4L, 2 var. in pairs60
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A3, 10pi chocolate 1.50
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Power's booklet was compiled some lit-
tle time before the appearance of the
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Amongst the most noticeable examples
of over-pricing are the quotations for
the Dominica 2/- and 2/6 scripts, 1921,
and the 3/- and 5/- 1923. The two
former are priced at \$3.75 and \$5.50; the
other two at \$6 and \$4.50. In this con-
nexion I recall a statement by a con-
temporary to the effect that So-and-so's
List was the best for its "ultimate pric-
ings" of modern Colonials, and as cer-
tain people may attempt to defend the
above figures on the grounds that they
represent "ultimate" prices, it may be as
well to thrash the matter out here and
now. Frankly, I cannot see how these
so-called "ultimate" prices can be arrived
at by anything but pure guess-work. For
anyone to attempt to give a stamp a fig-
ure which shall represent its ultimate
value is a process as senseless as it is
silly. Even where we have the numbers
issued to work from, the thing is im-
possible, as witness the scarce 10/- Malta
1919, the Self-Govt. ovpts., the Gibraltar
4/- and 8/- scripts, etc., etc. Too many
unforeseen factors operate in fixing a
stamp's value to allow of its being
worked out according to a mathematical
formula. Reckoning of ultimate values
may be a pleasant pastime to while away
odd moments, but it is utter foolishness
to consider seriously conclusions thus
reached. Yet we have people solemnly
doing just that thing.

Coming to Gambia, we find the two
1922 5/-s priced at \$2.50 each; at this
low figure they are decidedly good buys.
The small 4/- script seems a trifle high
at \$5.75.

The Gibraltar 4/- and 8/- scripts are
also high at \$12 and \$37.50, these two
items usually selling for \$10 and \$30.
Incidentally, the £1 is quoted at \$7. Why
this figure? (The current £1's of other
Colonies are priced at \$6.25.)

I note that Mr. Power follows Scott's
listing of the Irish high values and omits
the scarce Thom printings (Stanley Gib-
bons 44, 45 and 46) and also makes no
distinction between the subsequent Thom
prints (issued December, 1922; S.G. 64,
65 and 66) and the varieties issued by
the Govt. Printing Office in 1925. This
is too bad, but one should censure Scott's,
rather than Mr. Power, as the former
is supposedly the accepted standard, and
one can hardly blame Mr. Power for
following it.

I rather question Mr. Power's quota-
tion for the Jamaica 3/- 1921 on old CA
paper, viz., \$6. \$4.50 or \$5 would be
quite enough, I think.

The pages devoted to Maltese issues
are of course amongst the most interest-
ing in the entire book, as almost every-
one has at one time or another during
recent years helped swell the postal re-
ceipts of this popular little Colony. I
find the 5/- 1914 at \$15, the 2/6 1919 at
\$18.50, and its companion stamp, the
rare 10/- MCA, at \$125. I wish I could
say the figure for the 2/6 is its present
market value (I picked up a mint copy

about a year ago for approximately \$8),
but \$18.50 is much too high. Its present
market value is in the neighbourhood of
\$11. The 5/- Self-Govt. at \$10 is also
high.

The "Postage" set is priced pretty ac-
curately, with the exception of the 10/-
at \$7.50. I should say this is several
dollars too high. The figures for the
2/- and 2/6—\$7.50 and \$7—are signifi-
cant, as they reflect the upward tendency
of the 2/6, which is slowly approaching
the level of the 2/-; and I should not be
surprised if the 2/6 eventually attained,
or even exceeded, the 2/-'s figure.

The £1 is unpriced, and strangely
enough no mention is made of the fact
that it exists on two distinct wmk.
(even Scott shows this).

The 1/6, 2/6 and 5/- of St. Helena,
with the old wmk., are priced at current
issue rates, as they had not yet become
obsolete at the time the list went to
press.

I wonder why Mr. Power prices the
current 1/-, 5/-, 10/- and £1 St. Kitts at
38c, \$1.75, \$3.75 and \$7.50, when he
prices the current 1/-s, 5/-s, 10/-s and
£1's of all the other Colonies at 32c,
\$1.60, \$3.15 and \$6.25? None of the
above St. Kitts stamps are obsolete, so
I am at a loss to account for these en-
hanced prices. The same remarks apply
to the £1 Gibraltar—this stamp, though
current, is also priced high.

Curiously, the 2/- Turks & Caicos,
1922 issue, is priced at only \$5, whilst
the 1/- 1921 is up as high as \$8. At
this figure, the 2/- is a snap, but I doubt
very much if Mr. Power will still sup-
ply it at this figure. With ref. the 1/-
1921—I should advise against paying
more than \$5—or \$6 at the most—not
that this stamp won't eventually justify
one's paying \$8 for it, but as long as it
can be had for around \$5 or \$6, there is
no need paying more.

I am rather surprised that the 5/-
Virgins, old CA wmk., 1922, is given
such a high figure at \$7.50. This stamp
is hopelessly over-catalogued, and at
present is easily obtainable for \$5 and
less. The 5d script is unpriced.

All in all, however, the booklet forms
a very useful and handy guide to the
market values of modern British Col-
onials, and Mr. Power's enterprise in is-
suing a list of this nature cannot be too
highly commended. Many such lists are
issued from time to time by English
dealers (none so pretentious, however,
save of course Turpin's), and now that
an American dealer has given us a list
(priced in American currency) of mod-
ern British Colonial issues, the least we
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(Clipping from Rev. M. J. Philipp.)

Nine Springfield, Ill., men got together Saturday, Oct. 1, and organized the Lincoln's Home Philatelic Society, believed to be the first stamp collectors' organization in the city's history. Stamps already collected by the men are given an aggregate philatelic value of more than \$75,000.

The members are: Dr. Homer P. Macnamara, president; Raymond Bahr, 1213 East Jefferson Street, vice-president; William A. Steiger, 1101 Converse Avenue, secretary; Carl Rauth, 506 North Sixth Street, treasurer; Richard Linney, 1124 South Fourth Street; Melvin D. Spencer, 125 North Lewis Street; Rev. Max J. Philipp, chaplain of St. John's sanatorium; Lew W. Swett, 206 East Adams Street, and Arthur A. Kalb, 301 Adelia Street.

The committee named to draw up by-laws is composed of Mr. Swett, Father Philipp, Mr. Kalb and Dr. Macnamara, ex-officio member. Organization of city stamp collectors has been talked considerably, but finally Dr. Macnamara called the group together in his office in the Illinois National bank building Oct. 1, and the organization was effected. By unanimous vote the doctor was elected president.

The society will meet the first Monday evening of each month and it is expected soon to have distinguished out of town philatelists here to bring with them noted collections. The organization is limited to adult stamp collectors, but it is planned to form a junior organization soon.

Father Philipp has been collecting stamps for 35 years. Mr. Steiger has an unusually good collection of air mail stamps as also has Mr. Bahr.

Postmaster William H. Conkling probably has the most valuable single stamp in Springfield, on one of the three letters carried across the ocean by Col. Charles A. Lindbergh on his solo flight and mailed in Paris.—State Register.

KEENE'S (N. H.) ANNUAL

(Clipping from J. F. Boutelle.)

Interest in stamp collecting from the viewpoint of general collector and specialist was stimulated at the chamber of commerce rooms, Keene, Oct. 4, H. H. Elliot of Winchendon, Mass., treasurer of the American Philatelic society, addressed a large group of collectors, the occasion being the annual meeting of the Keene Philatelic society.

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Mr. Elliot, who owns one of the specialized collections of revenues in United States, related the history of various issues of revenue stamps and statutes under which they were issued exhibiting page after page of match medicine stamps which the majority the Keene collectors had never seen.

AUSTRALIAN NEWS

By FRANK HALLORAN.

The new Govt. Printer, John Ash, took office on July 1st, and about three weeks after, the 1d value appeared with imprint at foot:—

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AUSTRALIAN NOTE AND STAMP PRINTER. Ash was for many years printer the Colonial Key plates for Messrs. la Rue & Co.

The 6d Kangaroo was also printed the 17th August, with the new imprint and on the same date the current 2d issued on the Small Multiple Crown paper, but bearing the imprint of A. Mallet, the late Govt. printer.

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A Graphic Account of An Enterprising
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Reported by H. P. ATHERTON.

The Springfield Stamp Club started a novel venture this fall by entering an educational display in the Industrial Arts Building at the annual fair of the Eastern States Exposition. The entrants came largely from the six N. E. States, with some few other states, New York and New Jersey being especially well represented.

The attendance was tabulated at some 277,000 paid admissions for the week, Sept. 18 to 24th inclusive, which gives an idea of the size of the fair. It was quite surprising to see the number who stopped to look at the stamp displays. Our Exhibition was housed in a booth some 24 feet long, and 15 feet deep, being sandwiched in among toy airplanes, choice cuts of beef, soap, codfish and clarified milk. The wandering crowd let their bewildered gaze fall first upon the lifesize head of a Newfoundland dog, our club emblem, which marked the entrance to the booth.

Catalogs and items of philatelic paraphernalia constituted the balance of our exhibit, with one frame of stamped bank checks, and one frame of fractional currency, some of which had the postage stamp designs to the face value of the bills, or "scrip."

It was truly surprising to see the interest manifested by some of the visitors, and taking it by and large, the booth appeared far more popular than many of its neighbors.

One frame which attracted much attention had for its subject the stamps which carried a regular weight first class letter. This began with the 5c 1847, then the 3c 1851, and so on through the various 3c designs, until the regular first class rate was lowered to 2c with the arrival of the 2c red-brown 1883; and so on through the series of 2c stamps until the war brought us up to the 3c again, then back to the 2c rate of the present time. This frame created much interest among non-philatelists. The many 2c commemorative stamps were a pleasing feature of that frame, and the 5c error interested all.

Frames of the entire group of U. S. postage, departments, dues, etc., as proofs were given more than passing attention; various philatelic contest sheets, mint U. S. commemoratives, varieties of Springfield postal markings from the early days, and some old U. S. covers, with locals, and express stamps, comprised the U. S. section.

The foreign countries were represented by varied groups. One showed charity stamps, another commemoratives. One frame showed German stamps arranged progressively from the 2pf up to the well known 50 billion mark stamp.

Russia was shown right through from a No. 1 on cover into the interesting Soviet issues. "The World's Fifty Handsomest Stamps" comprised another frame. This was a contest frame, and a prize winner in the Southern N. E.

Stamp Societies last annual meeting held at Hartford, Conn.

The tops of the frames are 4'-10" above the floor, which permits a general look all over the large hall.

One way of determining the most admired stamps, at least by the Junior contingent, was the condition of the glass immediately over the stamp itself. One morning in cleaning off the frames for the oncoming throng, a chisel had to be borrowed to scrape off the several layers of gummy substances which almost entirely obscured it from view—that stamp was the 10c Lindbergh airmail stamp, and was undoubtedly the most popular stamp shown.

The Black Jack and the 3c 1869 locomotive were also liberally coated with the sticky remains from the sales of nearby candy and molasses corn ball booths. The exhibit created a favorable impression on some of the visitors who were in a position to bring it to the attention of their own local fair promoters, and they were all enthusiasm over the project. So if your fair is wondering what to do in the way of some different form of educational interest, well, stamps are educational.

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(There is a good deal of truth in the following editorial taken from "Stamp Collecting" but we are disposed to encourage to the limit all struggling philatelic journals and especially those trying to secure second class rates. Even though we do not allow the soliciting of subscriptions we gladly recommend applications for sample copies and then a subscription is up to the applicant. Our course is to protect our subscriber while we serve the candidate for journalistic favor.—W. O. W.)

We learn that, "owing to financial difficulties," the *Manchester* (Eng.), *Philatelist* has ceased to exist. *Stamp Collecting* has seen many similar publications come and go, and whilst admiring the energy of those responsible for these defunct journals, we are of opinion that their zeal is misplaced and that it would be far better for all concerned if a more full-hearted support were given to the existing recognized publications. Spasmodic journals such as those referred to exist for a short time mainly on advertising revenue, and we fail to see why anyone should be expected to pay even the low rates charged for advertisements which are read by only a mere hundred or two philatelists, most of whom are already among the thousands of readers of *Stamp Collecting*, whose rates are most moderate. Whilst not, of course, referring to the *Manchester Philatelist*, we are fully aware that even the advertisements inserted are very often mere "dummy" ones and never ordered or paid for, and many others are obtained by customers from their regular dealers by means of what might be termed "legal blackmail." We welcome competition, which is the spice of business, but these little journalistic efforts often do more harm than good, and few Societies or individuals are in a position to devote sufficient money or time to such matters even if those primarily concerned have the necessary business or editorial ability.

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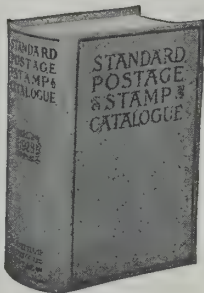
EDITORIAL

For over twenty-five years the Chicago office of the WEEKLY has been at 118 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago; and through all the changes of a quarter-century, it was literally unmoved by the progress that was strikingly evident on all sides of the building. Now the tenants of the Oxford Building have been asked to vacate their business homes, as a consequence of the impending widening of LaSalle Street, and the proposed wrecking of the structure to make way for a sky-scraper. The new address of the WEEKLY in Chicago, and its editor, C. E. Severn, is 30 N. LaSalle Street, Room 1142, in the Stock Exchange Building, Chicago, a half-block from the old stand. Correspondents are asked to make a note of the new address of the editor.

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The stamp season is now opened officially by this time, last week's issue having been the *avant courier* of the momentous event. The aggregate volume of business will be large, but dealers will find that competition will be keener than ever. This condition will apply not only to the stamp trade, but also to practically all other lines of commercialism. The established dealers will have an advantage over those who are seeking a foot-hold. Our opinion has been asked by several persons as to the probabilities of success in the stamp business for new dealers, at this time. The Rehabilitation Division of one of the State Boards of Vocational Education writes as follows: "We are seeking information regarding stamp collecting as an occupation for several of our home-bound rehabilitation cases, by which they may become at least partially self-supporting. Your name was referred to us as one who might be interested in assisting new stamp dealers. We will be pleased to receive any information you may give us on this subject." Our answer to these inquiries is based on the suggestions of the following observations. The growth of stamp collecting has been so pronounced during the past years that philately has engaged the attention of many with an eye to the possibilities of dealing in stamps as a business. As a consequence, many new dealers have begun operations and some of them survive the probationary period, as it were, and become recognized dealers or "professionals." Others fail to establish themselves as fixtures. When the new dealer solicits any other than boy trade, he must perform a stern task to achieve

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A copy of a recent Bulletin of the New York Public Library, sent by Mr. D. D. Berolzheimer, has for its leading article, "Postal Service in British North America in 1774," with "a fragment of lost minutes of the board of deputy postmasters general." The historical value of the old manuscript is apparent and the student of early postal affairs will find that the data is important because of the accurate representation of pioneer plans for the extension of the postal service.

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Mr. Walter N. Emerson, Chicago, who left some time ago with the avowed purpose of making an extended philatelic pilgrimage in the hope of uncovering stamp material on highway and byway, has written us several times, but it remains for an Associated Press dispatch from Worcester, Mass., to throw the spotlight on him. He left Chicago with Mrs. Emerson on May 2nd, and we learn that he has been buying early American stamps from residents of that Massachusetts city, where he obtained six lots of assorted sizes, the contents of which are not revealed, however. We hope that the stamp sojourn of the Emersons will be preeminently profitable as well as pleasurable and that they will return laden with the fruits of enterprise.

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A letter shown by Mr. M. A. Vogel, Chicago, from G. T. Sullivan, Superintendent of Mails, United States Post Office, Honolulu, Hawaii, furnishes particulars regarding the mail transportation by the aviators on the recent ill-fated flight from Oakland to Honolulu. We quote: "In fact, there was no official recognition of such air mail flight by the post office department and no mail was given to any flyer. There were persons who gave mail to these pilots to deliver here, but not through the post office. If you gave air mail letters to the post office

in Chicago to be sent here, they would have gone to San Francisco as air mail; and then have been sent here by steamer."

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Mr. Gustave de Lachasse, Aignon, France, in sending specimens of the Legion stamps, writes: "The stamps were issued on September 15th, and they are to be on sale up to October 15th, only in Paris and the most important post offices of France. I cannot send you these two stamps on the first day of issue, but (and though our post office to-day, Sept. 19th, is closed on account of the great official reception by France, of the American Legion in Paris,) I will have the two stamps canceled with the date of this memorable, no less than historical day, September 19, 1927."

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From the Honolulu "Star-Bulletin" of September 21, 1927, received by air mail from Mr. W. F. Slusser, we learn that four stamp designs of the new sesquicentennial set of Hawaii are in completed form "and will be taken to Washington by the governor, who sails Saturday." Enlarged pictures of two designs of the one cent are shown as well as one each of the two cent and the five cent. Evidently, only one variety of the one cent will be utilized. The pictures on the two cent and the five cent are such as to well preserve the traditions of Captain Cook and on both the one cent, his portrait is the feature. The following description is given by the *Star-Bulletin*: "On the stamps are triangles of tapa patterns representing the eight islands of the Hawaiian group, with grass houses inclosing numerals. There are tabu sticks and kahilis, suggesting that Hawaii received the explorer with all the honor accorded its own chiefs."

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Mr. E. M. Ash, Antilla, Cuba, writes: "El Pais, one of Havana's most important papers, shows in its issue of September 24th, a picture of the new stamp for aero service, soon to be inaugurated between Havana and Key West, where connection is made with the mail trains of the Florida West Coast Railway. According to *El Pais*, the plates will be

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EAST AND WEST:—
LOUIS C. MULLER, 91 San Felipe Way, San Francisco, Cal., is the manager of the auction sales department of the San Francisco Stamp Society. He sends us a lengthy account of the prospects of the 11th Auction Sale of the local society held October 17, and indicates that the 12th Sale will soon be advertised. Mr. Muller writes that auction lists will be sent to anyone desiring to be placed on his mailing list. This society is one of the best, and we congratulate it upon its splendid activities.
WE have received from W. O. Staeb, Rutherford, N. J., a copy of the Annual Bulletin of the Rutherford Stamp Club and the Saturday Afternoon Stamp Club of N. Y. City. Its special feature consists of an auction sale of U. S. items from the collection of Charles A. Christian, East Orange, N. J. A number of contributed articles from the pens of Herman Toasperm, Major Guy W. A. Camp, Jno. Godinho, Prof. F. S. Eaton, Milton T. Mauck, Francis F. Greeley and H. M. Konwiser add interest to this particularly enterprising publication.

A MOVEMENT is on foot to organize a stamp club in the vicinity of Audubon, Barrington and Haddon Heights, N. J. Interested parties will please write Albert C. Reukauff, 400 Fourth Ave., Haddon Heights, N. J.

WE are informed by K. N. Woodward of a circumstance that should be given publicity. A certain stamp club planning an exhibition and inviting entries ignored letters asking information, and this in the face of the fact that return postage was enclosed. Mr. Woodward somewhat rightly asks:—"Is this a fake proposition to steal your stamps?"

We do not mention the name of the club referred to by Mr. Woodward. We suggest that clubs seeking publicity through the WEEKLY measure up to their full obligations to our subscribers.

WE have been favored with a prospectus of the Philatelic Club of Los Angeles, Calif. It is a booklet of sixteen pages giving the particulars of the organization and the membership list. A. W. Bloss is secretary.

THERE is a letter at this office for Claude W. Parker, which will be forwarded upon completion of address. Who can favor us?

YOU may be interested to chronicle that in connection with the visit of the American Legion to Paris, a special postmark was used at a temporary post office, which was installed in a room of the Grand Palais for the use of the American Legionnaires. As a matter of fact I only discovered this quite by accident. I have two postmarks, one a circular one, "Paris Congress American Legion" in single lined circle, the other a machine one, "Paris Congress American Legion" in double lined circle, combined with an advertisement postmark "For Paris Put the Number of the District."—FRANK E. WILSON.

THE High Twelve Club of Los Angeles, meeting at noon in Masonic Temple, was addressed recently by Stanley Hosmer.

SANTA ROSA, Cal., wants a Luther Burbank special stamp. Press clippings from Stanley Hosmer say that the picture of the plant wizard must be supplemented by the words "Santa Rosa," a feature that will give "tremendous advertising value to the City of Roses."

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| Cat. Net Price. Price | |
| * 1 1892 ¼p vermillion | .75 .50 |
| * 1 " ½p vermillion | .75 .35 |
| * 2 " 1p lilac | .75 .50 |
| * 2 " 1p lilac | .75 .35 |
| * 3 " 2p green & carmine .. | 1.50 1.00 |
| * 3 " 2p green & carmine .. | 1.25 .50 |
| * 4 " 2½p violet, blue | .40 .25 |
| * 5 " 50 lilac & blue | 1.25 .85 |
| * 8 1893 ½p vermillion | 1.25 .50 |
| * 10 " 2p green | 3.00 1.50 |
| * 11 " 2½p carmine lake | .75 .50 |
| * 11 " 2½p carmine lake | .75 .35 |
| * 12 " 5p gray lilac | 1.50 1.00 |
| * 13 " 1sh black | 3.00 1.50 |
| * 44 1894 1p vermillion | .35 .25 |
| * 45 " 2p carmine lake | .60 .40 |
| * 46 " 2½p pale blue | 1.25 .85 |
| * 46a " 2½p blue | 1.50 1.00 |
| * 46a " 2½p blue | 1.50 .75 |
| * 47 " 5p deep violet | .75 .50 |
| * 48 " 1sh black | 1.50 1.00 |
| * 48 " 1sh | 1.50 .75 |
| * 55 1897-1900 ¼p yellow green .. | .12 .10 |
| * 55 " ½p yellow green .. | .12 .06 |
| * 57 " 2p carmine lake | .60 .40 |
| * 58 " 2½p blue | .75 .50 |
| * 58a " 2½p slate blue .. | .75 .50 |
| * 59 " 5p deep violet .. | 1.00 .75 |
| * 63 " 10sh deep purple .. | 7.50 5.50 |
| * 63a " 10sh bright purple .. | 10.00 7.50 |

Northern Nigeria

| ALL UNUSED. | |
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| * 1 1900 ¼p lilac & green | .20 .15 |
| * 11 1902 1p violet & carn. rose .. | .25 .15 |
| * 12 " 2p violet & orange .. | .75 .50 |
| * 13 " 2½p violet & ultramar. | .40 .30 |
| * 15 " 6p violet & purple .. | 1.75 1.25 |
| * 19 1905 ¾p violet & green .. | .25 .15 |
| * 20 " 1p violet & carn. rose .. | .25 .15 |
| * 21 " 5p violet & brn. orange .. | 2.00 1.50 |
| * 27 1910-11 ¾p green | .12 .10 |
| * 28 " 1p carmine | .20 .15 |
| * 30 " 2½p ultramarine .. | .35 .25 |
| * 32 " 3p violet, yellow .. | .35 .25 |
| * 33 " 5p vio. & olive grn. | .50 .35 |
| * 34 " 6p violet & red vio. | 1.50 1.00 |
| * 35a " 6p violet & deep vio. | 1.50 1.00 |
| * 35 " 1sh green | 1.25 .85 |
| * 46 1912 6p violet & red violet .. | .50 .35 |

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We are in receipt of a check from Carle M. Bigelow, Park Square Bldg., Boston, Mass., for membership in the Honor Club, and we thank him for his application. Mr. Bigelow is president of the Bigelow, Kent, Willard & Co., Inc., consulting engineers and accountants. He writes us that the WEEKLY "is one of the most interesting publications which I read."

We also are greatly obliged to Mrs. C. P. Cromwell, 23 E. 69 St., N. Y. City, for her application for membership in the Honor Club accompanied by a check for \$5. We are pleased to have our lady subscribers represented in this organization.

The membership of our Honor Club is now nearing the five hundred mark. We desire to go over the top in goodly shape with the next publication of our membership list, which will be in January. We feel quite sure that a number of others will be willing in coming weeks to send in their applications.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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2c carmine | 10.00 |
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perf. pair | 2.50 |
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| 221a 5c brown and black pair .. | 2.50 |
| Same block of four | 5.00 |
| 609 5c on 10c violet brown | 6.00 |

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| 47a 2c rose imperf. pair | 6.00 |
| Same block of four | 12.00 |
| 49a 2c red imperf. pair | 2.50 |
| Same block of four | 5.00 |
| 50a 5c blue imperf. pair | 2.00 |
| Same block of four | 4.00 |
| 51b 10c brown imperf. pair .. | 4.00 |
| Same block of four | 8.00 |
| 55a 5c ultramarine (thick pa-
per) imperf. pair | 2.50 |
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Sinkiang Overprint

By HOWARD E. WONG.

Here again we have two sets of stamps that shows a slight difference, the "Sinkiang Overprint" of 1915-17 issues. These two sets of stamps were surcharged vertically in Chinese characters on the 1915 issue of the Republic of China stamps (Peking Printing), used exclusively in the New Dominion of Sinkiang or Chinese Turkestan. Due to the slight difference in the surcharge, therefore, causing two sets of stamps.

To the general collectors, these two sets of stamps may look the same, but there is a difference, in fact so slight that catalogues do not list the issues as two sets. However, I hope the following explanation will reveal to the collectors the difference that really exists.

On the first issue in 1915, the overprints were surcharged in four Chinese characters, vertically, but the first Chinese character was printed little over on the left side while on the second issue, in 1917, these four Chinese characters of overprint fall in straight line.

The first issue (whole set) in 16 denominations (½ cent-\$1). The second and third characters of the overprint may be found in the first issue, transposed on the \$1 stamp.

The second issue (whole set) in 22 denominations (½ cent-\$20). These two issues were overprinted by the Chinese Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Peking.

Junior Gossip

—A stamp club has been organized in the Bosse High School, Evansville, Ind. There are thirty-nine boys and one girl on the membership roll. We shall be glad to hear from any of the members of this club in connection with their activities this winter.

—Our juniors are urged to send for a sample copy of the *Stamp Echo*, published in New York City. Address, Box 226, Times Square Station.

—*Truman Greenwalt*.—The cover to which you refer does not have any special value. It is one that was used prior to the issue of stamps. Covers of this kind are frequently advertised in the WEEKLY at quite reasonable prices. The stamp mentioned by you is an Italian revenue and therefore not mentioned in Scott's catalog.

Puerto Del Rosario



The stamp represented by the above picture was issued by Argentine Republic, Oct. 26, 1902, to commemorate the completion of the dock at Port Rosario, Arg. Rep. It is a handsome stamp.

A Few U. S. Questions Answered

By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

The U. S. special prints of 1875 and 1880 differ in the paper and impression. The first stamps are on hard paper, and as they are cut apart with scissors, they usually show trimmed perforations. The second set is on soft paper and like the first set, the shades differ from the originals. It is impossible to explain in words this difference, and it is necessary that one be familiar with them to distinguish one from the other. I have never seen a cancelled copy, with the exception of the 2c 1875, so that one is not likely to find them among the common stamps.

The bluish paper on the 1908 issue, is blue throughout. It is not a deep blue, however, but the paper simply looks dark. Here again, one must be familiar with the stamp in order to recognize it, as it may readily pass unnoticed by one not familiar with its appearance.

Flat plate printings are engraved impressions, as are rotary prints, although the latter are printed from a curved plate. Offset printings are surface printings, wherein the prints are made by a photographic process and the stamps have the appearance of lithographs.

When a stamp is designated as perforated "11 x 10" it means that the horizontal perforations are 11 and the vertical perforations 10.

Paper No. 16—Chalk-surfaced

This is also a highly glazed sensitive paper which has been extensively used of recent years in the manufacture of British Colonial stamps. The "surface" is obtained by the application of a certain solution to the paper after it has been made and not during the process of manufacture. As a rule it has a much more polished surface than ordinary paper and is thicker to feel. A silver coin drawn lightly across a corner of the stamp (or, better still, on the margin if possible) will make a mark like that made with a lead pencil if the paper is the chalk-surfaced variety. The mark can be removed by carefully applying a very slightly dampened piece of clean white rag.

JUNIOR STAMP STUDIES

**MERCURY
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The messenger, Mercury, copied from a coin of the value of two drachmas from the Cretan city of Syvrita, whose coins are remarkable for their beauty. The god is represented bending to the left and putting his sandal upon his right foot, which is resting upon a rock. Behind his head the petasus is suspended and the Chalmys hangs from his shoulders while the caduceus is temporarily deposited upon the rock, so that the god can take it in his hand as soon as he shall have put on his sandal. Indeed, no emblem more adapted to postage stamps has ever been employed by any modern nation.

The ancient artist of Syvrita has been inspired by Homer's *Odyssey*, which describes the despatching of Mercury by the Olympian gods to the distant island of Calypso to carry, as a messenger, the order from Jupiter for the deliverance of Ulysses. Then the messenger of the gods, Mercury, preparing himself to execute the order of the gods: "Under his feet he bound his beautiful sandal, immortal, made of gold, which carry him over flood and over the boundless land, swift as the wind. He took the wand with which he charms to sleep the eyes of those whom he will, while again whom he will he wakens out of slumber. With this in his hand, the powerful slayer of Argus began his flight."—*Odyssey*, V. 44.49.

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Perplexing Surcharges

L. A.—Lunatic Asylum. Another early South Australian overprint.

L. C.—Legislative Council. Also belongs to South Australia.

L. L.—Legislative Library. Another South Australian variety.

L. T.—Land Titles. These letters were overprinted on certain early South Australian stamps.

A STUDY OF RIO DE ORO

By R. S. GORDON, Middletown, O.

The Spaniards, according to our most verbose historians, are a many-sided people. They had a mania at one time for discovering places, and so well did they do the job that they discovered pretty nearly every place worth discovering at the time. They produced a number of A1 painters. They make love with neatness and dispatch, if movie accounts are to be trusted. They also knife their enemies with the same neatness and dispatch. But they seem to have made one mistake. If there were at one time any reasons for their laying claim to and occupying the yellow spot on the map of Africa called Rio de Oro, those reasons have long since been buried beneath the sandstorms of that lonesome territory.

Rio de Oro has a seacoast of some six hundred miles. It has something like 365 days of sunshine per year—occasionally less, but seldom more, except on Leap Years. It would seem that on these qualifications alone, any first-class real estate man with Florida experience should be able to sell an unlimited number of lots there, especially as the Spanish race loves to gamble on long shots. And yet in the whole colony and protectorate

Advertising Chat

A haze on the far horizon,
The infinite tender sky,
The ripe, rich tint of the cornfields,
And the wild geese sailing high,
And all over upland and lowland
The charm of the golden-rod—
Some of us call it Autumn,
But others call it God.
—William H. Carruth.

The month of October is indeed a glorious month, and it's a good month for the stamp collector, for the mind readily turns to the stamp collection and its treasures and pleasures. The columns of the WEEKLY already reflect great activity in the stamp trade and there is every reason to believe that this year will be the best ever.

Our special issue of Oct. 10 carried with it an optimism that will be contagious. It was some number and others are to follow.

A few years ago this department was a regular feature of the WEEKLY. We resurrect it for the nonce. Space is too valuable to continue it indefinitely.

It is the policy of the WEEKLY not to accept mixture advertising. In our issue of October 3 there appeared a Swedish mixture advertisement that should have been blue-pencilled. Will our advertisers please note that it is the policy of the WEEKLY not to accept advertising of this character?

We now have a supply of WEEKLY binders on hand. They are made of heavy cardboard, cloth-covered, and have spring backs. Price \$1.50 plus parcel post on three pounds weight. The supply is limited. Those who have asked may now receive.

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The Astra Stamp Co. of Haverhill, Mass., is back again in our columns with a "3-in-1" contract. We shall give the firm a regular position. We extend to the proprietor, Fred B. Smith, a cordial greeting.

John P. Cooper, Red Bank, N. J., has just issued a wholesale pricelist of 28 pages, which may be had for the asking.

In writing advertising copy make it as legible as possible. Do not write upon both sides of the paper.

The Niland Stamp Shop, Yonkers, N. Y., has taken out a contract for 2000 lines of advertising space to be used during the coming year. The proprietor of this firm is V. M. Anderson and it has advertised frequently in the WEEKLY in past months. We bespeak for the firm a goodly patronage.

Herman Toasperi, whose office is in the Collectors Club Building on West 48th St., N. Y. City, has taken out a contract and we are pleased to have him in our column as a "steady". Toasty has many activities. He is helping in editing the Scott's Specialized U. S. Catalog, and every now and then he gives a lecture before some stamp club.

We have received a "3-in-1" contract properly signed from C. E. Morrison, Lawrence, Mass. Mr. Morrison has taken occasional space in the past and we are very glad to have him for a regular advertiser.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

there is the sum total of one town! And it is called "town" by courtesy only, having a resident population of 600, excluding dogs.

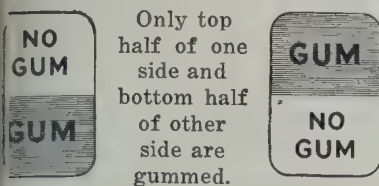
There are no statistics at hand regarding the mortality from accidental deaths, but offhand one might safely venture the assertion that deaths from automobile accidents are low,—for there are no automobiles. And even if some fortunate individual of Rio de Oro were to fall heir to "mucho dinero" and have the urge to celebrate in befitting fashion, it is very doubtful that he would indulge in the purchase of a machine,—for there are no roads.

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to go except by water. Roads are usu-

ally expected to go to some place, and

there is no place to go by land. Five

hundred miles northeast along the coast

to a small settlement in Morocco. Seven

hundred and fifty miles south one might

reach civilization in Senegal, with a few

small way stations in between. And if

a person desired to wander out to the

ocean, he would have only a matter of

twenty-two hundred miles to travel be-

fore he could get his first drink, on the

banks of the Nile!

So de Oro seems to be just the place

for those city-weary flat dwellers who

are free and the wide open spaces.

And for the postal necessities of a

band of soldiers, practically all of

them are located in the one and only

town (which, by the way, is called Villa

Cheros), we are afflicted with the ne-

cessity of adding one hundred and fifty

stamps to our collections!

AN OLD FRIEND IN A NEW DRESS

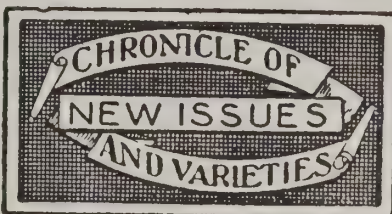
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The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa., who will also be pleased to pass on oddities and varieties of all U.S. stamps from 1900 to date. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 75 Electric Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States

Washington Notes

In phoning Washington, I am informed that everything is quiet along the Potomac, and that there is no news as to new issues. They are not contemplating at the present time any new varieties, nor are there any changes being made in the perforations. The Bureau, however, is working with a slightly different paper, for the old paper did not produce a satisfactory 7-cent stamp on the rotary press. It seems that black ink does not give as satisfactory results as colors. It will be recalled that when the Harding stamp was printed on the rotary press, we received a very unsatisfactory article, some of which were so light that they hardly looked like engraved stamps.

Air Mail Notes

They have been having a great time at the Boston Radio Aero Show, and every day a different colored postmark was used at the special branch post office at the show. The special markings which were previously described, were applied in violet on September 28th, in magenta on the 29th, in black on the 30th, and on

the last day October 1st, they produced a postmark different from anything ever seen. Beginning at the upper left corner and going clock-wise, we find the quarters of the postmark in—blue, magenta, green and violet respectively. In other words, the air mail marking is in four distinct colors. If they cancelled many covers in this manner, they certainly had a merry old time.

All of these covers which have reached me, have been through the courtesy of Mr. Charles E. Jandru, Jr., who sent an aerogram daily. Through his efforts the special postmarks were used, and Mr. Jandru informs me that at the close of the Show, the larger postmark was presented to a post office official, and the smaller one to himself. Either would make a most interesting addition to any postal museum.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Jandru, it is learned that the Boston plane will stop at Worcester on Saturday, October 8th, in order to take on mail. A new field is to be dedicated on that day, and it is expected that a special postmark will be used by the Colonial Air Transport Company, who hold a contract for carrying the Boston-New York air mail.

Mr. F. W. Pederson kindly sends a clipping from the *La Crosse Tribune*, stating that an extension of air mail and passenger service to include Madison, Wisconsin, was announced by the Northwest Airway Incorporated. The present route will be changed slightly in order to take care of the revised program.

Mr. Warren Irving Glover, Second Assistant Postmaster General announced under date of October 3rd, the following:

"About October 15, an aviation flight will be made from San Francisco, Calif., via Honolulu to Australia. The backers of this flight are persons interested in the

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| *Albania—1fr surcharged Wreath & AZ. | .32 |
| *Algeria—10/35, 25/30, 30/25, 65/60, 90/80, fr 1.10/1.05 & fr 1.50/1.25, 7 New Provisionals. All surch. | .45 |
| *Algeria—60 on 20c, 2fr on 45c & 3fr on 25c. 3 new Prov. Dues. | .45 |
| *Algeria—1fr on 1c & 2fr on 10c, two new Recouvrements provisionals | .24 |
| *Chad—10fr & 20fr surch. on 5fr | 1.75 |
| *Costa Rica—Official in permanent design. 2c to 45c, 9 vars. cpit. | .60 |
| *Congo—fr 1.75 surch. on fr 1.50 | .12 |
| *Ruanda-Urundi—Same stamp as above | .12 |
| *Cuba—25c New Commemorative | .35 |
| *Czechoslovakia—1.20 & 5kr Pictorial | .35 |
| *Dominica—3sh script wmk. | .96 |
| 5sh script wmk. | 1.60 |
| *Fr. Soudan—10fr & 20fr surch. on 5fr | 1.75 |
| *Hungary—1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 32, 50 & 80f red Postage Dues. 8 vars. | .55 |
| *British Morocco—1sh mult. wmk. | .32 |
| *Iraq—1 rupee Sheik design | .50 |
| *Iraq—Same stamp surch. Official | .50 |
| *Italy—4L Parcel Post in horizontal pairs. New value | .35 |
| *Lebanon—Pictorial Issue surch. Republic. 10c to 25pi, 13 vars. cpit. | .95 |
| *Mauritania—10fr & 20fr surch. on 5fr | 1.75 |
| *Netherlands—2½, 22½ & 25c New wmk. | .30 |
| *Netherlands—2½ Gulden carmine | 1.50 |
| *Netherlands—Red Cross Issue, 5 large and beautiful stamps cpit. | .30 |
| *Norway—306 on 456 two types. Both | .25 |
| *Norway—456 Airpost | .16 |
| *Poland—20gr Slowacki | .05 |
| *Poland—10, 25 & 40gr Medical Cong. | .20 |
| *Russia—10k light blue Soldier Type | .10 |
| *Russia—8 on 7k wmk. & unwmk. Both | .15 |
| *Russia—14k Esperanto wmk. & unwmk. | .28 |
| *Russia—Postage Provisionals surch. on Dues. 8k on 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 10 & 14k on both wmk. and unwmk. paper. 14 vars. provisionals in all | 1.10 |
| *Russia—20k blue Child's Welfare on paper with and without wmk. Both | .30 |
| *Russia—8 and 18k Child's Welfare | .25 |
| *St. Helena—1sh6d, 2sh6d and 5sh all on script watermark paper | 2.90 |
| *Niue—2sh Admiral type | .64 |
| *Samoa—2sh & 3sh Admiral Type | 1.60 |
| *Switzerland—5, 10 and 20c Franchise on white paper instead of grey | .12 |
| *Tripoli—Exhibition set, 8 vars. cpit. | .75 |
| *Tunis—Parcel Post, 10c to 5fr cpit. | .95 |
| *Ubangi—10fr and 20fr surch. on 5fr | 1.75 |
| *Upper Volta—Same 2 provs. as above | 1.75 |
| *Uruguay—Parcel Post, 1c to 20c. 6 vars. complete | .65 |

Most of the recent issues offered above are provisionals and will have a very short life—some are already obsolete. Issues of this kind are always worth buying.

MAXWELL KRAUSE, Lebanon, Pa.

development of commercial aviation and the flight has the sanction of the Government of Australia.

It has been decided to permit the carrying of 1,500 letters from the United States to Australia on this flight.

This offers an opportunity to extend greetings of good will to our friends in Australia. Letters intended for this flight, if sent under separate wrapper by air mail to the postmaster at San Francisco, up to the capacity mentioned, will be forwarded on this flight. The Postmaster at San Francisco will attempt to include letters from as many different sources as may be possible to keep the total within 1,500, and will use his discretion in connection therewith.

The postage rate between the United States and Australia is 5 cents for the first ounce, and 3 cents each additional ounce. The above letters should be as light as possible.

Mr. P. K. Stone kindly mails an airplane cover from Boston on September 29th, which not only received the two postmarks in magenta of the Radio Show, but also shows an additional large cart wheel postmark reading, "Boston Lindbergh Day, July 22, 1927.—I am proud to have done it for America. My reward will be your continued use of the air mail service. Col. Chas. Lindbergh." This is the first that I have seen of this postmark. As it is dated in July I cannot account for its use at this late date.

The Postmaster of Philadelphia advises under date of September 23rd, that he has requested permission from Washington to use a special postmark on air mail on the day Colonel Lindbergh visits the City of Brotherly Love.

Under date of October 1st, the Postmaster General announced that no award

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| 18.....10 | do. block four.....3.00 | do. block four.....4.00 |
| 19.....20 | 65 2½d orange......60 | This scarce little item is 2.00 |
| 20.....20 | do. block four.....3.00 | in cat. now. |
| 21.....20 | KENYA, MINT | ZANZIBAR, MINT |
| 22.....35 | Current set, 5c-75c @......90 | Current set 1c - 75c, 11 |
| JAMAICA, MINT | #27.....32 | stamps in all.....1.25 |
| #49.....1.75 | 28.....65 | #166.....1.00 |
| 53.....50 | 31.....3.20 | #169.....2.50 |
| 54.....2.25 | 29.....1.00 | 167.....1.50 |
| 56.....1.25 | 32.....6.40 | 170.....5.00 |
| 58......25 | ST. KITTS, MINT | 168.....2.00 |
| 59......35 | Way up in the advance sheets. | 171.....10.00 |
| 66......35 | Cat. Net | FRANCE OFFICES IN |
| 71-3.....1.00 | #32 2sh MCA.....2.50 | CHINA, HOI HAO |
| BEST STAMP OF MONTH. | 33 2s6d MCA.....2.00 | #84 4pi on 10fr.....40.00 |
| 5d script MONTserrat. | 34 5sh MCA.....4.00 | A very rare stamp. |
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O. G. CONDITION

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|---|-------------|-------|
| Aitutaki 1913-16, 1p | cat. \$.15 | .07 |
| 1916-17, 6p | 2.00 | 1.10 |
| 1917-20, 1/2p | .08 | .04 |
| 1917-20, 1p | .25 | .12 |
| 1917-20, 1 1/2p, #22 | .15 | .16 |
| 1917-20, 3p, #23 | .35 | .15 |
| 1917-20, 2 1/2p, #24 | .20 | .10 |
| 1920, 1/2p-1sh, inclusive | 1.27 | .70 |
| Antigua 1922-26, 2 1/2p | 1.00 | .60 |
| Ascension 1922, 1/2p-1sh | 6.85 | 3.75 |
| 1922, 2sh | 5.00 | 2.75 |
| 1922, 3sh | 7.50 | 4.00 |
| 1924, 2sh | 1.00 | .65 |
| 1924, 3sh | 1.50 | .98 |
| Australia 1913-14, 6p | 2.50 | 1.40 |
| 1914-15, 1 1/2p | .10 | .05 |
| 1922, 3, 1 1/2p | .20 | .10 |
| 1920, 1sh 4p | .60 | .40 |
| Bahamas 1917-8, 3p | 2.00 | 1.15 |
| 1919, 3p | .20 | .12 |
| 1919, 1/2p-3p | .40 | .20 |
| 1917, Spec. Del. 5p | 1.00 | .55 |
| 1917, Red + & War, Char. | .20 | .09 |
| Barbados 1925, 1/2p-1sh | 1.30 | .75 |
| 1925, 2sh | 1.00 | .65 |
| 1925, 3sh | 1.50 | .98 |
| 1927, 1p, #176 | .08 | .05 |
| Barbuda 1922, 1/2p-1sh | 5.50 | 2.75 |
| Bermuda 1921, 1sh | 1.25 | .85 |
| 1922-27, 2 1/2p, #85 | .75 | .35 |
| 1922-27, 2sh | 1.25 | .80 |
| 1922-27, 10sh | 5.00 | 3.20 |
| Br. Guiana 1921-23, 1c-24c | 1.05 | .55 |
| Br. Honduras 1921, 2c | .10 | .05 |
| 1922, 4c | .10 | .05 |
| Brunei, Malay-Borneo Exh. 1c-25c | .65 | .35 |
| Canada 1897, 6c | .85 | .45 |
| 1890, 2c on 3c, #84 | .25 | .15 |
| Caymans 1921-2, 4p | .60 | .35 |
| Ceylon 1911-22, 15c | .50 | .28 |
| Cook Is. 1916-19, 1sh | 1.25 | .65 |
| Karotonga 1919, 1/2p, 1 1/2, 2 1/2p | .71 | .36 |
| 1919, 2 1/2p, engraved | .25 | .13 |
| 1919, 3p, engraved | 2.00 | 1.35 |
| 1919, 4p, engraved | .50 | .25 |
| 1919, 4 1/2p, engraved | .40 | .30 |
| 1919, 6p, engraved | .45 | .25 |
| 1919, 7 1/2p, engraved | 1.00 | .48 |
| 1919, 9p, engraved | .75 | .38 |
| 1919, 1sh, engraved | 1.00 | .48 |
| 1920, 3/4p-1sh | 1.53 | 1.00 |
| Cyprus 1921, 10pa | .10 | .06 |
| 1921, 1pia | .50 | .28 |
| 1921, 2pia | .75 | .40 |
| 1921, 4pia | 1.50 | .75 |
| 1922, 23, 30pa | .20 | .11 |
| 1922, 23, 1pia | .25 | .13 |
| 1922, 23, 1 1/2pia | .45 | .25 |
| 1922, 23, 2pia | .50 | .30 |
| 1922, 23, 2 1/2pia | .60 | .35 |
| 1922, 23, 6pia | 2.25 | 1.25 |
| 1922, 23, 9pia | 5.00 | 2.65 |
| 1923, 10pas | .25 | .14 |
| 1923, 18pia | 10.00 | 5.25 |
| Egypt 1922, 1.2, 3.4, 5, 10, 15, #84, 20, 50m | 3.90 | 1.90 |
| 1923, 1 pound | 9.00 | 6.40 |
| 1922, Post. Due. 2, 4, 10m | .85 | .45 |
| 1922, Official, 1.2, 3.4, 5, 10m, #422-6 | 1.83 | .90 |
| 1922, Official, 15m, #428 | 20.00 | 9.65 |
| Fiji 1912-16, 1sh | 1.25 | .60 |
| Gambia 1922, 1/2p-1sh, 11 val. | 4.08 | 2.00 |
| Ger. East Africa 1917, 1c-50c | 1.85 | 1.00 |
| Gambia 1912, 1, 1 1/2, 2 1/2, 3p, 6p | 1.85 | 1.00 |
| Gibraltar 1912, 1sh, Emerald Coated | 2.00 | 1.15 |
| Gold Coast 1923, Post. Due. 1, 2, 3p | .25 | .15 |
| Great Britain 1909-10, 7p | .35 | .20 |
| 1922, Off. in China, 1c-25c | 3.70 | 1.90 |
| Grenada 1922-23, 2 1/2p | 1.00 | .60 |
| 1925-6, 2, 3, 4, 6, 1sh | 1.10 | .72 |
| Gilbert & Ellice 1912-19, 3p | .12 | .09 |
| Malta, Self Govt., 2 1/2p, #78 | 1.50 | .75 |
| Self Govt., 1sh, #81 | 2.00 | .90 |
| Self Govt., 2sh, #82 | 15.00 | 8.00 |
| Self Govt., 2sh 6p, #83 | 5.00 | 2.75 |
| Self Govt., 5sh, #84 | 12.50 | 7.00 |
| Self Govt., 10sh, #85 | 50.00 | 27.50 |
| Mauritius 1912-22, 50c | 6.00 | 2.90 |
| 1912-22, 25c, White Back | 1.50 | .70 |
| 1925-6, 10c, red | 1.00 | .58 |
| 1925-6, 15c, blue | 1.50 | .90 |
| Newfoundland 1920, 2 on 30c | 1.25 | .50 |
| 1920, 3c on 15c, type I | 6.00 | 3.00 |
| 1920, 3c on 15c, type II | 1.75 | .80 |
| 1920, 3c on 35c | 1.50 | .70 |
| New Guinea 1925, 1/2p-1sh | 1.80 | 1.00 |

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WAR TAX STAMPS, O. G.

These stamps, issued during the days of the late war, are showing signs of returning to popularity. We would suggest that missing items be picked up while they can be secured at reasonable prices.

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| Antigua, 3 values | cat. .31 | .12 |
| Bahamas 1918, 1p, #302 | .45 | .20 |
| 1918, 1p, #303 | 1.00 | .45 |
| 1918, #307-8-9 | .91 | .48 |
| 1918-9, 3p, #312 | .25 | .10 |
| 1919, 1/2, 1, 3p, 1sh | 1.08 | .50 |
| Barbados 1917, 1p | .08 | .03 |
| Bermuda, Both types | .28 | .12 |
| British Guiana | .10 | .04 |
| British Honduras, Five types | .66 | .28 |
| Ceylon, Four types | .19 | .08 |
| Dominica 1916, 1/2p | .20 | .08 |
| 1918-19, 1/2p, 3p | .35 | .15 |
| 1919, 1 1/2p | .15 | .06 |
| Gibraltar, 1/2p | .10 | .04 |
| Gold Coast, 1p | .10 | .04 |
| Jamaica 1919, 1/2p, 3p | .25 | .10 |
| St. Helena, Both types | .38 | .15 |
| St. Kitts, Both types | .17 | .07 |

Many other items are in stock and will submit selections for inspection on request.

AIRPLANE STAMPS

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| Costa Rica 1926, 20c, O. G. | cat. .20 | .12 |
| Denmark 1925-6, 10, 15, 25c, O. G. | .31 | .17 |
| Germany 1919, 2 val., Used | .04 | .02 |
| Morocco, French Off. 1922, 1fr | .25 | .12 |
| French Off. 1922, 2fr | 1.00 | .42 |
| French Off. 1922-3, 25, 50, 75c | .43 | .21 |
| Fr. Off. 1927, 5, 10, 15, 20, 30c | 1.29 | .70 |
| Newfoundland 1921, 35c, O. G. | 2.50 | 1.50 |
| 1921, 35c on cover | 3.00 | 2.00 |
| Union of S. Africa 1925, 4 val., O. G. | | |
| U. S. 1918, 6c, used | cat. .15 | .08 |
| 1918, 16c, used | .25 | .12 |
| 1918, 24c, used | .45 | .22 |

If you are interested in these attractive stamps advise us we have many items not listed either used on covers or in original post office condition.

POSTALLY USED STAMPS

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| China on Hong Kong 1916, 50c, cat. | .50 | .22 |
| 1916, \$1 | .75 | .32 |
| 1922, 6c, 20c | .47 | .21 |
| 1922, \$1 | 1.00 | .47 |
| Ceylon 1912, 25c, 30c, 50c | .62 | .29 |
| 1921-22, 15c, 25c, 30c, 50c | .70 | .32 |
| Egypt 1923, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20m | .18 | .06 |
| 1923, 1 pound | 4.00 | 2.10 |
| Gold Coast 1913-16, 3p | .25 | .10 |
| 1913-16, 1sh | .30 | .13 |
| 1913-16, 2sh | .85 | .40 |
| 1913-16, 2sh 6p | 1.00 | .48 |
| Gt. Britain 1913-18, 2sh 6p, 5sh | 1.25 | .58 |
| Off. in Morocco, 1914-18: | | |
| 10c on 1p, 15 on 1 1/2p, 20 | | |
| on 2p, 25c on 2 1/2p | .69 | .30 |
| 1917-18, 1p, #85 | .15 | .06 |
| 1917-24, #93, 96, 97, 100 | .75 | .35 |
| Hejaz, #29 | .60 | .25 |
| Hong Kong 1921, 8c, 30c, \$1 | .90 | .40 |
| India 1911-13, 1R, 2R | .15 | .06 |
| Jamaica 1921-3, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, | | |
| 4, 6, 1sh | .51 | .22 |
| 1921-3, 2sh | .40 | .19 |
| Malay States 1904-5, 5c, 10c, | | |
| 20c, 50c | .50 | .24 |
| Nigeria 1914-5, 1sh, emerald | .25 | .15 |
| New Zealand 1909, 2, 3, 5, 6, | | |
| 8, 1sh | .71 | .32 |
| 1915, 6, 9p, 1sh | .21 | .08 |
| Newfoundland 1911, 6c, #98 | 1.75 | .80 |

Covers—Assorted from all over the world:

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| 50 for | 1.00 |
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| 25 different | .75 |
| 35 different | 1.25 |

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of contract would be made on the St. Louis-Memphis route.

Only one bid was received, and this did not specify the use of planes of sufficient speed to come within the terms required. The Department requires at least one hundred miles per hour.

Under date of October 4th, announcement was made that the Western Air Express of Los Angeles had been awarded the contract for carrying mail by air, between Cheyenne, Wyo., and Pueblo, Colo. It will be recalled that this company has been temporarily operating this route. It was formerly held by Colorado Airways Incorporated, but due to irregularities, the contract was cancelled.

Canal Zone 1906, 2c Inverted Center

It is seldom that twenty years elapses before an important minor variety of an United States possession is found. In going over a lot of the common 2c 1906 printed in carmine lake and black, a copy was found with inverted center. The surcharge is also inverted, for it reads up in relation to the red frame, which would classify it as a variety of No. 31, were it not for the fact that it is in the lake shade, which is not known in the "reading up" variety.

The copy in question, which is the only one known to date, shows the postmark of the Cristobal post office.

Cyprus.—Jubilee Series, further details.—Thanks to the courtesy of an esteemed correspondent, we are now able to supplement the details, already exclusively published in these columns, of the forthcoming Jubilee set. The ten values will range from 1/4 piastre to \$1, and the subjects will include Zeno the philosopher (a native of Citium, Cyprus, and the founder of the Stoic system), Richard Cœur de Lion, the Crest of Guy de Lusignan (King of Jerusalem), a map and the Crest of the island, a coin of Amathus (the ancient name of Limasol), the Church of St. Nicholas and the Watergate at Famagusta, while the highest denomination will have a portrait of King George. The colour scheme has not yet been decided.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Germany.—Departmentals.—We gather from Mr. Edwards-Carter that Germany is about to issue "departmental official" stamps. He has lately seen letters from the Statistisches Reichsamt with the wording on the envelope, "Frei durch Ablösung," struck out by a printed bar and bearing a stamp with the perforated lettering in two lines "St. R. A." So far our correspondent has seen only the 25 pf thus, but he believes other values exist, although he is unaware that departments other than the State Statistical Bureau have issued any. It will be remembered that the "E" (Eisenbahnen = railways) overprinted on the Bavarian stamps at one time was later replaced by the perforated E.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Gwalior.—Mr. R. Roberts sends for chronicle copies of the 3pies grey, 1/2a green and 4a olive Nasik printed stamps of India with the usual two line surcharge for official use. The overprint has also been done at Nasik and is slightly different from the former surcharge which was done at Calcutta, the top line measuring 13mm while that of the Calcutta printing measures 14mm.

Paraguay.—Whitfield King & Co. send us a copy of the 1p50c brown, with a map of the country for the central design.

Philippines.—The current 6c unperf. 11, has come out in a new

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United States Collection

1870 - 1927

It gives me great pleasure to announce that I have just purchased, at a price ranging well up into five figures, the wonderful United States Collection of the years 1870 to 1927, gotten together by Mr. George Walcott of New York.

Mr. Walcott's collection is one of the best known and finest collections of United States stamps gotten together in recent years. He not only obtained the mint single in shades, but has most of the blocks in similar condition. It is nothing unusual to find four or five shades of a very rare block. Plate number strips and blocks were one of his pet hobbies, and I doubt whether there is a finer collection existing for he not only obtained the Bureau varieties, but the earlier ones as well. The wonderful collection is now being broken up, and want lists are solicited.

Off hand, I note as some of the outstanding pieces:—

1870, grided blocks, 1c, 2c, 3c, 6c and 30c.
1870, 15 blocks, including 10c, 15c and 24c.
1873, Practically all in blocks.
1879, Ditto.
1879, Plate strips of all.

1882-1927, Practically complete in blocks and singles, shaded.

Including such outstanding items as blocks of 1894 and 1895, the blue pap blocks and one of two known plate number strips of four of the 1893 4c Columbus error.

I also note singles of all of the inverted and most of the coils including a pair of the rare 1910 3c.

It is only when a collection of this magnitude is broken up that it is possible to obtain any of the scarcer shades, blocks, plate numbers.

If there is anything that you desire the way of United States issues, or if you have a fine item or collection for sale, correspondence is solicited.

PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

P. O. Box 4216 G't'n. PHILA., Pa.

color, a dark wine-red instead of the violet of former issues. Whether it should be listed as a new variety is a question for philatelists and catalog makers.—**PERCY A. HILL.**

Russia.—It is stated that, in order to prevent the use of cancelled stamps that have had their obliterations cleaned off, future printings are to be on chalk surfaced paper.

Air Post.—According to M. Kazakof the two air post adhesives chronicled fortnight ago were issued on the occasion of the first (so-called) International Aviation Conference in Russia, 200,000 being printed of the 10k and the same number of the 15k.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Tannou Touva Republic.—The K Lissick Philatelic Co. report the appearance of the following provisionals, of which only 5,000 sets have been issued:—8 on 1 on 50k gray-black, 14k on 1r blue-green, 18k on 3r red-brown and 28k on 5r dark ultramarine. The surcharge of the first two values is in red while those of the others are in black.

MINT GERMANY MINT

| Scott's No. | Net | Scott's No. | Net | Scott's No. | Net | Scott's No. | Net |
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| 259 250T M./500M. | .01 | 267 800T M./500M. | .02 | 277 2Mn.M./200M. | .02 | 289 50 Mn. Mk. | .01 |
| 260 250T "/500 " | .02 | 268 800T " 1000 " | .02 | 278 2 " "/5T " | .02 | 290 100 " " | .01 |
| 261 800T "/5Pfg. | .01 | 269 2Mn. " 200 " | .01 | 280 500T Mk. | .02 | 291 200 " " | .01 |
| 262 800T "/10 " | .02 | 270 2 " "/300 " | .01 | 281 1 Mn. Mk. | .02 | 293 500 " " | .01 |
| 263 800T "/200M. | .02 | 271 2 " "/500 " | .02 | 282 2 " " | .02 | 294 1 Mid. Mk. | .01 |
| 264 800T "/300 " | .01 | 272 2 " "/5T M. | .02 | 284 4 " " | .01 | 295 2 " " | .01 |
| 264a 800T "/300 " 1.75 | .23 | 273 400T " 15Pfg. | .02 | 285 5 " " | .01 | 296 5 " " | .02 |
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We have received from Fred W. Noske, clippings from Milwaukee papers describing the arrest of Carl Manner for stealing postage stamps. Henry George, a local dealer, reported several weeks ago a substantial loss in stamps and rare coins. The clipping also mentions Manner's failure to obtain stamps at the home of Charles Christensen:—

"Selling rare postage stamps to collectors, then stealing them back for resale to other buyers was proving a lucrative business for a 13-year-old Milwaukee high school boy until police put a stop to his game Saturday night.

Carl Manner, of 1809 Clybourn St., was arrested by Detective George Radtke in his home Saturday night, when the detective went there to question the boy after Aaron Cohen, of 172 Twenty-second St., had reported to police that \$2,500 worth of rare stamps had been stolen from his apartment.

Mr. Cohen told the detective that he had purchased the stamps from Manner. When Radtke arrived at the boy's home, he found Manner with more than \$6,000 worth of stamps in his possession. At police headquarters the boy told Detective Capt. Harry Ridenour that he had stolen the stamps from several Milwaukee homes recently. Mr. Cohen's stamps were among those recovered.

Manner confessed to stealing \$3,500 worth of stamps and \$17 in cash from the home of Charles Tully, at 602 Thirtieth St. He also took a magnifying glass, he said.

At the home of Henry George, at 951 Seventh St., Manner said he obtained \$2,000 in stamps and \$300 in rare coins, after having gained entrance by knocking out a door panel with a pitchfork. A sickle, similarly used, gained him entrance at the home of Charles Christiansen, at 1401 Sixth St., he said, but all he got for his trouble at this place was 65 cents.

Manner was taken to the detention home and he will have a hearing in juvenile court next week. He is slightly deaf."

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By FRED J. MELVILLE.

Durban, 1928—From the advance prospectus of the International Philatelic Exhibition to be held in Durban next year, we note H. M. King George is the Patron in Chief, and his representative in South Africa, the Earl of Athlone, Governor General, is Patron. In addition General Hertzog, Prime Minister, the Hon. W. B. Madeley, Minister of Posts and Telegraphs, the Administrators of Natal, Cape, Orange Free State and Transvaal are among the distinguished patrons of the enterprise. All communications re the exhibition should be sent to the Hon. Secretary, Philatelic Society of Natal, P. O. Box 588, Durban, Natal.

The Unjust Tax—French philatelists are on the warpath against an injustice in taxation on stamps. There is a luxury tax which applies to prints and engravings selling at 250 francs or more, but it applies to stamps sold at 5 francs or more. The French customs treat stamps as in the same category as prints and engravings, and our confreres want the luxury tax to apply only to stamps at 250 francs or over. Our Amiens contemporary, L'Echo de la Timbrologie, is organising a petition on the matter.

Sir H. M. Stanley on Stamps—Once again the memory of a British journalist is to be honoured on a foreign stamp. The Belgian government is preparing a series of stamps for the Belgian Congo for the anniversary of the arrival of Sir Henry Morton Stanley, the journalist and African explorer, at the mouth of the Congo River.

Mr. Clifford Kissinger—We had an agreeable surprise invasion of the editorial den the other day, when Clifford W. Kissinger, of Reading, Pa., dropped in. Don't say you don't know who Kissinger is. That would be the hall mark of ignorance of the philatelic history of U. S. A. in the 'nineties. As a youngster he was a veritable live wire, a go-getter, and his methods of pushing the American Philatelic Association did not always find favour among his seniors, including the great Mr. Tiffany. But there was ever the way with young folk who have got things in them, and are out to make the most of them. His activities in those days consisted chiefly in putting sparkle into the politics of philatelic organisations in the States, and in publishing those more or less breezy organs, the Pennsylvania Philatelists (1891-98), and the Perforator (1898-1901). Although we had often been in touch with the brisk young Kissinger of the 'nineties, we did not meet him until 1913, when, as

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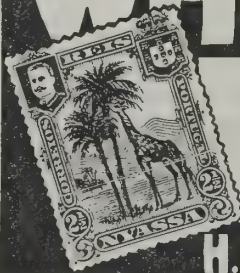
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SOME STAMP ITEMS

By J. L. RIEDEL.

The new German 8pf stamp just issued is printed in a deep green and for the reason the 5pf has just been issued in new colour, light green, in order to avoid confusion between the two values.

A new 90 cent stamp in carmine has been issued by France for the centenary of Berthelot. It bears the portrait of the professor.

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By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

1857, 1c, Type V Variety

Mr. Frank Gumm, Jr., has submitted for inspection a copy of the 1c 1857, Type V, showing a scratch on the plate in the hair on a level with Franklin's eye. This variety may have been noted heretofore, but it is the first time that it has come to my attention.

1898, 2c Rose Carmine

Dr. Carroll Chase kindly submits for inspection two used copies of the 1898, 2c rose-carmine in cancelled condition. One shows an 1899 dated postmark of which the first four letters of the town using the stamp is "Hibb," the last of the postmark does not fall upon the stamp. These are the first two stamps that I have seen that come from other than the original find. No doubt, when the varieties were printed at the Bureau, several thousand sheets were turned out and distributed throughout the country, but had not the collector in Montana saved three sheets, unused blocks today would possibly be unknown.

1922-27, 1/2c Hale

Mr. Vance Holden submits for inspection an upper plate block of twelve, of the 1/2c Hale from plate 17041. In producing this plate, no doubt, a defective transfer roll was used, for the six left stamps show a minor variety, which Mr. Holden states was on the entire first five vertical rows of the pane. This variety consists of a small white spot on the upper right center of the left fraction bar. This is constant, and is of the exact size and shape throughout. As the stamps are clearly printed, it is a transfer roll variety, rather than a defective inking item.

Air Mail Notes

The Pan-American Airways Incorporated, who will carry the first air mail between the United States and Cuba, write under date of October 7th, as follows:—

"We are now in a position to inform collectors and the public in general regarding our plans for carrying mail on the initial flights of Pan-American Airways, Inc., from Key West to Havana and return.

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Post Office in Havana are willing to co-operate with our line in handling mail during the first day of our service, giving special attention to covers sent by collectors.

The service will start on October 19th. It is, therefore, advisable to send letters as soon as possible, to insure their being carried on the first flights. Such letters will be stored in the Post Office at Key West awaiting the flights. We would advise carrying out the following plan in sending covers to be carried on the inaugural flights:—

A—First Flight Between Key West and Havana—

1. Address the envelope to Pan-American Airways, Inc., Havana, Cuba, if it is to be returned on the first Northern flight. Otherwise, to any other Cuban address.

2. The regular railroad postage rates will be sufficient to carry first class mail over the air line. An ordinary letter will, therefore, require only the regulation two-cent stamp.

3. Write clearly on the envelope "Air Mail Key West—Havana."

B—First Flight Between Havana and Key West—

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C—Round Trip First Flights, Key West to Havana and Havana to Key West—

1. Write the word "RETURN" in the upper left-hand corner of the original envelope, which is addressed to the Pan-American Airways, Inc., Havana, Cuba, as explained in "A."

2. Enclose a self addressed envelope in the original envelope.

3. Enclose ten cents in United States Postage stamps, which will cover the charges of five cents for the Cuban Air Mail stamp, two cents for the regular postage stamp, and three cents for the office work required in changing envelopes for the return flight.

The Postal Bulletin under date of October 10th, announced that the entire postage, including air mail fees on letters from the United States to Foreign countries, must be prepaid in full. There is no provision for the collection in foreign countries of the deficiency in air mail fees and consequently letters with insufficient postage will not be given air mail services, unless fully prepaid.

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342, 345, 358, 360, 601, 603, 616, 651, 653,
658, 662, 688.

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190, 201p, 234, 237, 238, 271, 291, 311,
323, 329, 330, 331, 346, 347, 348, 604, 654,
704, 712, 718, 753.

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112, 137, 147, 151, 153, 160, 161, 167, 178,
182, 192, 202p, 217, 239, 252, 256, 307,
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By **GEORGE B. SLOANE.**

When Enrico Caruso, the great tenor of the Metropolitan Opera Co. was alive, we frequently heard reports of his being a stamp collector, and I also heard several times he was a regular customer of one of our largest stamp dealers. It was understood he had a very fine collection of Italy and Italian States, but regardless of this, and whatever lines he collected, I do not recall having heard any more about the collection after his death. However, we in the trade were always interested, because when any man so constantly in the public eye, as Caruso, takes up philately, it helps the promotion of stamp collecting immeasurably.

In the *Saturday Evening Post*, issue of October 8th, there is a serial story running entitled "Wings of Song" by Dorothy Caruso, the late tenor's wife, and Torrance Goddard, her sister. The story deals with the life of Caruso, and the following paragraph will be of interest as it relates to Mr. Caruso's stamp collecting activities:—

"I had a great deal of time alone, so I often had a book in my hand. Enrico would say, 'Why don't you occupy yourself?' He did not consider reading an occupation, and as he did not like to see me idle, he soon found something for me to do. He came in one day carrying three large albums and two handboxes full of loose stamps. These he wanted me to help him arrange in the books. So that was how we spent the evenings when Enrico was not singing at the opera house. We would sit, one at each end of the dining-room table, in front of us a pile of stamps to be sorted. Enrico, wearing huge gold-rimmed glasses, studied the stamps through a magnifying glass like a benevolent owl. He was perfectly happy doing this or spreading in front of him gold coins from his wonderful collection, of which he was making a card index. He liked to feel that I was keeping him company in his work and taught me about the stamps, perforations, watermarks and various little marks whose presence increased their value. I never dreamed of refusing to do this work, because it seemed to make him so happy. Incidentally I learned a good deal of geography, which I regret to say I have completely forgotten."

Mrs. Caruso speaks of "his three large

albums, and two handboxes full of loose stamps" which he was engaged in sorting, and from which one might draw the conclusion that Mr. Caruso was a haphazard collector, or accumulator, and not a real philatelist, but further down in her story she mentions "perforations, watermarks, and various little marks whose presence increased their value" which would indicate, that after all Caruso really knew something about the hobby and studied his stamps. The allusion to Caruso studying his stamps through a magnifying glass like a benevolent owl is quite amusing.

The late Charles P. Steinmetz, the electrical genius, was also a stamp collector. I learned this from my friend, the late Joseph V. K. Wells, who was associated with the "Home of the Postage Stamp," and the story he told me of his first contact with Steinmetz may be of interest.

I believe the "Home of the Postage Stamp" was at that time located further up New York State. Mr. Wells told me that one day they received a letter from a small stamp company, I have forgotten the name he gave me, asking for an approval selection of stamps, and giving Mr. Steinmetz's name as a reference. From the letter, Mr. Wells judged it to be written by a young boy, and hence wrote Mr. Steinmetz in inquiry. Back came a snappy reply, very brief and to the point, something like this: "The So-and-So Stamp Co. is operated by my two nephews, therefore it is responsible."

Accordingly, Mr. Wells sent approval selections for quite a while, and finally used to make trips to Schenectady to see Mr. Steinmetz, for it seems he was the real collector, the boys having little or no interest in them.

Mr. Wells told me that when he would go to Schenectady, Mr. Steinmetz would turn the books over to him to figure up the amount of stamps retained. There would be several long columns of figures, and while he would be laboriously adding them up, Steinmetz would come over, take a rapid glance over the columns and make him a flat offer for all the stamps kept. Wells said, that at the conclusion of his addition, he would find this offer to be considerable less than the actual figures called for. He later learned Steinmetz was a rapid calculator.

SAN MARINO COMMEMORATIVES

(Clipping from J. L. Riedel)

Two series of commemorative postage stamps are shortly to be issued in San Marino. The first of these is dedicated to the Sammarinese volunteers who fought with the Italian armies in the Great War, and will be put on sale in a limited edition on September 25, on the same day as a national cenotaph will be unveiled. It will consist of three denominations only—50 centesimi mauve, 1.25 lira blue, and 10 lire grey, all showing a

view of the Cenotaph, which stands on a stone terrace, with some buildings rising on the left, after the design of Professor Enrico Federici.

About the middle of October the second series will be issued in honour of the seventh centenary of St. Francis of Assisi, who is said to have visited Monte Titano and to have been largely instrumental in securing the establishment of various ecclesiastical orders there. The stamps are to be four in number, and of the face values—50 centesimi red, 1.25

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The present rate on parcel post packages is ten cents per half an ounce, the same as first-class mail matter transported by air mail. The Department does not wish to fix any rate of postage on this class of mail matter which will

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It will be necessary for Congress to sanction any change in the existing air mail law before a new parcel post rate can be promulgated by the Post Office Department.

MESOPOTAMIA NO. 50

By MAXWELL KRAUSE.

Supplementing Mr. Sloan's article in regard to the mint copy of Mesopotamia No. 50 which passed through his hands when he sold the Stockton Buzby collection, it may be of interest to your readers to know that there is also a fine mint copy of this stamp in the 20th Century British Colonial collection of Mr. Edward R. Wood, Jr., of Philadelphia. It is undoubtedly very rare in mint condition and I remember having seen only one other copy, which passed through my hands at about the same time that Mr. Wood purchased his copy.

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EDITORIAL

So many readers have called our attention to the article on Caruso in the *Saturday Evening Post*, wherein stamps are given a most favorable setting that reference is made to it here. Mrs. Caruso tells how she and her husband when unoccupied by engagements passed the time. One day, Caruso entered the apartment with three large stamp albums and two big boxes of loose stamps. Poring over and arranging the specimens, Enrico was absorbed in their fascinations; and he studied them in the approved manner, through heavy-rimmed glasses, "like a benevolent owl." Mrs. Caruso was not averse to helping in the work and it was not long before she became acquainted with perforations and watermarks; and she learned too, through her application, much that she had forgotten about geography. Incidentally, it should be said that Caruso thought that certain rich gowns of Mrs. Caruso were not adapted to stamp work and he designed what he considered an appropriate costume for her. One cannot read the description in the *Saturday Evening Post* without being impressed by the sympathetic treatment of stamps by the great singer and Mrs. Caruso, as well; and it is interesting to have testimony telling of Caruso's sincere attachment to philately. His stamps yielded him many restful hours uninterrupted by the shouts of admirers and plaudits of the people; and due acknowledgment is made of their charm.

There is another side to the picture of philatelic acceptance and even though we have to transport ourselves back to the year, 1869, to tell of it, the following observations of A. R. Hope, author of "A Book About Boys" should be recorded. The clothbound work of 250 pages was found by Mayor Harold C. Brooks, Marshall, Michigan, who found it while rummaging in his attic. We read on the musty pages: "Seals, stamps, coins and crests are the rage in modern days and the acquisition of them often gives rise to an amount of higgling and trafficking which one doesn't like to see in boys. Take up any boy's magazine and you will read dozens of advertisements issued by juvenile merchants who profess to sell stamps. This is disgusting; but it is almost as bad to see young collectors running about the play-ground eagerly offering to exchange Portugals for Bavarias, Russians for Hong-Kongs. However, it is some satisfaction to think

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that this particular mania is dying out of our best schools, and that the others are, for various reasons, not so liable to abuse. *Philately*, as it is called, has had its day, and, so far as I can see, the collection of crests and monograms is the prevalent mania at present." It is evident that Mr. Hope was none too far-sighted and that he did not bring up his boy to be a stamp collector. However, in the light of today, Mr. Hope's remarks on philately could make the columns of *Philatelic Smoke*.

One year ago, the members of the Hot Stove League, sensing that the psychological moment had arrived concocted a plot that was attended by such unhalloved success that it seems that some of the members are financially independent and so are enabled to devote their remaining years to the promotion of philatelic philanthropy. The aforesaid members, radiating health and wealth, verbally bludgeoned the harassed and pop-eyed visitors to the big New York exhibition last October into shelling out a quarter because they said with veiled menace in their tone that "you'll be sorry if you don't." The harried victim sought to escape by giving the two bits and quitting the rapacious horde. The throaty cry of the mercenaries was: You're a sucker if you do and one if you don't; and many a man who proclaimed, Millions for defense, but not one cent for tribute, yielded meekly and bought off the sinister crew. The lowering of the curtain for an instant denotes the passing of a year; and now we behold the aftermath, which is a pleasant one for those who wrote off the 25c on their income taxes. "Huzza!" they shout in glad acclaim. What they thought was a financial debacle becomes a profitable coup. *Philatelic Smoke* arises on the horizon, the official publication of the famous Hot Stove League; and from stem to stern, it is the best smack ever launched on that familiar but geographically vague, sea of philatelic journalism. The journal is clever and cutting, but the undeniable high spirits of the scribes are a balm for any wounded feelings. The issue represents personal journalism in capital letters.

The Hot Stove League was formed five years ago in a back room of the old Collectors Club, New York, and a forum was established there, where men of positive mind had something to say; or perhaps the atmosphere there was more like that of the old coffee-houses where the wits were wont to foregather. The flies on the wall have many stories to tell of the verbal tilts that were fought around the figurative stove. There are twelve members in the League which "is undoubtedly the most exclusive organization of its kind in existence" and all of them are done in silhouette on a double page and the artist who worked in black face is a genius. He has the human

touch to a nicety—and careless of fame, he doesn't even sign his stuff. The report of the treasurer is a hilarious one and with its explanatory graphs is a bit of rich burlesque; it is an original bit of foolery that would cause even an actuary to grin. The treasurer is the only member who has paid his dues, but at that he has three cents in the safe and the graphs top off the story. The whole report is the quintessence of wit. The notes are trenchant and hit near the bull's-eye. Their Philatelic Pepys knows his diary and some erudite notes on the 1864-72 issue of Peru are a rollicking parody on the adulation of the atom, as it were. There are twenty pages and cover; and the covers are filled with ads whose subtle suggestions hit the advertisers on the belt; and on the last page the final curl of smoke almost will cause the eyes of the reader to water with laughter. The first (and possibly last) issue of *Philatelic Smoke* is the best example of personal philatelic journalism that has ever been printed and while we recognize the handiwork of Lindquist and Konwiser as conspirators, we feel that the other members are not as hardened as they, and so as first offenders should be given a suspended sentence. The readers whose toes are trod upon may know whom to go gunning for.

In the past, there have been examples of free-lance stamp papers and one we remember in particular, *Stampic America*, that was produced by an anonymous worker whose identity never became known to us. At first, he made only one copy of his lively little pen-written sheet, but as the months went on, he used a typewriter; and because of the attention that his effort received, he issued a dozen duplicates. The editor was exceptionally bright and his wit while pungent was pleasant. There were other attempts in this line and now *Philatelic Smoke* caps the climax. Our extended notice of *Philatelic Smoke* is a consequence not only of the sparkling merits of the paper, but also of the placing of another brick in the philatelic edifice. We want the philatelic world to be as complete in its phases as the outside world and an irreconcilable journal, flavored with Attic salt would give us within the ranks, a tonic that will have to be sought elsewhere, if such a paper is not included in our publication lists.

At its convention in Los Angeles recently, the American Federation of Labor charged that the post office department has never segregated in its yearly reports "the actual operating costs of the operating service," such as, we assume, the expense of the franking system. In this connection, the legislation that was enacted that empowered the issue of the department stamps and their subsequent discontinuance would show that such segregation was in force for a time.



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Junior Dictionary

Porto.—A German word (derived from Lat. portare, to carry) meaning postage. In combination, i.e., "portofrei," it means postpaid, but as usually used by itself, it means postage due. It occurs (1) in combination as "Portomark" on the Austrian dues, (2) as a surcharge on those of 1916, (3) as an inscription on those of 1916, (4) surcharge, 1917, (5) on the dues of Austrian Levant, where it constitutes the only inscription except the value, (6) on no less than 13 different sets of provisional Hungarian due stamps, as a surcharge, (7) as a surcharge on Italian occupation stamps used in Austria, (8) part of the inscription on the Bosnia dues, (9) surcharged on Jugoslavia and no doubt elsewhere.

Porto Gazetei.—Found on the 5 paras stamp of Moldavia. It means "newspaper postage," this low value stamp being issued for the prepayment of postage on newspapers.

Port Said.—An Egyptian town, on the west side of the Suez Canal. France has long maintained a Consular post office at this port, and since 1899 the stamps used there have been overprinted or inscribed "Port Said."

JUNIOR STAMP STUDIES

Provisional Govt. HAYTI 1902 2, 5, 10, 50c



Within the past few years, the opportunity to make some capital out of stamp collectors has not been wholly neglected by Hayti. The lack of 2 centime stamps seems to have been a chronic ailment through several issues. But in May, 1902, there appeared a new type of surcharge on the whole series of stamps then in use, which was made for a different purpose.

The stamps were issued in 1898. President Sam succeeded President Hyppolite who died on March 24, 1896, leaving some fourteen months of his term of seven years unexpired. This would end President Sam's term of office in March, 1903, but the latter claimed that his regular term of seven years began after he had filled the unexpired term of Gen. Hyppolite, that is, he should hold office until March, 1904. Here was the chance of his opponents, who succeeded in bringing so much opposition to bear upon him that he at length resigned on May 9, 1902.

When this event took place, the election of deputies was ordered so that the National Assembly might be convened to elect a President in the constitutional manner. This government gave the postal department the opportunity to make the surcharge: "Gt. Pre, MAI 1902," meaning "Government Provisoire" and the date of its formation.

Cabo

An overprint found on many of the stamps of Nicaragua issued since 1904. These stamps are used at Cabo Gracias á Dios, in the province of Zelaya, on the eastern coast, and the reason given for the overprinting is that the currency in this district is on a silver basis worth 42c to the peso, while elsewhere in Nicaragua paper money worth only 25c to the peso is generally used.

Perplexing Surcharges

M.—Military. An overprint shown on various of the earlier stamps of So. Australia.

M. B.—Marine Board. Another So. Australian overprint.

M. QE.—Martinique. These letters were surcharged upon some of the 20c stamps of France in 1887 for use in the colony of Martinique.

M. R.—Manager of Railways. An overprint found on certain of the early stamps of South Australia.

M. R. G.—Main Roads, Gambier-town. Another early South Australian overprint.

N. C. E.—New Caledonia. These letters appear on many French Colonial stamps intended for use in this colony.

"C"

I. An overprint found on certain South Australian stamps used between 1868 and 1874. These labels franked the official correspondence of the Customs department and they were superseded in 1874 by the general official issue overprinted with the letters "O. S."

II. An overprint found on some of the Ecuador stamps of the 1899-1901 series. It was at one time believed to be a control-mark, but specialists are now inclined to consider it a bogus mark or merely a cancellation.

Junior Page Making a Hit

You will find enclosed my check for one dollar, for which please enter a subscription in the name of Stamp Collectors Club, % Library, Nathan Hale Junior High School, New Britain, Conn.

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- (4) Who is Jules Slowacki?
- (5) Who offers a 10sh stamp cat., \$100 for \$65?
- (6) "Where was the Declaration of Independence Signed?"
- (7) Where is reference made to Prof. H. S. Palmer?
- (8) "Shall we take a boat to Danzig?"
- (9) "An artistic device for holding prints."
- (10) "\$1,000, No. 4288, \$100."

Now Juniors get busy. *There will be many prizes.* Get your answers in by Nov. 15.

Paper No. 17—Native

Some of the early stamps of Japan and some of the issues of the Indian States were printed on what is known as native paper. This is paper made from rice fibre. As a rule it is very thin and soft and often has a silky feel. There are laid and wove varieties of native paper.

Cabled Anchor

An incorrect term sometimes used in place of "foul anchor," that is, an anchor with which the cable has become en-



tangled or "fouled." It is a watermark shown in all the stamps of the Cape of Good Hope issued since 1884 and also in many of the postal fiscal stamps of Great Britain.

Pictorial Rebus Contest

Our rebus contest was a hard proposition and we must congratulate the Juniors who succeeded at least in part in locating the stamps pictured. We have made prize awards to all who have correctly named five or more of the eighteen designs. The result is as follows:—

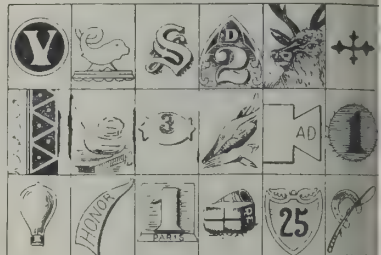
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J. M. Hamilton, Gifford, Ill. (7)
J. A. Horton, Jr., Belton, S. C. (6)
G. H. Nafis, 392 New Britain Av., Hartford, Ct. (5)
R. B. Stetson, Brunswick, Me. (5)
Peter Smith, Millville, R. 2, N. J. (5)
Fewer than five:—Jaroslav Perkowski, David O. Weaver, M. J. Mendelsohn and K. M. Fender.

Mr. Starin, sending in his fine list of ten solutions, makes some comment that we think it wise to quote, and we thank him for his letter, which is as follows:—

"I would like to suggest that in the next Rebus, you take only such parts of stamps as are clearly pictured in a catalog a few years old."

I went through my 1925 Catalog, which is all I have, 6 times and looked over my stamps carefully. Now No. 10, the ear of corn, is on the stamp all right but is not shown in the catalog, and remember that we Juniors do not have every stamp going about.

And if you want to see a healthy flag that beats No. 2, look at Armenia No. 271."



The following paragraphs contain a description of the various designs and the stamps they are part of:—

(No. 1)—Costa Rica, 1892, 2c yellow and is located near the center of the stamp, being between the words Correos and Telegrafos.

(No. 2)—Portugal, 1898, Vasco da Gama Issue, 10 reis, red-violet being on the left side, immediately to the left of the letter "P" to the word Portugal. The arched label near top of stamp can also be found on the issues to the Portugal colonies, Azores, Macao, Madeira, Portuguese India, Timor.

(No. 3)—United States, 1869, 90c Lincoln, black and carmine. Being the letter to the word STATES.

(No. 4)—New Zealand, 1898, 2 pence rose-brown, also imperf. vertically as well as perf. It is the label of value at bottom of stamp. It will be noted that the 2 pence of 1899 issue is unlike the 1898 issue, differing in its shape, being as it were, more squatty, fat, rotund.

(No. 5)—North Borneo, 1893, 2c carmine and black, being the head engraving thereon. Labuan issues, 1894, 2c black and black, and 1897, 2c blue and black and 1900, 2c green and black. Of course the same stamps with surcharges British Protectorate, and as used for Postage Due stamps.

(No. 6)—Germany, 1868, North German Postal District, being found on the lower part of the white band containing the words NORDDEUTSCHER POSTBEZIRK and directly over the letter "O" of the word GROSCHEN, to the 1gr value. It is also found on the 1/2, 1, 2 and 5gr values, including two shades of 1/4 and 2gr values, and also to imperf. values as listed above.

(No. 7)—India, 1883, one rupee, green, being the left hand part of the octagonal shaped border or band enclosing the Queen's head.

(No. 8)—United States, 1893, 30c Columbian, and is noted in the lower foreground.

(No. 9)—Liberia, 1897, 3c red and green, being the central design containing the value, the word "cents" being omitted.

(No. 10)—United States, 1898, Trans-Mississippi issue, and is found on a value, being part of the ornamental frame enclosing the pictures, and the illustration is of the corn at the right side, lower half of the stamp. It is reversed on the left side of the stamp.

(No. 11)—Belgium, Postage due stamps, issue of 1895 and 1900, of the values of 5, 10, 20, 50c and 1fr, being the end at the right side of the top label containing the words "A PAYER." The

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| *Azores, St. Anthony, No. 89, O.G. 7.50 | 3.75 | |
| *Azores, St. Anthony, No. 91, O.G. 15.00 | 7.50 | |
| *Barbados, 5sh 1873, No. 43 | 12.00 | |
| *Barbados, Nos. 77-78, O.G. | 5.25 | 2.00 |
| *Bechuanaland, No. 28, O.G. | 15.00 | 7.50 |
| *Bechuanaland, No. 63, O.G. | 10.00 | 5.00 |
| *Bermuda, No. 14 | 7.00 | 2.50 |
| Brazil, No. 2 | 10.00 | 5.00 |
| *Brit. Cent. Africa, No. 8, Blk. 4 | 3.50 | |
| *Brit. Cent. Africa, No. 39, O.G. 30.00 | 17.50 | |
| *Brit. Cent. Africa, No. 39, O.G. 12.00 | 7.00 | |
| *Brit. East Africa, No. 1, O.G. | 15.00 | 9.00 |
| *Brit. East Africa, Nos. 38-39, O.G. | 16.00 | 6.10 |
| *Brit. East Africa, No. 41-42, O.G. | 10.00 | 4.00 |
| *Brit. East Africa, No. 44, O.G. | 8.00 | 4.00 |
| *Brit. East Africa, No. 50, O.G. | 15.00 | 7.00 |
| *Br. East Africa, No. 95, O.G. 13.50 | 6.00 | |
| *Brit. East Africa, No. 69, O.G. | 10.00 | 5.00 |
| *Brit. East Africa, No. 70, O.G. | 12.00 | 5.90 |
| *Brit. East Africa, No. 72-82, O.G. | 11.20 | 5.50 |
| *Brit. East Africa, Nos. 83-85, O.G. | 14.00 | 7.00 |
| Br. Honduras, No. 146, Blk. 4 | 10.00 | 5.00 |
| Br. Honduras, No. 149a, "Bevenue" | 30.00 | 14.00 |
| Canada, 1/2p, 1858, No. 11 | 30.00 | 12.00 |
| Canada, 6p, 1858, No. 13a | 100.00 | 40.00 |
| Cape of Good Hope, No. 3 | 10.00 | 5.00 |
| Cape of Good Hope, No. 4 | 3.00 | 1.80 |
| Cape of Good Hope, No. 5 | 10.00 | 6.00 |
| Cape of Good Hope, No. 6 | 15.00 | 7.50 |
| Cape of Good Hope, No. 8, 1p Blue Error | | |
| Price on application. | | |
| Cape of Good Hope, No. 9 | 50.00 | 20.00 |
| Cape of Good Hope, No. 13 | 4.00 | 2.40 |
| Cape of Good Hope, No. 15 | 35.00 | 14.00 |
| *Ceylon, No. 154, O.G. | 10.00 | 5.50 |
| *Ceylon, 1r50c 1900, No. 162, O.G. | 4.00 | 2.00 |
| *Ceylon, 2r25c 1900, No. 163, O.G. | 5.00 | 2.70 |
| Diego Suarez, Nos. 6 to 9 | 16.00 | 7.00 |
| Fiji, No. 24 | 12.50 | 4.60 |
| Gambia, 1sh 1880, No. 11 | 20.00 | 9.00 |
| Gibraltar, 1sh, 1886, No. 14 | 15.00 | 7.00 |
| *Gold Coast, 2p 76, No. 6, O.G. | 4.00 | 1.90 |
| *Gold Coast, 4p 76, No. 7, O.G. | 10.00 | 3.90 |
| *Gold Coast, 2sh 78, No. 20, O.G. | 1.00 | .85 |
| *Gold Coast, No. 21 | 10.00 | 5.00 |
| *Gold Coast, 10sh 1889, No. 23 | 4.00 | 2.20 |
| *Gold Coast, 20sh 1894, No. 25 | 4.00 | 2.20 |
| Great Britain, 10sh 78, No. 72 | 25.00 | 10.00 |
| Great Britain, No. 1878, No. 73 | 40.00 | 16.00 |
| Great Britain, No. 110 | 20.00 | 9.00 |
| *Labuan, 6c 1879, No. 2 | 20.00 | 7.50 |
| *Labuan, 12c 1880-82, No. 9 | 20.00 | 7.50 |
| *Leeward Is., Nos. 1 to 8, O.G. | 17.85 | 10.50 |
| *Leeward Is., Nos. 9 to 14, O.G. | 20.50 | 12.00 |
| *Leeward Is., 1sh 1897, No. 15, O.G. | 12.00 | 7.25 |
| *Luxemburg, No. 422, O.G. Blk. 4 | 8.00 | 2.95 |
| Mauritius, 3c—Price on app. | | |
| Mauritius, No. 16, close 2 sides | 150.00 | 32.50 |
| Mauritius, No. 17, close 2 sides | 55.00 | 10.00 |
| Madagascar (French), No. 12 | 15.00 | 8.40 |
| Montserrat, 4p 1884, No. 8 | 22.50 | 10.00 |
| *Montserrat, 1/2p, O.G., Blk. 6 | 9.00 | 5.00 |
| Modena, No. 16 | 125.00 | 32.00 |
| *Nevis, 4p 1882, No. 24, O.G. | 15.00 | 6.00 |
| *Nevis, 1sh 1867, No. 12 | 10.00 | 5.00 |
| *Nevis, 2 1/2p 1882, No. 23 | 9.00 | 4.20 |
| *Nevis, 1sh 1884, No. 32, O.G. | 9.00 | 4.40 |
| *New Caledonia, No. 1 | 7.50 | 3.75 |
| *Newfoundland, No. 21, O.G. | 6.00 | 3.00 |
| *Niger Coast, Nos. 8-13, O.G. | 13.25 | 6.00 |
| *Niger Coast, No. 54 | 20.00 | 12.00 |
| *North Nigeria, Nos. 1-8, O.G. | 25.20 | 15.00 |
| *North Nigeria, 10sh '00, No. 9, O.G. | 16.50 | |
| Nova Scotia, 6p 1851, No. 5 | 50.00 | 20.00 |
| *Oldenburg, No. 14, O.G. (close) | 40.00 | 9.00 |
| Poland, No. 1 | 10.00 | 5.00 |
| *Philippines, No. 13 | 6.00 | 2.45 |
| Rhodesia, No. 1890, No. 12 | 9.00 | 4.70 |
| Roumania, No. 3—Price on application. | | |
| *Russia in Turkey, No. 1, O.G. | 35.00 | 14.00 |
| *St. Christopher, No. 4, O.G. | 6.00 | 3.00 |
| *St. Christopher, No. 12 | 5.00 | 2.40 |
| *St. Christopher, No. 18, O.G. | 10.00 | 4.40 |
| *St. Christopher, No. 17a, O.G. | 10.00 | 4.10 |
| *St. Christopher, No. 20, O.G. | 8.00 | 4.00 |
| *St. Christopher, No. 23, O.G., 1sh. | 8.00 | 4.00 |
| *St. Lucia, 1sh '83-87, No. 32, O.G. | 30.00 | 20.00 |
| *St. Lucia, No. 39 | 9.00 | 4.50 |
| *St. Pierre & Miquelon, No. 9 | 125.00 | 35.00 |
| *St. Vincent, No. 30, O.G. | 25.00 | 16.00 |
| *St. Vincent, 1sh 1883, No. 39 | 10.00 | 3.90 |
| Saxony, No. 1 (close) | 350.00 | 60.00 |
| *Seychelles, 96c '90, No. 8, O.G. | 7.50 | 4.00 |
| *Seychelles, Nos. 12-13, O.G. | 10.00 | 5.00 |
| *Seychelles, 2r25c 1900, No. 28, O.G. | 10.00 | 6.00 |
| *Seychelles, 1r25c 1900, No. 27, O.G. | 7.00 | 4.20 |
| *Sierra Leone 1896, No. 34-46, O.G. | 40.30 | 24.00 |
| *Straits Settlements, No. 57, O.G. | 20.00 | 7.00 |
| Sweden, No. 14 | 6.00 | 2.60 |
| Tasmania, No. 2a | 15.00 | 6.00 |
| Tobago, Nos. 1-2, O.G. | 11.00 | 5.25 |
| Tobago, 4p 1880, No. 10 | 5.00 | 2.30 |
| Transvaal, No. 65b (Invert) | 50.00 | 15.00 |
| Trinidad, 1p slate blue, No. 11 | 35.00 | 15.00 |
| Trinidad, 5sh 1869, No. 54 | 10.00 | 4.10 |
| *Turks Is., 4p 1881, No. 41, O.G. | 8.00 | 3.50 |
| *Turks Is., 6p 1881, No. 42, O.G. | 11.00 | 4.50 |
| *Two Sicilies (Bomba), No. 14, O.G. | 20.00 | 10.00 |
| *Uruguay, 120c '59, No. 10 | 25.00 | 11.00 |
| *Uruguay, No. 14, 80c 1860 | 10.00 | 4.00 |
| *Victoria, 5sh '69, No. 122, Block 4 | 7.60 | |
| *Virgin Is., No. 1, O.G. | 7.50 | 3.00 |
| *Virgin Is., 1p 1880, No. 10, O.G. | 4.00 | 2.00 |
| *Virgin Is., 4p 1883, No. 16, O.G. | 4.00 | 2.00 |
| *Virgin Is., Nos. 21 to 27, O.G. | 10.00 | 6.00 |
| *Virgin Is., 5sh 1899, No. 28, O.G. | 7.50 | 4.50 |
| *Zanzibar, 4r 1899, No. 75, O.G. | 8.50 | 4.60 |
| *Zululand, Nos. 7-8-9, O.G. | 15.50 | 7.75 |
| *Zululand, No. 1, 1894, No. 23, O.G. | 40.00 | 25.00 |

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| *Antigua, 5sh 1903, No. 30 | 8.00 | 4.00 |
| *Baghdad, No. 1, 1/4a on 2pa 1918 | 35.00 | 14.00 |
| *Baghdad, No. 2, O.G. | 25.00 | 10.00 |
| *Baghdad, No. 18, O.G. | 30.00 | 12.00 |
| *Bahamas, 5sh 1902, No. 39, O.G. | 6.00 | 3.50 |
| *Barbados, 2sh 1912, No. 125, O.G. | 10.00 | 5.90 |
| *Brit. Cent. Africa, No. 66, O.G. | 6.00 | 3.10 |
| *Brit. Honduras, Nos. 58-68, O.G. | 12.25 | 7.25 |
| *Brit. Honduras, Nos. 69-70, O.G. | 15.00 | 9.00 |
| *Brit. Solomon Is., Nos. 15-16, O.G. | 2.40 | |
| *Bushire, 3c 1915, No. 1203, O.G. | 8.00 | 3.00 |
| *Bushire, 2c 1915, No. 1206, O.G. | 8.00 | 3.00 |
| *Bushire, 2k 1915, No. 1211, O.G. | 50.00 | 20.00 |
| *Cayman Is., 1sh 1907, No. 215, O.G. | 6.00 | 3.50 |
| *Cayman Is., 4p '07, No. 25, O.G. | 8.00 | 4.80 |
| *Cayman Is., 10sh '08, No. 230, O.G. | 12.50 | 7.20 |
| *Ceylon, 100r, 1912, "Specimen" | 7.50 | |
| *Ceylon, 1r-2r, Nos. 195-196, O.G. | 4.20 | |
| *Cyprus, 45pi 1923, No. 92, O.G. | 45.00 | 25.00 |
| *Dominica, Nos. 27 to 32, O.G. | 9.35 | 5.40 |
| *Dominica, 6p 1907, No. 40, O.G. | 12.00 | 7.00 |
| *Dominica, 5sh 1907, No. 45, O.G. | 7.50 | 4.00 |
| *Dominica, 2sh 1919, No. 56, O.G. | 4.00 | 2.40 |
| *Dutch Ind., Nos. 142-148, O.G. | 28.85 | 17.50 |
| *E. Afr. & Uganda, No. 1, O.G. | 11.00 | |
| *E. Afr. & Uganda, Nos. 1-8, O.G. | 15.75 | 8.65 |
| *E. Afr. & Uganda, Nos. 13-14 "Specimen" | 3.00 | |
| *E. Afr. & Uganda, No. 15 "Specimen" | 4.00 | |
| *E. Afr. & Uganda, No. 53, O.G. | 7.00 | 4.00 |
| *E. Afr. & Uganda, No. 54, O.G. | 10.00 | 5.75 |
| Egypt, Nos. 61 to 76 | 2.00 | .80 |
| Egypt, No. 90, O.G. | 5.00 | 2.00 |
| Egypt, No. 1923, No. 104 | 4.00 | 2.00 |
| Egypt, Geog. Congr., Comp. O.G. | 3.60 | 1.75 |
| Egypt, 50pi 1926, No. 114 | 6.00 | 3.00 |
| Egypt, Nos. 115 to 117 | 1.50 | .50 |
| Egypt, Nos. 433 to 441, O.G. | 3.81 | 1.50 |
| *Falkland Is., 3sh '04, No. 28, O.G. | 5.00 | 3.00 |
| *Fiji, No. 1906-12, No. 78, O.G. | 17.50 | 10.60 |
| *France, Nos. 403 to 408, O.G. | 4.50 | 2.70 |
| *France, Nos. 409-410, used | 25.00 | 15.00 |
| *Gambia, Nos. 28 to 39, O.G. | 32.50 | 19.00 |
| *Gambia, No. 68, O.G. | 5.00 | 3.00 |
| *Gibraltar, 2sh 1904, No. 54, O.G. | 8.00 | 4.50 |
| *Gibraltar, 2sh 1907, No. 63, O.G. | 8.00 | 4.75 |
| *Great Britain, No. 485, O.G. | 11.00 | 5.10 |
| *Gold Coast, 2sh 1902, No. 45 | 4.00 | 2.10 |
| *Gold Coast, 20sh '02, No. 48, O.G. | 15.00 | 9.50 |
| *Gold Coast, No. 55, 2sh6p | 7.50 | 3.70 |
| *Gold Coast, No. 63, O.G., Block 4 | 6.00 | 4.00 |
| *Gold Coast, No. 64, O.G., Block 4 | 10.00 | |
| *Gold Coast, 5sh '07, No. 65, O.G. | 10.00 | 6.00 |
| *Gold Coast, 10sh '13, No. 79, O.G. | 5.00 | 2.50 |
| *India (Chamba), No. 177, O.G. | 5.00 | |
| *Kilimanjaro, Nos. 1 to 11, O.G. | 10.00 | 8.50 |
| *Lagos, 6p 1904, No. 45, O.G. | 10.00 | 5.00 |
| *Lagos, No. 46, used | 4.00 | 2.00 |
| *Lagos, 1sh 1904, No. 46, O.G. | 10.00 | 6.00 |
| *Lagos, Nos. 50 to 57, O.G. | 11.20 | 6.70 |
| *Lagos, No. 57, used | 5.00 | 2.50 |
| *Lagos, 5sh-10sh 1905, Nos. 58-59, O.G. | 16.00 | 9.00 |
| *Leeward Is., Nos. 20-28, O.G. | 13.00 | 7.75 |
| *Malta, No. 64, O.G. | 20.00 | 12.00 |
| *Malta, No. 125, O.G. | 1.50 | .80 |
| *Malta 10sh, No. 129, O.G. | 10.00 | 5.00 |
| *Mauritius, Nos. 144 to 149, O.G. | 8.60 | 4.75 |
| *Mauritius, 5r 1910, No. 150, O.G. | 7.00 | 4.20 |
| *Mauritius, 10r 1910, No. 151, O.G. | 15.00 | 8.90 |
| *No. Nigeria, Nos. 10 to 18, O.G. | 22.00 | 13.00 |
| *No. Nigeria, Nos. 23 to 25, O.G. | 6.50 | 3.80 |
| *No. Nigeria, Nos. 27 to 37, O.G. | 11.00 | 6.50 |
| *No. Nigeria, No. 38, 10sh, O.G. | 10.00 | 6.00 |
| *Orange River Col., No. 69, O.G. | 6.00 | 2.60 |

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Italy.—Mr. R. Roberts has received the 25c green, design as Scott's A49, surface printed, watermark and perforation as before. Also the 1L75c brown and 2L65c rose, line engraved, type of the 1L85c chronicled last May.

Paraguay.—Whitfield King & Co. advise that the 1p50c brown, design as the Map stamp recently issued, has been overprinted "C" in black, in the upper right portion of the background.

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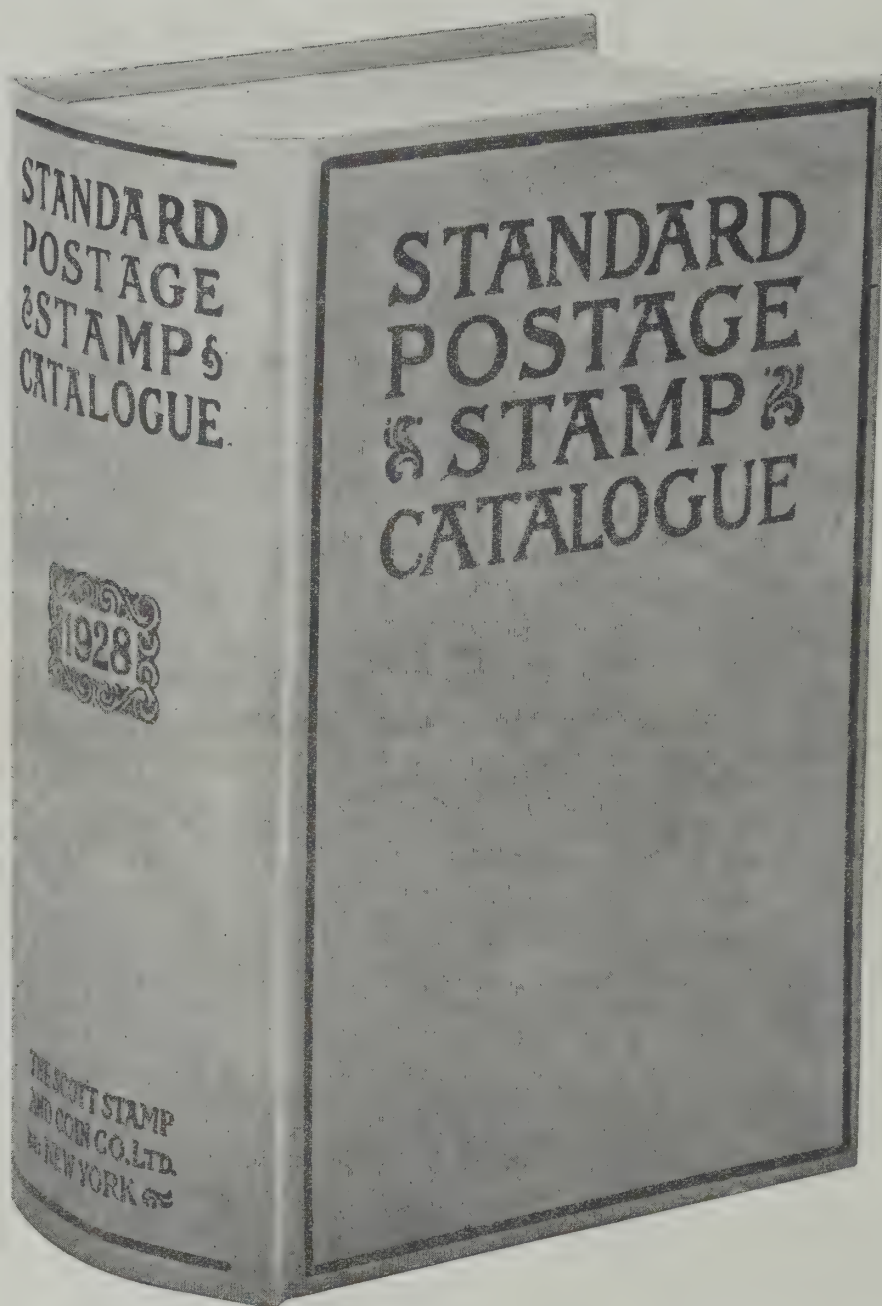
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Gilbert & Ellice Ids.—First two issues, used a trifle better; K.G. issues, used = mint. For a list of the P. O's, vide the WEEKLY, No. 1868, p. 593.

Gold Coast.—Curiously enough, the writer of a series of articles on "What Uncatalogued Stamps are Worth," now running in the *Philatelic Magazine*, considers all stamps of this Colony, commencing with the 2/6 1913, as worth the same used as mint! Frankly, I fail to see how he arrives at his estimation, inasmuch as the stamps referred to almost invariably sell at considerably cheaper prices used. Some of the coloured paper varieties are perhaps rather difficult to pick up in used condition, but as far as the standard varieties go, used are much the cheaper. Whilst the script high values are unpriced used by Gibbons, the 2/6, 5/-, 10/- and £1 MCA's are priced as follows—

| Value. | Mint. | Used. |
|--------|-------|---------------|
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| 5/- | 12/6 | 6/6 |
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Grenada.—Save for the lower d. values, used = mint.

Kuwait.—Used are considerably better. By the way, these stamps are now obsolete, having been so since about 1925. They were issued to order of the local Sultan, who endeavoured to swell his hopelessly inadequate revenues (was there ever an Eastern Potentate, large or small, whose revenues were anything but inadequate?) by the simple expedient of selling little pieces of gummed paper to collectors, dealers, speculators, and other interested parties.

For a year or so all was well. The stream of rupees and annas poured in with soul-soothing regularity, the cash register at the P. O. clanged cheerily, and the Lord of this sun-baked, sand-swept domain pulled contentedly on his hookah and dreamed the dreams of shekel-reaping people the world over.

But all things end, and—in the fullness of time—the stream of rupees and annas dwindled away to the nearest trickle, the cheery clang of the cash register changed to an asthmatic wheeze, and the Sultan—his dreams gone a-glimmering—dropped his hookah, rubbed his eyes, and fell to muttering darkly in his beard.

To make a long story short, the Open for Business sign outside the P. O. was quietly taken down, the Postmaster removed his coat, settled himself in his chair, put up his feet on the desk, and generally made himself ready to enjoy a

somewhat lengthy and well-earned rest; and—like a drunken man rudely awakened by a dash of cold water between the eyes—the saddened Sultan wandered disconsolately round the Palace, ruminating, no doubt, on the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune.

Why he didn't hit upon the idea of keeping his stamps in circulation till the Indian Government took over De La Rue's contract and commenced turning out stamps themselves, and then overprinting these new varieties, is a little beyond the chronicler of this unhappy history. Perhaps the Colonial Secretary—remembering Barbuda, whose philatelic splurge he terminated so abruptly in 1924—penned another of those decrees of his—which, however dreary, can be counted on to get the results—to the effect that little Sultans should be seen and not heard. Perhaps—but who knows?

Incidentally, only 24 complete sets exist of the stamps overprinted "Koweit" and "Koweit Service" (these were never issued, though copies leaked out and, as readers will recall, ultimately made their appearance on the market).

Leeward Ids.—Following are the same used or mint—1897 2½d to 5/-; 1902 surcharges; K.E. single CA 2d to 5/-; MCA 2d to 1/-; Universal 2d to 5/-; Later issues are somewhat better mint, save of course the scarce "white back" printings of the 3d, 1/- and 5/- and a few other coloured paper varieties.

Malta.—The only items in this Colony which come under consideration are the few rarities and semi-rarities, such as the 10/- MCA, 10/- script, 10/- CC Self-Govt., 2/- MCA Self-Govt., 10/- script Self-Govt., £1 unright wmk., 2/- "Postage," etc., etc. These are mostly the same, used or mint.

Montserrat.—Used = mint. Montserrat is the only Leeward Ids. Colony with only one P. O.—which is of course Plymouth, the capital and sole town.

Nauru.—The ovpts. up to 1/- are, strangely enough, considering the small stamp-using population, quite common used (this applies to the 1916 printings with the 12½mm ovpt.). This six 1923 printings (½d, 1d, 1½d and 2d with the ovpt. 13½mm and the 1½d and 2d with the 12½mm ovpt.) are in the same class as the high values and the 1924 series, used copies being much the better.

I believe it is not generally known that stamps overprinted "North West Pacific Islands" were used in Nauru whilst the latter was under Australian administra-

LATE ARRIVALS

Bulgaria, Jubilee set, 1, 2, 5 levas, 3 var. .14
Czechoslovakia, A10, 60h violet, no wmk. .04
France, Berthollet issue, 90c rose .07
Legion Comm., 90c, 1.50f, 2 var. .18
A18, 3f violet & rose lilac .21
Germany, Von Hindenburg issue, 8pf, 15pf, 25pf, 80pf, 4 var. .75
Italy, PNI, 15 on 20c, 35 on 40c, 2 var. .06
P13, 3L bistre, 4L slate. Sold in pairs .60
Mauritius, A14, 4c green & carn., script .03
Mexico Officials, A63-87, 40c, 50c, 2 var. .65
Norway, A13, 35, 40, 50 ore, 3 var. .50
Port. India, Pombal issue, 6r rose, 1T rose, 6 var. .30
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5c ea.: 35, 140, 142, 157, 163, 188, 199, 274, 284, 690, 777, 808, 821, 884.
6c ea.: 102, 116, 132, 138, 208, 209, 218, 285, 294, 298, 334, 352, 605, 632, 724, 801, 813, 906.
7½c ea.: 1, 114, 115, 133, 164, 176, 183, 185, 219, 247, 586, 817, 818.
10c ea.: 155, 242, 243, 314, 319, 332, 335, 349, 626, 854.
12c ea.: 168, 170, 223, 259.
15c ea.: 131, 275.
18c ea.: 26, 169, 200, 225, 282, 288.
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tion from 1914 till October, 1915. Also, although the Nauru ovpt. themselves were issued a year later—in October, 1916—the North West Pacific stamps, for some obscure reason, continued in use down to 1919 and even after!

New Guinea.—Generally used—mint. Copies bearing the old German cancellations, which were used for a short time after the islands were taken possession of by the Australian Expeditionary Force, are rather scarce. The Territory's P. O's are eleven in number, viz., Aitape (New Guinea), Manus (Admiralty), Morobe (New Guinea), Namatanai (New Ireland), Rabaul (New Britain), Tala-sea, Gasmatta, Kaewieng (New Ireland), Kieta (Solomons), Kokopo (New Guinea) and Madang (New Guinea).

"Certain stamps have been offered for sale as being used in Kieta," writes the Rev. W. G. Iremonger, "consisting of Papua and British Solomon stamps, as well as some others. As I doubted the status of these stamps, I wrote to the Postmaster of Rabaul on the matter, and received an answer in which he stated with special reference to the B.S.I. stamps, 'not at any time were British Solomon Ids. stamps used in this Territory, and any such stamps bearing the mark of Kieta is irregular'."

New Hebrides.—Used invariably better. For further notes re. the stamps and pmks. of these islands, vide the article which appeared about a year ago in the WEEKLY by Mr. Romney Gibbons.

New Zealand Dependencies—Aitutaki, Niue, Penrhyn.—Same as New Hebrides, i.e. used invariably better.

Papua.—Used—mint. I quite agree with Mr. Gordon that used copies are hardly scarce enough to warrant Gibbons quotations. The situation as re. Papua seems to me about the same as re. New Guinea—each Colony possesses a goodly number of P. O's—ten, in the case of Papua—and a considerable stamp-using population.

(To be concluded.)

NEWS ITEMS:—

ED. L. SMITH, Butler, Pa., renewing his subscription also remits \$1 for another for the Butler Philatelic Society of which Mr. Smith is treasurer.

WE learn from the Conglomerate published by Centenary College, Shreveport, La., that Francis Wheeler, head of the dept. of music, recently entertained the editor with a private exhibition of his stamps, which is strong in U. S. 1851's.

THE new Gibbons Stamp Monthly, heralded for some months, is an assured fact. Stanley Phillips, editor, may well feel proud of Vol I, No. 1, just at hand.

THERE is a stamp club in connection with the Germantown Boys Club of Philadelphia, Pa. G. H. Young in renewing his own subscription includes one for the stamp club.

AN EARLY PRECANCEL

By GEORGE B. SLOANE.

Recently I came across an old folded letter sheet, prior to the use of adhesive stamps, which I believe to be the earliest example of precancellation.

In the upper left corner of this cover is a printed device in black, the shape of a solid semi-circle, forming a curved arch about the top, and flat at the bottom. Inside this device, and set in a curve, is the following: "LITTLE ROCK," in white faced capitals. At the bottom is the abbreviation "Ark." in black letters. Cut out, in the center of this is a shield, partly resting on its side, and leaning to the left, enclosed in which is the following date—"1831—Sept—29" in three lines.

The cover is addressed to Philadelphia, and at the upper right corner has the rate of postage in manuscript—"Double 50," which was probably collected from the recipient of the letter as there is nothing on the face of the cover to indicate its prepayment.

The inside of this letter is printed, and dated "Military Land Agency Office, Little Rock, Arkansas Territory 1831...." The date is filled in with manuscript, "26, Sept., 1831." The contents of the letter are printed in type, of a size I should call 8 point, and in the same color as the printed precancel on the face, undoubtedly from the same press.

I am giving the contents of the letter, since they are historical and indicate some of the difficulties over the currency question which was raging at this time, during Andrew Jackson's administration.

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Notwithstanding a terrific storm, some forty enthusiastic collectors of Northern New Jersey gathered Oct. 17, at the rooms of the above society to listen to a remarkable address by Herman Toasperm of New York. His interesting way of expressing the pleasures of collecting was illustrated by his miscellany collection, running from pre-stamp covers, penny-blacks, Wells-Fargo Covers and other classics to the more recent issues depicting commemorative events, birds, war scenes and religious subjects. This talk gained many new friends for "Toasty."

Mr. Fletcher of Summit, exhibited early U. S., which included the evolution of the 3c 1851, from essays, die proofs, etc., to the finished product, together with many pages of interesting cancellations. Many of these rare items were acquired from Dr. Chase's famous collection.

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Let us consider motor vehicles and postage stamps. What have they in common? Much, every way. Both have to do with transportation. Both cost money and save time. Both are of social importance. Both are everywhere. But especially, both are parables, signs, wonders, and symptoms.

"Why are motor vehicles parables and symptoms?" you ask. "Is it that they are signs of the restlessness of our age?" Yes, but more. Ever since a registrar of motor vehicles wrote to *Zion's Herald* accusing it of "pinkness," motor vehicles have become symptoms of what may be called the "force-complex."

From now on, as we have said, motor vehicles symbolize the force-complex. They symbolize the belief that the only way to deal with anarchists is to suppress them by a violence more powerful than that which they are believed to advocate. They symbolize the belief that if a man is an anarchist (or any other kind of "red"), he is probably guilty of any crime with which he may be charged, and therefore should be executed. They symbolize the dangerous idea that dangerous ideas should be suppressed by force rather than discussed in the spirit of love and reason, and that revenge may be better than mercy.

If motor vehicles were the only symbols of such ideas, it would be a waste of time to write this article. But there are motor vehicles and there are postage stamps. Before 1914, postage stamps were symbols. In Austria, they symbolized dynastic hopes and prides, such stuff as wars are made of. In 1908, a set of stamps appeared glorifying the Hapsburgs, with gaudy pictures of the emperor, Francis Joseph, in various uniforms and poses, and equally gaudy pictures of his ancestors. In 1910, in honor of the emperor's eightieth birthday, the same set was reissued in larger and gaudier form. The old emperor is described on the stamps as "Franciscus Josephus I." (Will there ever be a Francis Joseph II?) As the war came on, in 1916-18, another imperial set of stamps appeared, with crowns and coats of arms and Francis Joseph again. But not Austria alone was thinking force-complexes on its stamps. The Romanovs were busy too. In Russia a set of stamps was issued in 1913, just before the fateful year of the war, showing great czars and generals, glorifying Nicholas.

The postage stamps of the United States before 1914 were a happy contrast to those of the decaying empires of the Old World. They portrayed a few generals, it is true, especially Washington, Grant, and Sherman. But most of the persons and scenes represented were peaceful. Benjamin Franklin, Thomas

Jefferson, Henry Clay, Daniel Webster, Alexander Hamilton, Abraham Lincoln—such were the men our Government honored on its stamps. Scenes of history and industry were depicted also. Locomotives, post-boys, farming, exploration, invention—such were the themes that symbolized our civilization. On one stamp, even, a missionary is portrayed preaching to Indians. There are few traces of warfare visible on our stamps. Captain John Smith and Balboa appear, it is true, in armour; but no one thinks of either in connection with the military history of the United States. In 1898, rifles appear for the first and only time; sardonically enough, they are intended for use against the Indians and appear in the same set that contained the missionary preaching to Indians. But we were fighting Spain in that year, and rifles were handy.

Since the World War, stamps continue to be symbols. They are symbols of a change in the spiritual life of peoples. Among the stamps of Russia, in 1918, I find a sword—but a sword breaking a chain! I find anvils, books, harps, laborers, factories, hammers, a Russian "inventor" of radio, a celebration of an Esperanto Congress, together, one must admit, with proud portrayals of battles in the military history of the Russian Revolution. In Austria, I find laborers, telegraphs; a special set of musicians—Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Bruckner, Strauss, Wolf; and other stamps symbolizing civilization and peace. Or if I turn to France, I find that Pasteur, the great scientist, is the chief figure on her stamps; while the current stamps of Germany show Goethe, Schiller, Frederick the Great, Kant, Beethoven, Lessing, Leibnitz, Bach, and Dürer—and many Germans have bitterly criticized the presence of Frederick as unsuitable on the stamps of a peaceful republic.

How is it in the United States? Since the fat lady of Teutonic appearance who appeared in 1919 on a "Victory stamp" with a sword in her hand, we have had many stamps of which an American may be proud. The Pilgrim set of 1920 and the Huguenot-Walloon stamps of 1924 were worthy memorials of great facts in our history. The regular current set now in use is dignified and appropriate. In 1925, we had interesting Norse-American stamps, and in 1926, the Liberty Bell, which every one would approve. But of late it seems that another spirit has entered. In 1925, we had a Lexington-Concord set of three stamps, on every one of which were one or more rifles intended for use against the British. In 1926, we had one special stamp depicting John Ericsson, inventor of the "Monitor," that "Yankee cheese box on a raft,"

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Why all this musketry, this military display? It is the hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Revolution, truly; but why must we think of it chiefly in terms of the force-complex? No wonder that a British journal remarks that "a mania for militaristic postage stamps seems to have seized the United States Government"—a comment which is weakly answered by *Scott's Monthly Journal*, which says that it is not militarism, but patriotism. That is just the question before America today! Does patriotism mean the glorification of the force-complex, or does it mean devotion to civilized love? We do not need to rush to the sentimental extremes of a love-complex to detest the emphasis of our Government on military force at this stage in history.

The other day I was writing to a Chinese scholar, who, I suspected, might be interested in novel postage stamps, and I prepared an envelope addressed to him, with the Burgoyne Campaign stamp and the Bennington stamps attached. Then I had misgivings. Shall I send rifles to China, postmarked, as they will be, by an

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appeal to attend the military training camps? I took counsel of a Chinese Christian friend, who replied, "The professor to whom you are writing is very critical of Western civilization." I reflected on how greatly the stamps would delight Mayor William Hale Thompson of Chicago. The envelope is now residing in my chamber of horrors. A five-cent stamped envelope with George Washington carried the letter; George Washington, in whom love and force found a noble union.

Motor vehicles and postage stamps are parables and signs and wonders. They are symbols of the spirit of an America proud of her might, trusting in force, yet afraid of her enemies, or those whom she thinks are her enemies. Is that the real America? Was the Boston which trembled before every expression of sympathy with a Sacco and a Vanzetti the real Boston? On such an America, my Chinese friend made incisive comment. "You executed Sacco and Vanzetti to save face; and I almost had to appeal to the Chinese Government for gunboats to protect me from your police and your mobs, while you prolonged your delay in the case!"

What is the real America? Is it the America of freedom, of culture and art and music and religion? When will this America make itself felt as effectively as the America possessed by the force-complex is felt?—*Zion's Herald.*

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It is all very well to say that a current pound stamp has an actual face value of only \$4.87; but that does not mean that it costs a dealer only \$4.87 to purchase and stock it. There are many further costs. The smallest of these is the cost of check or money order, or foreign exchange, and of return postage and registration, as well as postage and registration of the order containing the remittance. There is, then, the matter of damaged stamps, of badly centered stamps which collectors will not accept. Many Colonial postmasters will not accept the return of torn or creased stamps, and some will not exchange stamps under any circumstances. There is also the usual danger of loss—foreign registered letters have a small recovery value if lost in transit—and I regret to state that, on more than one occasion, I have been totally unable to trace remittances, which were without doubt appropriated by some needy individual in some far distant British Isle.

There is also the matter of interest and investment. A filled order is often not received until six months or more after it has been despatched. But the dealer's dollars are invested in the meantime. When a collector orders from a dealer, he asks for this stamp of that

Colony, and that stamp of this Colony. To cater to him, the dealer must carry a large and extensive stock and keep thousands of dollars invested at all times. To let the collector know his address and his ability to serve him, he must spend considerable money advertising in MEKEEL'S or some other stamp paper, he must conduct a business with the necessary overhead expense.

I will venture to say that is costs the average dealer 10% to import stamps—taking into consideration expenses of carriage, commissions to agents, losses from damaged stamps and losses from plain, ordinary crookedness. This brings the value of the pound from \$4.87 to \$5.36. I will venture to say, also, that no dealer can do business with an overhead expense of less than 10% additional, not counting his own time and labor, but only interest on his investment, advertising, stationery, postage, etc. This brings the pound up to \$5.80. And he has left for his work and trouble and his faith in human nature, 60c on the pound, or just about 10%. If that is too much, and he is overpaid, he had better go out of business.

But I am glad to say that the average collector is human, understands that actual face value is not the only item entering into the value of a stamp, and realizes that, in the long run, he is not paying his favorite dealer too much, nor is being robbed in any manner, when he pays out 32c per shilling for a current Colonial stamp.

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A CORRECTION

The eminent philatelist, Dr. Emilio Diena, Rome, writes: "Under the heading, 'Stamps Not Listed,' by Mr. Hermann Focke, in the WEEKLY for September 19th, mention is made of several copies of the Luxembourg, 30 centimes value, rose-lilac on vertically laid paper. As Mr. Focke is asking for information on these specimens, I beg to inform him that the stamps are unadhesive, being cut from Money Order forms, issued on October 1, 1877.

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THE PRECANCELS OF SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, HAWAII

By FREDERICK W. ALLEN.

In the second part of my article "The Recancelled Stamps of the U. S. Island Dependencies and Hawaii" in covering the precancels of Schofield Barracks, I made the statement that I believed the stamps to be speculative and advised collectors to steer clear of them because of the doubtful status that they held. In connection I feel that I have been in error and reprint portions of two letters.

E. P. Anthony writes: "In 1924 I went to see the postmaster at Honolulu about the Schofield Barracks precancels. He told that all precancels from Schofield Barracks were authorized due to the army soldier mail at Xmas. I saw the Honolulu handstamp made up of 25 small squares with a wire band around them to hold them together. There was also other of ten dies." He writes further: "Vailuku, Maui is a small town with gar mills, pineapple canneries, and takes quite a few curios. Most of the curios stores in Honolulu use precancels and mail your packages back to the U. S. for you. The postmaster seemed very accommodating as to information concerning precancels and informed me that he had used up his remainder of 25c steel Post dues by precancelling with U-60 handstamp."

The postmaster at Schofield Barracks, L. H. Gully, answering an inquiry from Mr. C. F. Richards in regard to the status of these precancels, replied as follows: "My recollection regarding the precancels is about this—The P. O. Dept. for several years published in the Bulletin authority for any office to use precancels where the business around Christmas requires it. So for the past few years we have done this, except the season when we used the precancel stamps from the main office of Honolulu, which this is a station. I had a small stamp made three years ago (1924) and on December 1st precancelled everything we had in stock, including a lot of readings and odd sheets of other stamps. The result was that the rush soon sold everything even before many of the collectors got some of the types used. On my part I mailed out many parcels to persons asking for the stamps and especially the Hardings. I know I, as well as some other collectors, sent out full sets of Hardings on parcels. I sent the fine covers to Saunders and others. This season on account of my stamp being so small, it was decided by Mr. Macnam, P. M. at Honolulu, that this station should use the precancels of the main office, and we sold several thousand sets worth of the various denominations. You are right about some of the precancels, especially the Hardings, having full gum and being purchased over counter. Before the strict order came out I received a number of requests, mostly through the main office, for these stamps where the letters specified that stamps were wanted for collections. Referring this to the P. M. at Honolulu, as told that there was no objection to sending stamps in response to such requests, though I never sent in quantities. So far as I remember, three sea-

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| 1924, 1c to 5frs, #85 to 101* | 2.50 |
| 1927, 90c, 1.50, 10, 20frs, #108-111* | .85 |
| Guadeloupe 1905, 1, 2, 5frs* | 2.50 |
| 1927, 90c, 1.50, 10, 20frs* | 2.50 |
| Indo China 1922, 1c to 12c, #88 up | 2.00 |
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W., by H. Wright of the Mitchell Li-

brary, Sydney, Australia, and dealing

with the 1d New Zealand overprinted in

two lines "King Edw. VII Land." It

is a stamp considered to have poor cre-

dentials, but we gladly print the letter:—

"In Shackleton's book 'The Heart of

the Antarctic,' Vol. 1, p. 36, the author

says—'The Postmaster General of the

Dominion (New Zealand) had printed

off for us a small issue of special stamps,

and constituted me a postmaster for the

period of my stay in the Antarctic, an ar-

rangment that much simplified the hand-

ling of correspondence sent back from

the winter quarters with the Nimrod.'

The *Australian Philatelist*, Feb., 1908,

stated that Sir Joseph Ward had autho-

rised the overprinting of a hundred sheets

of penny stamps for use in the Far

South.

The same magazine, July, 1909, printed

the official report sent by Shackleton to

the Postmaster General of N. Z., in

which the following occurs—'On reach-

ing the Antarctic Circle in Ross quad-

rant, North King Edward VII Land, I

issued the first of the stamps in order

that members of the expedition might

despatch letters back to New Zealand by

the Koonya, the steamer which had towed

the Nimrod down to the ice. On reach-

ing the territorial waters of King Ed-

ward VII land, and while lying along-

side the ice, about a mile from land, I

formally opened a post office as a branch

of the New Zealand Post Office. I re-

ceived letters for despatch at the first

opportunity and issued stamps for fu-

ture correspondence. The mail brought

from New Zealand and then opened, in-

cluded about 800 letters, addressed to

non-existent persons. These letters were

no doubt intended to be returned to the

sender . . . Letters that could not be

delivered were returned . . . I opened

a branch of the Post Office on the in-

land plateau in latitude 88 deg. 5 min.

south, longitude 162 deg. east, on Jan-

uary 7, 1908. Some 2,000 letters passed

through my hands and I sold the bulk of

the stamps to members of our little

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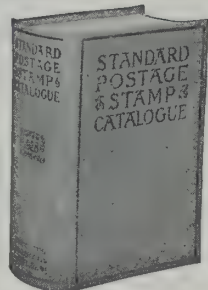
EDITORIAL

It is known that the prohibition to
the mails of this country of catalogues
issued abroad because these works con-
tained illustrations of U. S. stamps that
did not comply with the regulations of
the post office department has entailed
confusion and hardship of persons over-
seas who do a considerable business in
this country. Further, illustrations of
foreign stamps without the white lines
have been deemed justification for con-
fiscation of copies of stamp journals
addressed to collectors in this country.
In seeking information that would be
helpful in view of the circumstances, we
learn that if the letter of the regulations
of the department are adhered to, there
is no present remedy. No doubt an at-
tempt will be made to obtain an abate-
ment of the ruling in cases such as indi-
cated. In this connection, "The Question
of Stamp Illustrations" as reported
in the issue of the WEEKLY dated July 4,
1927, should be referred to as in the ex-
planation, the limitations of the Act of
Congress, approved March 3, 1923, in
favor of philatelic publishers are defi-
nitely named.

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News of the death of Percy McGraw
Mann of Philadelphia, which was re-
ceived first from Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer
of that city, has shocked many followers
of philately who will realize that a most
earnest student of stamps has passed on.
Mr. Mann, while known personally to a
legion of collectors, was known to many
more through his articles and several
pamphlets of merit; and also, through his
Philadelphia Stamp News, a weekly that
was a commendable example of journal-
ism, which was abandoned only after
Mr. Mann had expended freely from his
purse to provide the reading public with
a good paper. At different times in the
past, he attended the national conventions
and only last August he was associated
with the convention of the Society of
Philatelic Americans. None will gain-
say that Mr. Mann was not a thorough
philatelist and while he essayed stamp
dealing at times, our impression was
that he was a collector at heart. He
was the true student who liked the per-
sonal contacts of philately, and while not
always practical, perhaps, there could be
no doubting his affection for stamps. It
is sad to realize that Mr. Mann has not
been spared to complete his philatelic
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ors to Philadelphia have enjoyed the hos-
pitality extended to them at Mr. Mann's
home.

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From Roscoe B. Martin, President
of the First National Bank, Forestville,
New York, we have heard that the Octo-
ber number of the New York *Masonic
Outlook*, published by the Board of Gen-
eral Activities of the Grand Lodge of
New York, F. & A. M., 71 West 23rd
Street, New York, includes one of the
most remarkable stamp articles that has
ever appeared in the outside press. The
subject of the story is a fascinating one,
"Masonry in Stamp Cancellation," and
the writer, John W. Nicklin, is no philat-
elic tyro; indeed, he makes the most of
his material. There are illustrations of
twenty-one cancellations, and all in all,
the article is one of exceptional interest
and merit, we wish to add. Mr. Nicklin
has struck an original lead and his
idea of studying the suggestions of spe-
cial cancellations should be emulated by
others who are competent to read the
full significance of postal obliterations
that were calculated to carry a message
to the knowing, in connection with per-
forming the duty of stamp cancellation.
There are a number of other subjects
for articles similar to Mr. Nicklin's,
ranging from caricature to music, let us
say; and non-philatelic editors might be
keen to recognize the interest of con-
tributions of the kind.

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Through the courtesy of Mr. N. B.
Paulson, we have seen a variety of the
pseudo philanthropic labels that were
used with the consent, if not the agency
of postmasters, in some of the towns in
the '70's to serve notice on the recipients
of the letters that were held for postage
due that the amount in arrears had been
paid by some individual or institution,
thereby preventing the mail from being
sent to the Dead Letter Office at Wash-
ington. The following is the wording of
a label that was placed on a local letter
mailed in New Haven, Conn., bearing a
2c brown of the 1870 design: "Pro Bono
Publico. This letter was found in the
New Haven Post Office Not Stamped,
and would have been sent to the Dead
Letter Office. John G. Chapman, 'the'
Flour, Feed and Grain Dealer, of New
Haven, No. 192 State Street, has paid the
postage. If it does thee good, let's hear
from thee." This and similar labels are
curious examples of charitable and com-
mercial enterprise and without traducing
the motives of those who employed them,
the invitation to return the courtesy in
some substantial manner is rather pointed

in instances. We understand that the
postal authorities prohibited the practice
after a time as an infringement of their
postal monopoly. An article on these
stickers would have the attention of those
who are appealed to by reflections of ear-
lier American customs; and the material
for such a review could be produced only
by a cover collector.

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A reader recalls that we made the
prediction "some years ago" that the
match, medicine and perfumery stamps
of the Civil War period would again
come into high favor. He says that our
prophecy was based on the fact that the
designs of these private proprietary were
so distinctive and so typical of an era
that is past that their historical emana-
tions, as it were, combined with their
philatelic force would soon make them
favorites with all collectors of U. S. is-
sues. The correspondent mildly reproaches
us for the failure of our forecast and
asks us for an explanation to account for
our defective vision. However, he says
that he took us at our word and began to
get together these stamps, although he
has found it slow work to obtain the
specimens in good condition. Too, he
has become decidedly interested in them
and is pleased that his steps were guided
to them. Our observations that were
made as told by Mr. B. L. Wallace, seem
to have gone askew, but we must plead
for more time. We do know that sev-
eral collectors started to collect these
revenues and that in two instances they
relinquished their pursuit in a short time
because of the difficulty that they had to
find specimens in fine conditions, when
they were able to get the stamps at all.
While huge numbers of many of the
proprietary stamps of the first issue were
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designate it the official Canal Zone philat-
elic agency, the Panama Canal Record
ys.
Due to the complete change of Canal
one stamps in 1924, at which time the
e of Republic of Panama stamps sur-
charged Canal Zone was discontinued,
d the use of United States stamps
rcharged Canal Zone established, the
es for the first three months amounted
\$1,924.57, the greatest volume of busi-
ness for the agency for any like period
nce its establishment. Excluding this
month period, the records show a con-
tinued increase in the amount of yearly
business. Orders and their value have
en as follows:

| Period. | No. orders | filled. | Amount. |
|-------------------------------|------------|---------|-------------|
| pt. 1 to Dec. 31, 1924, | 204 | | \$2,125.43 |
| n. 1 to Dec. 31, 1925, | 717 | | 3,120.94 |
| n. 1 to Dec. 31, 1926, | 970 | | 4,074.08 |
| n. 1 to Aug. 31, 1927, | 530 | | 3,258.26 |
| Totals, | 2,421 | | \$12,578.71 |

Average per year, 807 \$ 4,144.67
The present issue of Canal Zone stamps
ists of 15 denominations, ranging
om 1-2 cent to \$1, three types of stamp
ks, one type of postal card, and six
es of stamped envelopes. The ap-
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By FRED. J. MELVILLE.

It has often been claimed for stamp collecting that it teaches geography, but the philatelist has got to come to Luxemburg to realise how familiar everything is in this small State if you only know its stamps. And Luxemburg is full of stamps and stamp collectors this week, for the country is celebrating its seventy-fifth anniversary of the birth of the stamps of the Grand Duchy. They come from every country in Europe, and you cannot mistake them, for their classeurs, tweezers, and magnifying glasses are spread upon the tables on the terrace of every hotel and café, and they improve the aperitive, and even meal time, by "swapping" or selling. The little town is one great stamp bourse. Not even the great fair now on, founded six centuries ago by the blind King John, can entirely distract them, and some were busy with their stamps in the electric glare while awaiting their chance to capture a car in the "course des autos."

One might have estimated the popularity of stamp collecting in Luxemburg by the vast crowd that queued up at the gates of the Palais Municipal, where the International Philatelic Exhibition was held. The town, with a population of less than 50,000, has a philatelic society of 1,200 members, which organised the exhibition under Government auspices in celebration of the seventy-fifth year since the introduction of stamps in the Grand Duchy. Long before his Royal Highness Prince Felix performed the opening ceremony there were between 3,000 and 4,000 people awaiting admission, and at midday the Place d'Armes in front of the exhibition was full. Many had come to secure sets of the pretty issue of commemorative postage stamps made for the occasion, which could only be obtained at the little post office established temporarily within the exhibition itself.

These stamps were in five denominations, 25 centimes purple, 50 centimes green, 75 centimes red, 1 franc black, 1 1/2 franc blue. The total face value of the set was thus four francs, but only one set was allowed on each admission ticket, which cost three francs, so the net cost per set was seven francs; these sets were soon changing hands at the café tables in the Place d'Armes and the bourse improvised at the "An der Stuff" restaurant and the Hotel Continental at from twenty to twenty-five francs per set. Exhibitors and visitors from abroad were courteously allowed to procure a limited supply of these sets without having a long and tedious wait in the queues to get them, and the whole edition of 70,000 sets was absorbed during the five days of the exhibition.

Prince Felix of Luxemburg is himself a collector, and spent several hours in the exhibition. His Royal Highness took a great interest in the British exhibits, which were among the best and most valuable in the show. They carried off many of the chief awards, including the grand prix, a magnificent marble statue, which was awarded to Captain R. F. A. Riesco for his two exhibits of Cape of Good Hope and Chile stamps. Mr. Riesco's Capes also received a grand gold medal and the Chiles a gold medal. Mr. Henry Harvey, of London, received a grand gold medal and a trophy for his collection of Victoria (Australia) stamps. A third grand gold medal went to Mr. A. J. Warren, of Epsom, for his Dutch stamps.

Mr. E. J. Lee, of Stoke d'Abernon, scored a remarkable success on the first occasion on which he has competed at a stamp exhibition. He entered exhibits in three classes, and secured the gold medal award in each. He showed a small but very choice collection of the "bar-

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The early stamps of Luxemburg were much in evidence. A fine collection of them was shown hors concours by M. Lucien Hansen, a member of the jury. M. Alphonse Schon, of Luxemburg, and M. Antoine Simons secured grand gold medals for stamps of the Grand Duchy, and M. Bernard Wolff, president of the exhibition, received a gold medal for his collection of unused Luxemburg stamps and a silver medal for a new monograph he has recently written on these issues. The Grand Duchy Institute exhibited the original plates of the first two postage stamps. The stamps of the neighbouring Belgium were very strongly represented in the show, and a Croydon philatelist, Mr. Edwin Lee, is to be congratulated on securing the premier award in this class, a gold medal. An item in his collection which attracted much attention was a corner block of eight stamps proving the existence of a second, and until recently unknown, plate of the 20 centimes "Epaulette."

In addition to the Grand Prix and one other trophy the British exhibitors carried off twenty-five medals, including three grand gold, and ten gold. It was a surprise for many frequenters of international exhibitions to find Sir Nicholas Waterhouse showing United States stamps hors concours. About two years ago Sir Nicholas sold his fine U.S.A. collection at auction in London, when it fetched about £16,500, and it was not generally known that he had no sooner parted with his great collection than he started a new one. The twenty pages he selected for display indicate fairly well the richness of the second collection; there were some pages of the New York "Postmaster's" stamp, including a superb pair without the usual penmarked initials, some specimens of each of the printings of the rare St. Louis stamps, and in the general issues a unique used block of four of the 24 cents, 1871, with red cancellation, a full set of the "premières gravures" of 1861, and the 30 cents 1869 error with flags inverted.

A great collection exhibited for the first time was that of Mr. J. Van Nifterik, of Haarlem, comprising stamps and proofs of Holland and the Dutch Colonies. The part displayed filled one entire hall in the Palais Municipal, while there were many volumes left over for the jury to inspect. Mr. Van Nifterik received a grand gold medal, and an objet d'art presented by the Union des Timbrophiles de Luxemburg.—Postage Stamp.

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| 93 | 1922, 9m rose, red & orange | .75 |
| *177 | 1924, 1g green & black | .75 |
| *178 | 2g red violet & black | 1.25 |
| 183 | 1925, 2g rose & black | .50 |
| 84 | Denmark, 1912, 5kr dark red | .60 |
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| *101 | 80 on 85 carmine | 1.00 |
| *105 | 1918, 27 on 15 olive | 3.00 |
| *106 | 27 on 55 blue | 2.50 |
| *107 | 27 on 75 carmine | 3.00 |
| *108 | 27 on 105 deep lilac | 3.00 |
| 131 | 1919, 2 on 55 green | 4.00 |
| *301 | P. P. 105 red | 1.00 |
| *304 | P. P. 505 claret & black | 3.50 |
| *306 | P. P. 1kr yellow brown | 1.75 |
| *184 | Dom. Rep., 1911, 50c brn. & blk. | .35 |
| *185 | 1911, 1p violet & black | .60 |
| 208 | 1915, 1p orange & black | 1.00 |
| 208a | 1p yellow & black | 1.00 |
| 100 | Dutch Indies, 1912, 2½gld on blue | 1.00 |
| 120 | 1912, 2½gld carmine | .50 |
| 146 | 1923, 1gld brown violet | .90 |
| 147 | 2½gld gray black | 2.75 |
| *191 | France, 1925, 5fr carmine | .75 |
| 231 | 1926, 55 on 60c light violet | 2.25 |
| 407 | 1917, 35+25c slate & violet | .60 |
| 408 | 50+50c brown | .80 |
| 409 | 1fr+1fr claret & maroon | 2.25 |
| 53 | Off. in Alexandria, 1921, 15/50c | 1.00 |
| 54 | 1921, 30 on 1fr | 1.00 |
| 56 | 150 on 5fr | 4.50 |
| 60 | 60 on 2fr | 2.00 |
| *83 | Off. in Morocco, 1918, 1fr | 1.20 |
| *90 | 1923, 50c blue | 1.00 |
| *91 | 2fr | 4.50 |
| *92 | 5fr | 6.50 |
| 34 | Off. in Turkey, 1902, 5pia on 2fr | .60 |
| 35 | 1902, 20pia on 5fr | .60 |
| *85 | Fr. Guiana, 1923, 10fr on 1fr | 3.00 |
| *86 | 1923, 20fr on 5fr | 4.75 |
| *88 | 1924, 10fr green | 1.00 |
| *89 | 20fr brown | 2.00 |

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| 70 | Fr. Guinea, 1913, 25c ultr. & blue | .35 |
| 75 | 1913, 50c ultr. & black | .80 |
| 29 | Fr. Oceania, 1913, 30c gray & brn. | .50 |
| 33 | 1913, 30c brown & black | 3.00 |
| *19 | 1906, 35c yellow | .50 |
| *20 | 45c gray green | 1.50 |
| *202 | Fr. India, 1916, 10+5c rose & blk. | .90 |
| *38 | Germ. E. Afr., 1906, 60h lake & blk. | 2.50 |
| *41 | 1906, 3r carn. & slate | .90 |
| *32 | Germ. N. Guinea, 1915, 5m slate & carn. | .90 |
| *37 | Germ. S. W. Afr., 1906, 3m black violet | 1.20 |
| *38 | 1906, 5m slate & carn. | .90 |
| 76 | Germany, 1902, 2m gray blue | 2.00 |
| *264a | 1923, 800th on 300m | 1.65 |
| *266a | 800th on 500m | 1.65 |
| *350 | 1924, 5m green | 1.75 |
| 55 | Same used | .50 |
| 56 | Germ. Off. in China, 1906, 2½d on 5m | 1.50 |
| 56 | 1906, 1½d on 3 | 2.50 |
| *57 | Germ. Off. in Morocco, 1911, 6p 25 on 5m | .90 |
| *59 | 1911, 3p 75 on 3m | .75 |
| *59 | Greece, 1918, 25d indigo | .50 |
| 135 | Haiti, 1906, 50c de p red | .65 |
| 136 | 1906, 1pia claret | 1.00 |
| 158 | 1910-11, 20c de p green & blk. | 2.50 |
| 172 | 1913, 50c de p yellow | .75 |
| 173 | 1pia red | 1.50 |
| 287 | 1919, 2c on 50c de p red | 5.00 |
| *204 | Honduras, 1923, 50 on 2c carmine | .90 |
| *205 | 1923, 1p on 5c lilac rose | 1.10 |
| *209 | 50c on 2c carmine | 1.10 |
| *146 | Ivory Coast, 1913, 50c blk. & viol. | 1.00 |
| *33 | Japan, 1916, 40s ultra. & dk. blue | 2.60 |
| 2 | Lithuania, 1918, 10sk black | 3.00 |
| 4 | 1918, 15sk black | 3.00 |
| *107 | Luxemburg, 1915, 62½ on 2½fr. | .60 |
| 108 | 1915, 62½ on 5fr | .60 |
| *122 | 1921, 5fr dark violet | .85 |
| *139 | 1923, 10fr black | .85 |
| *142 | 3fr dark blue | .35 |
| *157 | 1922, Official, 1fr indigo | .50 |
| *158 | 1922, Official, 5fr dark violet | 1.00 |
| *159 | 1923, Official, 5fr dark violet | .85 |
| *543 | 10fr black | .85 |
| *31 | Marianna Isl., 1916, 5m slate & car. | 1.20 |
| *97 | Martinique, 1924, 15 on 30c dull red & brown | 1.10 |
| *16 | Mauritania, 1906, 2fr blue on pink | 3.50 |
| *28 | Marienwerder, 50pf viol. & blk. | 6.00 |
| *30 | 80pf lake & blk. | 2.50 |
| *31 | 1m carn. rose | 5.00 |
| *27 | Marshall Isl., 1915, 5m slate & car. | 1.20 |
| 12 | Memel, 1920, 3m on 5fr | 5.10 |
| *33 | 1920, 3m on 2fr | 2.25 |
| *35 | 10m on 5fr | .75 |
| *85 | 1922, 20m on 2fr | .65 |
| *301 | 1921, Airmail, 60pf on 40c | 4.75 |
| *320 | Mexico, 1910, 5pes carn. & blk. | 1.50 |
| 352a | 1913, 50c ultram. | 1.25 |
| 353a | 1p orange | 3.75 |
| *41 | 1916, 5p green & black | 4.75 |
| *42 | Monaco, 1922, 30c dark green | 1.25 |
| *46 | 1922, 50c ultramarine | 1.80 |
| *47 | 2fr scarlet | .85 |
| *48 | 2fr red brown | 5.50 |
| *48 | 10fr carmine | 4.50 |
| *54 | 1923, 40c orange brown | .70 |
| *56 | 5fr dark green | 4.50 |
| *467 | 1925, Dues, 1fr on 50c | .90 |
| *198 | Montenegro, 1913, Dues, 5pa gray | 1.00 |
| 93 | Netherlands, 1905, 10gld orange | 7.50 |
| *107 | 1913, 5gld yellow | 4.00 |
| *108 | Same stamp used | 1.00 |
| *108 | 1913, 10gld red on straw | 13.00 |
| *108 | Same stamp used | 10.00 |
| *118 | 2½ on 10gld red | 2.30 |
| *119 | 2½ on 10gld red | 1.00 |
| 151 | 1923, 2½gld black | 2.50 |
| *137 | New Hebrides, 1921, 10c on 5p | 1.10 |
| *140 | 1921, 20c on 30c | 3.00 |
| *218 | Panama, 1920, 50c orange & blk. | 4.00 |
| *219 | 1920, 1b violet & blk. | 6.75 |
| *223 | 1921, 2½c red | .45 |
| *224 | 3c violet | .45 |
| 252 | Philippines, 1906, 2p black | .60 |
| 274 | 1911, 10p deep green | .50 |
| *119 | Paraguay, 1907, 20p ol. grn. & blk. | 2.20 |
| 292 | Russia, 1924, 3r brown & green | .85 |
| 293 | 1924, 5r blue & brown | 1.65 |
| 302 | 1925, 5r red brown | 2.00 |
| 303 | 10r indigo | 3.50 |
| 323 | 1925-6, 2r green & rose | .50 |
| 324 | 3r brown & green | .85 |
| 325 | 5r blue & brown | 1.65 |
| *518 | 1921, 2250r dark blue | 1.10 |
| *540 | 1923, 1r+1r on 10r | 1.25 |
| *701 | 1922, Airmail, 45r grn. & blk. | 1.25 |
| *119 | Saar, 1925, 10fr black brown | .85 |
| *71 | San Marino, 1923, 1fr dark brown | 1.50 |
| 155 | Siam, 1912, 10b ol. gr. & viol. br. | 1.00 |
| 156 | 1912, 20b slate blue & red br. | 3.00 |
| *421 | Sweden, 1916, 10+4.90 on 5kr | 4.50 |
| *431 | 1916, 10+90 on 1kr | 7.50 |
| *159 | Switzerland, 1914, 10fr dull violet | 2.25 |
| *252 | Thrace, 1920, 25d deep blue | 7.50 |
| 287 | Turkey, 1915, 25 on 200pf green & black | .60 |
| 645 | 1926, 50gr carn. & blk. | .30 |
| 646 | 100 gr. ol. green & blk. | .50 |
| 151 | Ukraine, 1919, 20gr red & green | 1.00 |
| *17 | Upper Senegal, 1906, 5fr carmine | 2.50 |
| *277 | Uruguay, 1923, 1p bright rose | 8.50 |
| *278 | 1923, 2p light green | 8.00 |
| *278 | Venezuela, 1924, 25c ultramarine | .75 |

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| *1-15 | Alaquites, 1925, 0p10 to 25p | 6.00 |
| *16-21 | 1925, 0p50 to 4pi | 1.30 |
| *25-37 | 0p10 to 25pi | 1.25 |
| *38-42 | 1926, 3p 50 to 20p | 1.15 |
| *201-4 | 1925, Airmail, 2pi to 10pi | 1.75 |
| *205-8 | Airmail, 2pi to 10pi | .50 |
| *209-12 | 1926, Airmail, 2pi to 10pi | .35 |
| *301-5 | 1925, Dues, 0p50 to 5pi | .90 |
| *158-62 | Albania, 1924, 2q to 50q | 2.00 |
| *171-7 | 1925, 1q to 1fr | 3.50 |
| *348-51 | Dues, 4q to 50q | 2.00 |
| *1-21 | Algeria, 1924, 1c to 5fr | 2.65 |
| *28-32 | 1925-6, 15c to 3fr | .55 |
| *34-56 | 1926, 1c to 5fr | 1.75 |
| *59-65 | 1927, 7 surcharges, compl. | .60 |
| *401-3 | Angola, 1925, 15c & 30c, 6 var. | .40 |
| *273-7 | Armenia, 1920, 25r to 100r | .50 |
| *838-46 | Austria, 1923, 100k to 1000k | 2.00 |
| *847-51 | 1924, 100k to 1000k | 1.00 |
| *852-57 | 1926, 3g to 40g | .60 |
| *100-4 | Off. in Turkey, Dues, 1902, 10pa to 5pi | .50 |
| *251-64 | Azores, 1926, 2c to 4.50e | 1.00 |
| *404-6 | 1925, 15 & 30c, 6 var. | .35 |
| *702-4 | Batum, 1919, 5k to 5r | 1.00 |
| *1-6 | Bavaria, 1911, 3pf to 20m | 9.50 |
| *77-91 | 1914, 3pf to 20m | .60 |
| *94-113 | 1919, 3pf to 20m | .60 |
| *117-35 | Belg. E. Afr., 1922, 5c to 50c | .35 |
| *1-5 | 1924, 5c to 10fr | 2.30 |
| *6-17 | Belgium, 1921, 1c to 10fr | 2.00 |
| 145-61 | 1925, 10c to 10fr | 4.25 |
| *166-78 | 15c to 1fr | .35 |
| *289-91 | 1926, 5c to 5fr | 1.00 |
| *295-9 | Bolivia, 1925, 1c to 5b | 10.00 |
| *150-9 | Bosnia, 1906, 1h to 5k | 1.30 |
| *30-45 | Bulgaria, 1920, 30s to 5l | .35 |
| *147-52 | Cameroon, 1921, 1c to 5fr | 2.25 |
| *164-8 | 1924-5, 25c to 85c, 5 var. | .75 |
| *170-89 | 1925, 1c to 5fr | 1.45 |
| *190-7 | 1926-7, 20c to 20fr | 3.00 |
| *66-77 | Canal Zone, 1924-6, ¼c to 20c | 1.50 |
| *401-3 | Cape Verde, 1925, 15 & 30c, 6 var. | .40 |
| *1-18 | Chad, 1922, 1c to 5fr | 5.25 |
| *21-40 | 1924, 1c to 5fr | 1.85 |
| *47-51 | 1926-7, 1fr 25 to 20fr | 3.00 |
| 146-53 | Chile, 1923, 2c to 5p | 1.40 |
| *252-70 | China, 1927, ¼c to \$2 | 4.00 |
| *701-18 | 1915, ¼c to \$5 | 8.00 |
| *723-6 | 1921, 1c to 10c | 2.75 |
| *727-30 | 1923, 1c to 10c | .70 |
| *88-99 | Congo, 1923, 5c to 10fr | 2.50 |
| *100-3 | 1925, 30c to 75c | .60 |
| *201-6 | 1918, 5c to 50c | .70 |
| *301-4 | 1920, Airmail, complete | .90 |
| *552-7 | Costa Rica, 1926, 3c to 45c | 1.00 |
| *85-95 | 1924, 5c to 20c, both sets | 1.40 |
| *171-80 | Crete, 1908, 1l to 5dr | 14.50 |
| *42-58 | Curacao, Dues, 1915, 2½ to 50c | 1.80 |
| *59-63 | Dahomey, 1913, 1c to 5fr | 2.80 |
| *64-7 | 1922, 5c to 50c | .45 |
| *67-80 | 1922-5, 4 surcharges | .65 |
| *31-6 | 1926-7, 1.25fr to 20fr | 3.00 |
| *37-9 | Dan. W. Indies, 1905, 5b to 50b | 1.45 |
| *40-2 | 1905, 1fr to 5fr | 4.50 |
| *43-50 | 5b on 4c to 5b on 8c | 1.60 |
| *51-8 | 1908, 5b to 50b | 2.50 |
| *1-18 | 1915, 5b to 50b | 1.90 |
| 25-30 | Danzig, 1920, 5pf to 5m | 1.75 |
| 49-58 | 1920, 1m on 30 - 10m on 7½ | 1.30 |
| *156-67 | 1921, 5pf to 10m | 1.75 |
| *186-95 | 1923, 5pf on 50 to 5gld/1m | 6.50 |
| 142-8 | Denmark, 1926, 7 on 85 - 7/208 | 2 |

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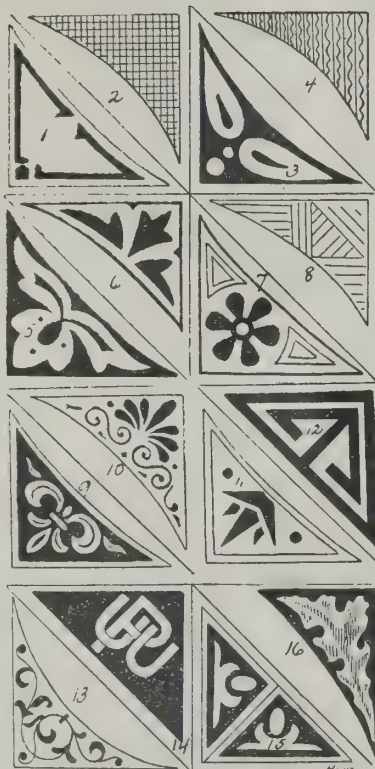
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A Study in Stamp Triangles

Here you are again Juniors! You wanted another Rebus contest and here is a good one:—"A Study in Triangles." Note the numbers 1 to 16 and send in as many answers as possible.

NOTE—Every Junior who sends in at least ONE correct triangle answer will get a stamp prize. Get busy as we want to print a big list of names.

No. 18 is taken from a U. S. stamp and of course is not illustrated in catalog. Contest closes Nov. 15. Study your catalog.

Junior News Items

—Alma Newcomb, So. Brewer, Maine, is a "shut in" who has a huge quantity of mixed stamps, especially U. S. Juniors will receive good treatment from her.

—Albert Broska of Cleveland writes us a newsy letter and we thank him for it. He tells us about the stamp club at the East Technical High School and some of the stamps in his collection. A couple of newspaper clippings are also noted.

—In a second letter Mr. Broska sends us another clipping from the Cleveland Plain Dealer describing the collecting activities of Donald C. Van Buren, assistant U. S. attorney of Cleveland. Mr. Van Buren has a boy named Hiram, and two months ago he tried him out on stamp collecting. It is very evident that "dad" got the stamp fever himself, because the article quotes Mr. Van Buren as saying:—"I soon discovered it is not a kid's game, but an old man's game, so I took the collection away from him." We have a good many Juniors reading this page who will not admit Mr. Van Buren's contention that stamps are not for boys.

—Bert Hayes of Dorchester, Mass., sends us a clipping from the Boston Post giving considerable publicity to air-mail stamps and their values.

—We want to hear from our Juniors at any and all times. If you write a little article for this page, we will try and use it.

A Study of the Current 2c

By GEO. P. FISH.

Take a copy of our current two-cent stamp and hold it with the long dimension horizontal, Washington facing down. Lay a piece of paper over the right-hand portion of the stamp so that the edge touches the "E" of the word postage and the "U" of the word United. Now cover Washington's face with tip of your finger. In the angle thus formed you will see a face, fashioned by the highlights and shadows of the hair and ear of the picture of Washington. Who is it? Some say Uncle Sam, others contend it is a witch. The same face is shown on other United States stamps. See how many you can find.

Junior Dictionary

Portomaerke.—Found on the postage due stamps of Norway and the Danish West Indies. It means literally "postage stamp," but as the latter expression is usually translated "briefmarke" (letter stamp) or "freimarke" (frank stamp), "portomaerke" is given the signification of "strafpostmarke," i.e., "penalty postage stamp."

Porto Pflichtige Dienst Sache.—Found on the municipal service stamps of Wurtemberg and means "Service matter liable to postage."

Porto Rico.—A fertile West Indian island lying 75 miles east of Hayti. It was a Spanish settlement until 1898, when, as a result of the war with the United States, it was ceded to the latter country. Civil government was conferred in 1900. Postage stamps under Spanish dominion were first issued in 1873.

Porto Scrisorei.—Found on the early stamps of Roumania (Moldavia and Moldo-Wallachia) meaning "letter postage."

Porto Stempel.—This inscription, meaning "postage stamp," appeared upon the first envelope stamps of Finland.

Portuguese Congo.—The Portuguese section of the Congo district, excluding Angola, which has its own postage stamps. Postage stamps for this region were first issued in 1893.

JUNIOR STAMP STUDIES

HUIA BIRDS
New Zealand A23
3 pence brown



We illustrate a New Zealand stamp designed with the avowed purpose of advertising this far away colony to the world at large. New Zealanders are up to the times and desire that their wonderful country should become better known, as a favorable impression would tend to increase both immigration and trade. One method immediately thought of was by depicting typical scenes and objects on the postage stamps of the colony, which would carry them to all lands and climes.

Among these attractive designs we have selected the 3 penny A23 for the subject of our present sketch. New Zealand, as well as Australia, is noted for its peculiar forms of animal life, many being unique. In the present case we have a pair of the sacred huia birds. These are about the size of a jay and are particularly notable, to the naturalist, for the extraordinary difference in the bill between the two sexes. In the male bird, the upper one in the picture, the bill is comparatively short and fairly straight; but the female, the lower one of the pair, possesses a bill about twice as long and much curved.

In color these birds are black, but there are two wattles beneath the beak which are a rich orange. The most notable part of the plumage, however, are the tail feathers which are tipped with a broad band of white. These are much prized by the Maori chiefs, and are used as ornaments for the hair and also as a badge of mourning.

BRUNEI AND "CUTCH"

By ROBT. S. GORDON, Middletown, O.

(Here is a chance for some Junior to tell Mr. Gordon what "cutch" is. Don't jump at an answer but dig deep. Send in your letters. —W. O. W.)

There has always been a faint suspicion in my mind that the Sultan of Brunei put something over on the British Government when he allowed his domain to be included within the British Empire. He thereby acquired for himself a comfortable yearly income without the necessity for working for it, and invaluable ally in case of warfare, and a convenient partner to whom he could refer all obnoxious matters of state. Just what he gave in return for these privileges, I have been unable to discover; unless it might be the exclusive right of the British to develop the country.



If there is one thing that Brunei needs badly, it is developing. Of course, it is sadly lacking in territory; its climate is within a few degrees of being the worst in the world; and its total population

Advertising Chat

I was in Helen's Stamp Shop, 15 John St., N. Y. City, a short time since and was very pleased with the way our books are being displayed. If you want one of our books call and see Miss Helen. She knows stamps, too.

Alma Newcomb, a shut-in of Brewer, Me., uses Adlets occasionally and we hope any of our subscribers interested in common U. S. will write her. She has a barrel mixture to dispose of.

G. F. Rapkin, 151 Goswell Rd., London has just issued a revised price list of supplies. It is handsomely printed and will no doubt be sent on request.

The firm of W. C. Phillips & Co. has planned an ambitious program for this winter. We quote from a recent letter:—"We shall offer week by week extracts from our 'Bulletin' and compel those who have not seen our list to heed our offerings. It will be the most complete line of stamps ever quoted in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY and will prove that we have the goods for the great general class of collectors." For several years they have used under contract 5000 lines but in writing us Mr. Phillips states that they will probably use around 10,000 lines during the year. This will mean one of the strongest advertising campaigns ever launched in the WEEKLY and this firm has done a number of big things in advertising in the years gone by.

Our old time advertiser, F. E. Hook, is back for a "tfn" period.

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Harry Huber sends us greetings from Trinidad.

Our old advertiser, C. D. Reimers of Ft. Worth, Tex., has recently returned from a three months' trip in Europe. He has brought home a big lot of stamps and he is now talking over with us a 5000 line contract. Somethin' doin' soon!

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

would hardly suffice to replace the page boys of the Capitol. Such matters as these, however, can scarcely be changed on short notice. But there is nothing, outside of Brunei itself, to hinder its immediate development.

At present its one industry of importance seems to be the raising of cutch. Every time I remember it, I intend to look up "cutch" in the nearest dictionary and see what it means. To date, however, it is still a mystery to me. But that does not alter the fact that the raising and exportation of cutch is the one and only industry of importance in Brunei. Such an important industry is it that it accounts for the majority of Brunei's European population, which, at the most

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one time the Sultan of Brunei was to have been ruler of quite an extensive domain. He was the "Big Bug" of the region, and what he said, went. His expeditions were famous all over South China Sea. He became so famous, in fact, that the British decided to do something about it. They were considerate of the feelings of the Sultan, however; so they promised to give him hard cash what he would lose by giving up his pirating profession. Moreover, to save his face, he could call himself Sultan. And he still was. Moreover, the British in their worthy desire to be of service, retained the Sultan of all those multitudinous details of administration which fall to the lot of every honest Sultan. All of this was most thoughtful on the part of the British.

Brunei has fallen on hard times. In an expansive moment, one of the Sultans donated about three-quarters of his territory to an up-and-coming young Englishman, Brooke. He probably regretted it the day after, but it was then too late. Then Brunei has declined with pathetic regularity. Its capital city is only a fraction of the people who inhabited it fifty years ago. Even its business is decreasing. Altogether, it is quite likely that Brunei will one day wake up to find itself incorporated within the limits of the Straits Settlements, and thus the fiction of another "dependent" country will disappear.

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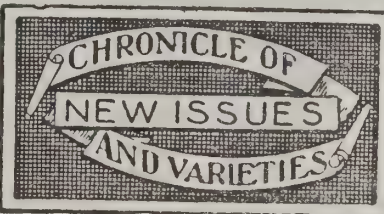
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United States

1851, 3c Steamship Postmark

Dr. Carroll Chase has shown me a most interesting cover wherein a copy of the 3c 1851 was used in posting a letter in Cuba for America. The stamp is tied to the cover with the well known, but rather scarce postmark, within a circle reading, "Steamship 10" in black. On the cover we find in a concentric circle postmark in green, "Cienfuegos—20 Feb., 1855—Isla de Cuba." Dr. Chase writes that as far as he knows, this cancellation on this stamp is unique.

Recent Issues

Mr. Sumner Gary has submitted for inspection a block of sixteen, with top margin, of the current 7c perforated 10, rotary press, wherein on the first stamp

of the fourth horizontal row, of which the plate number is unknown, we find a very minute double transfer. A portion of the right line forming the upper left rectangular corner piece is double. This can only be noticed by inspecting it very carefully with a strong glass. Mr. Gary certainly examines his stamps most carefully, and is to be congratulated on locating this oddity.

Mr. Charles E. Jandru, Jr., submits for inspection a block of eight of the 5c Walloon from a lower pane of plate—15753, wherein a variety is noted in the stamp to the left of the second stamp above the plate number.

In the lower right figure "3," we find three good sized ink spots, which are readily noticeable without the aid of a glass, but as I have not inspected the plate, I cannot state whether this is a plate variety or whether it is due to drops of ink falling at this point.

Mr. H. Clay Reeds submits for inspection a new revalued envelope of interest to collectors of entireties only, namely—the 1c green circular variety, Bartels No. 2,700c, Die A, Size 13, Watermark 22, knife 89, on white, overprinted with the double line type 1½c. As all of the dies used for making the double line overprint are identical, we are unable to state where this envelope was surcharged.

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Air Mail Notes

Mr. Charles E. Jandru, Jr., kindly sends an air mail cover bearing a special circular postmark in green, 1½" in diameter reading, "Worcester Airport Dedication, Worcester, Mass., Oct. 12, 1927."

Mr. Jandru writes that this mail was carried from Worcester to Boston to connect with C.A.M. No. 1. The Pilot was Mr. Harry Stark, and his trip was sponsored by the Colonial Air Transport Company, the owners and operators of C.A.M. No. 1. The trip was made on the Dedication Day only, and is not a regular stopping point. The cover in addition bears a Boston postmark of October 12th—5 P.M., and a Philadelphia postmark of October 13th—10.30 A. M.

The same correspondent writes that when the passenger service was opened up between Boston and Nantucket, Pilot Wickford signed six covers which he carried from Boston to Nantucket, and mailed them from that point. They bear no special postmarks, but are interesting souvenirs of the occasion.

The Information Service of the Post Office Department announces under date of October 10th, that the Continental Air Lines Inc., of Cleveland, Ohio, were the lowest of four bidders on bids opened on July 16th last, covering the carrying of mail by air between Cleveland, Ohio, and Louisville, Ky., via Akron, Columbus, Dayton, and Cincinnati, Ohio. This firm has been awarded the contract for carrying the mail, which will leave Cleveland—12.45 A. M. eastern time, and reach Louisville—7.15 A. M. central time. In the opposite direction, planes will leave Louisville—6 P. M. and reach Cleveland—12.05 A. M. The length of the route is 339 miles, and it is expected that service will begin early next spring when the lighting of the air way will have been completed. This is necessary, as practically the entire flight will be made by night.

The Post Office Department announces under date of October 14th, that during the winter there will be a suspension of certain air mail routes from London, to the Continent. The routes suspended, however, are not mentioned.

With a view to determining what change in the rate on parcel post packages now carried by air mail is necessary, Postmaster General New today announced that a conference between officials of the Post Office Department and air mail contractors will be held at the Stevens Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, on October 22. Second Assistant Postmaster General W. Irving Glover, Eugene R. White, Superintendent of Foreign Mails, and Earl B. Wadsworth, Superintendent of the Contract Air Mail Service, will be present at the conference, and assurances have been received that a large number of private contractors now operating the various air mail routes, will also be on hand. At the forthcoming conference an exchange of views will take place between postal officials and private contractors in

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Philippines

Mr. Walter Bruggmann has submitted for inspection a new variety of the Philippine Legislative series, namely—a pair of the 18 centavo, in which the black center is doubly printed.

As the two impressions are more than one-eighth inch apart, the center portion was run through the press twice.

He states that ten copies were found in Mindanao, one of the southern islands. No doubt, an entire sheet of fifty were so printed, but Mr. Bruggmann writes that the others were used up by the natives, who did not appreciate their philatelic value.

Ascension.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown us the new 5p value. The colors are sage-green and mauve on white, same design as before, script watermark.

Eritrea.—New Pictorial Issue is in preparation, according to *Il Corriere Filatelico*. There will be three designs: (1) A native postman carrying a spear in his right hand and a letter in a cleft stick in his left; (2) native leading a laden camel; and (3) a native soldier. The series will contain fourteen values, viz., 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50 and 60 cent and 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10 lire.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

Indo-China.—The Paris Agents for the French Colonies will place on sale on the 26th inst. entirely new postage and postage due stamps for Indo-China, as well as a postage series for Kouang-Tchéou-Wan, comprising the following denominations in the two postage sets:—1/10, 1/5, 2/5, 4/5 cent, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40 and 50 cents, and 1 and 2 piastres; and the following Dues for Indo-China: 2/5, 4/5 cent, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 20, 40 cents and 1 piastre.

The current postage sets of Indo-China and Kouang-Tchéou-Wan, as well as the Dues of Indo-China, will be withdrawn from sale at the Paris agency on September 24th.—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie*.

Italy.—Whitfield King & Co. report the 50c slate, in the Volta design, and also the 2 lire 55c lake, in the type of Scott's 85.

Newfoundland.—Mr. R. Roberts sends us the following information:

Thanks to the High Commissioner for Newfoundland, I am able to give the following information with regard to the projected issue of stamps which is to appear on the 1st January next. They are engraved and printed by Messrs. Whitehead Morris & Co. The designs have been proved and all the colours with the exception of the 15, 20 and 30c. They are all pictorial stamps, a little larger in size than the current issue, but not quite so large as the Caribou.

1c green, Map of Newfoundland; 2c red, S. S. Caribou, steamer between Newfoundland and Sydney; 3c brown, Portraits of Their Majesties, the King and Queen; 4c purple, most recent portrait of H. R. H. Prince of Wales; 5c grey, S. S. Sylvia, steamer St. John's to New York; 6c blue, S. S. Newfoundland, steamer St. John's to Liverpool; 8c lavender, View of Hearts Content, where the 1st submarine cable was laid; 9c dk green, Cabot Tower, First transatlantic wireless signal station; 10c dk purple, War Memorial; 12c maroon, Picture of G.P.O. St. John's; 15c (brn.), Picture of first Airplane to cross Atlantic; 20c (greenish-blue?), Parliament House, St. John's; 30c (Royal blue?), Grand Falls, Labrador.

I understand the slightly increased size gives far better scope for the pictorial scenes which are portrayed, and I think we may expect a very handsome and picturesque series of historical and general interest.

New Zealand.—2sh. The *Victorian Philatelic Record* reports that the 2sh Admiral has recently been on issue in a new shade of dull blue, much paler than the original indigo.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

Nigeria.—We have received a change of color in the 2p value of this colony. It is now being issued in orange-brown. Mr. R. Roberts submits a copy for inspection.

Peru.—Whitfield King & Co. inform us that they have received the Tacna y Arica design in a new denomination. It is the 20c and the shade is carmine. The only difference from the original issue is that the numerals "20c" are not enclosed in circles.

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St. Helena.—Mr. R. Roberts submits for chronicle the 5p carmine and green on green and the 5sh lilac and blue on blue. It is curious that the values of the 5p of this colony and also Ascension should appear in different colors.

Turkey.—Exhibition Overprints. On the occasion of the opening of an Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition at Smyrna, on September 9th, the current postage stamps of 1, 2, 2.50, 3, 5, 6, 10, 15, 25, 50 and 100 grouch were overprinted with an inscription, in two lines, in Turkish. According to the "Echo," the first line indicates the date in the Gregorian calendar (this being the first time this calendar has been used on the stamps), and the second "IZMIR THOKOUZ ELOUL SERGHISST" (Smyrna Exhibition, September 9th). The stamps were available for postage only up till September 20th, on which date the Exhibition closed. The surcharge is in black, except on the three high values, where it is silver on

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ORIGINAL COVERS

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M. R. W. E. HAWKINS showed his magnificent collection of unused West Indies, 19th Century, at the Collectors Club on Wednesday, October 19th.

The whole collection is arranged throughout by Stanley Gibbons catalogue and the owner seeks for every variety catalogued therein. For this reason it is generally reckoned to be one of the most complete general collections, if not the most complete, of unused stamps that exists in the world, the condition throughout being remarkably fine. If any varieties are catalogued in Scott's catalogue that are not in the Gibbons catalogue, they are also sought for. In general, all the West Indies are complete in major varieties with few exceptions and in a very large number of cases blocks of four and even larger blocks are included of rare and interesting old stamps. Among the better stamps noted were:

Barbados.—1sh blue, error, one of the only known 9 copies. Pair of Provisional 1d on 5sh and 3 singles and most of the varieties of the early issues with the rare watermarks and perforations.

Bermuda.—There was a great surprise to the members in seeing the wonderful strength in the Provisionals, due, no doubt, to Mr. Hawkins' recent visit to Bermuda. For instance, in the 3d on 1d rose, there were 2 singles, 2 blocks of 4, and a block of 6. In the 1d on 2d blue, an unchronicled variety was noticed "no stop after the surcharge." This has been chronicled on the 1d on 1sh, but never that I know of, previously on the blue stamp. Major Charlton Henry, who was present, examined the stamp and pronounced it undoubtedly good. Also in the same country there was an absolutely unique block of the War Tax, 1d rose, one stamp showing the word "Tax" omitted.

Br. Guiana.—There was an extremely rare 1856, 4c black on magenta, unused, and a number of copies of the 1858-59 issue, 1c red and 4c blue, including some pairs. In the 1862 type-set stamps about 14 copies unused, many of them signed.

Br. Honduras.—The noticeable items were 1d blue, strip of 3 imperf. vertically. 2c on 6d rose with the "2" showing the curved foot, very rare variety. The error 5c on 1sh gray. The "TWO" in black on the 50c gray. The 50c with the error "Revenue" in the middle of a strip of 3.

Grenada.—Is very complete in all the varieties, especially the Fiscal stamps surcharged.

Jamaica.—Very strong in blocks of the "pineapple" watermark, several values being shown in blocks of 4 and even in blocks of 10. Also a number of the

imperf. varieties in the later issues and the 1sh orange with centre inverted, of which only 9 unused copies are known.

Nevis.—A beautiful lot of the reconstructed and uncut sheets of the twelve types. I noticed the 1d, 4d and 6d engraved and three sheets of the 1sh lithographed, several sheets of 1d.

St. Lucia.—Major numbers all complete and many fine blocks and a beautiful lot of Provisional errors.

St. Vincent.—1861 clean cut perf., the 1d and 6d. 1866 the rare 1sh perf. 11½ in slate-gray. The Provisionals of 1880 were a very fine lot, including a pair of the ½d on 6d one with fraction bar omitted.

Tobago.—Included the £1, unused, most of the Provisionals and many of the double and inverted surcharges.

Trinidad.—We all know how extremely difficult it is to get the rarities in this country, unused, and here as one would expect, there are many gaps. In the blue lithographed we noticed a 1d deep blue, early impression, and two later impressions, and many other rarities. The 1860, 1sh indigo with intermediate perforation and the very rare 1863, perf. 13, the 1sh mauve.

Turks Islands.—Included the 1sh lilac and a very large number of the Provisional issues of 1881, many in blocks, several with double surcharges. Here also is the very scarce 4d on 1d red, inverted surcharge.

Virgin Isles.—Noticeable items were the 1d green, perf. 15 x 12, and the 4d on 1sh, double surcharge.

A very hearty vote of thanks was carried unanimously to Mr. Hawkins for this fine display and also to Sidney Barrett for his interesting description of the collection.

Special Despatch to the WEEKLY ASCENSION & ST. HELENA

I understand that the 4d and 6d Ascension and the 4d and 15/- St. Helena are now obsolete. The 15/- may turn out quite a good stamp, being a rather odd value and I presume having been little used, in consequence. By the way, don't neglect the 1/6, 2/6 and 5/- 1922-23 on old CA paper. The 5/- in particular is bound to show a marked rise before very long, unless I miss my guess. Incidentally, Gibbons and Whitfield King now price it as 17/6 and £1 respectively. Fine used copies of the 5/-, as well as the 15/-, are going to be pretty scarce one of these days.—"CALABAR."

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SINCE Mr. J. Wallace, with Mrs. Wallace, left England on September 24th, on his first leg of a trip around the world to last eight months, he has been in this country almost a month. He will be in Chicago, November 8th to 13th; and working his way west, he will make Vancouver on December 12th. Thence, he sails for New Zealand and Australia, via Honolulu and Fiji. He has with him a good representation of the better stamps, especially British colonials.

WE have a number of letters in which the writers ask questions that have been answered in the "Stamp News for Juniors" department in the course of the last few months. In this connection, attention is called to the Stamp Collectors' Guide which answers the problems that confront the new collector and which may be had from our publishers. One of the reasons that induced us to have Mr. Poole prepare the book was to have the answers to questions most commonly asked, in convenient printed form.

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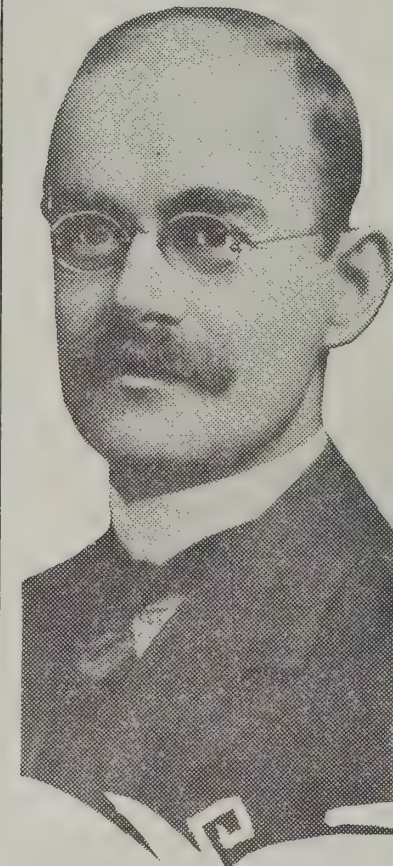
THE Minn-Dak-Ada Accelerator, of the Fifth District of Lions International, published at Aberdeen, S. D., presents a fine half-tone of Samuel Valentine Saxby, "our district treasurer" who is remembered as a stamp dealer twenty or more years ago. He has been executive secretary of the Duluth Chamber of Commerce for the last five years; in fact, he has just been elected for his sixth term.

ONE of the air mail companies sent souvenirs of a first flight to their stockholders, explaining in the accompanying letter: "Several of our stockholders have expressed interest in saving these first flight covers and we thought you might like to have one."

MR. K. BAUMAN, Roselle Park, N. J., writes: "I read about the lad arrested in Milwaukee. It is said that a person bought \$2,500 worth of stamps from a thirteen-year-old high-school boy. I really cannot understand how any man can buy such a collection from a school-boy, without finding out where the stamps came from." Mr. Bauman is not the only one who is puzzled.

IN answer to several inquiries as to the market price of Lindbergh autographed letters, Chicago to St. Louis flight, we can only say that several have been sold for from \$50 to \$60 at auction. We understand that at private sales, higher prices have been paid.

THE October number of *Stampless Covers* is a revelation of the enthusiasm and sincerity of purpose of the editor, Prof. Frederick S. Eaton, 70 Sachem Street, New Haven, Conn. Here we have fourteen pages of type-written matter that are replete with acceptable notes and the major part of the *Bulletin* is devoted to a list of Ship Letters. Prof. Eaton is stout-hearted, but he should receive material support in his work, or else he cannot withstand the pressure.



DEATH OF HENRY LOOK

The death of Henry Look of Detroit, Mich., was announced last week. Herman W. Boers sends us a picture of Mr. Look by courtesy of the Detroit Times. His funeral occurred Friday, October 21, many friends gathering to pay him a last tribute of respect. The Detroit Philatelic Society sent a floral offering and many members of the Society attended the funeral.

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Being a republic is, however, not a new experience to the people of this valley. They set up a republic of their own, according to their traditions, when China was young and Russia still in the making. The name of their country was temporarily lost when some powerful neighbor took it over and made a change to suit its new owners. China gathered it under the dragon flag; then Russia incorporated it with the empire and the Soviet made it a part of Siberia. All this time Touva declared in effect: "I am a republic, despite what any person or any nation says." Touva, in fact, is in a situation somewhat similar to San Marino in the Apennines or Andorra in the Pyrenees—too little to be whipped into submission; so it was humored in its pretensions.

From its nest in a mountain valley in the heart of central Asia, Touva had little intercourse with the world. But it noticed that whatever came in through official sources bore a stamp and what-ever went out had to have a stamp. While peoples and nations differed in their usages and customs, there was one thing that was universal—the stamp. Thus, in joining itself to that great outside world it decided to issue its own stamps and make them a means of introducing and explaining what Touva is.

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showing Touva's geographical position. Other large stamps showed a typical valley scene, with fir-clad hillsides, a lake and a cavalcade of native horsemen fording an upland stream. Another set of stamps pictured the deer and the mountain goats of Touva. One stamp showed a native man, another a Touva woman in her fete costume, and a third the Touvan conical huts (yurtas), one built from bark for the forest people and the other covered with felt for the dwellers on the plains.

On one set of stamps were shown the amusements of the people—riding, drinking kumiss and archery; another set showed their industries, herds of grazing reindeer and flocks of sheep, women at looms weaving carpets and the great camel caravans which cross the Gobi Desert and link the Touvans with northern China. It would be difficult to imagine a more complete pictorial exposition of a country, its people and its industries than is afforded by this series of Touva's first issue of stamps. The inscriptions were originally in Mongolian, but a second printing is in English as a compliment to peoples with whom Touva has a considerable trade.—N. Y. Sun.

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of days he is now able to get around
again. He had a badly sprained left
shoulder and hip, and he writes that he
has what feels like "a cracked head."
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serious accident.

WE have received from E. Strasser a
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The stamp celebration and exhibition to be held at Cleveland is an event that will attract increasing attention as the time for the culmination draws near. We welcome this evidence of activity on the part of the Cleveland collectors and from our knowledge of their spirit, it is certain that promise will be succeeded by happy reality in due time. The work of preparation is being undertaken with full realization of the magnitude of the results that are anticipated by those who have their shoulders to the wheel and there is no doubt but that the philatelic calendar for the next year will be graced by the occasion. As particulars of progress are released, we shall be glad to transmit them to our readers.

Mr. Max Golding, Chicago, has shown us a first flight from Brunswick, to the romantic Brocken, the highest mountain in the Harz range, dated, 9-10-27, with the rubber-stamped inscription, "Mit Luftpost Beforderd—Postagentur Brocken," and the cachet, "Mit Luftpost—Par Avion."

The "semi-final edition" of the Prospectus of the International Philatelic Exhibition at Durban, July 2nd to 12th, 1928, under the auspices of the Philatelic Society of Natal, in co-operation with seven other African societies gives an indication of the importance of the great enterprise and the thoroughness of the plans under way to ensure its success. The Patron-in-Chief is H. M., King George V, and in the imposing list of patrons, we find among other influential names, that of Francis H. Styles, Esq., Consul for U. S. of America. There will be a post office at the Exhibition where a special stamp will be em-

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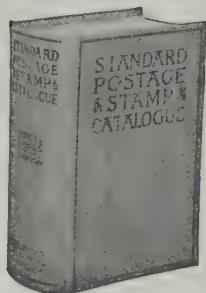
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The death of Henry Look, Detroit, recently on October 18, 1927, removes a collector from our world who through attendance at conventions of the American Philatelic Society had become known personally to many collectors and whose qualities as a man and as a philatelist gained the regard of those who knew him. While his death was foreshadowed, yet his loss comes as a shock to us who for so many years had the pleasure of contact with him periodically. As a collector he gave special attention to general United States and revenues and he had a fine show of twentieth century blocks. Mr. Look was fifty-five years of age, and was in the real estate business. He leaves a family, three sons and a daughter, Dorothy, who had just passed the bar examination for admittance at Detroit. The pall-bearers were stamp friends and included Mr. F. E. Franham of Chicago. Many of the Detroit collectors were in attendance at the funeral. To the bereaved family of Mr. Look, all sympathy is extended by the philatelic fraternity.

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We have been shown a Pony Express cover bearing a three-cent of 1857 adhesive, the property of Mr. E. L. Stuart, Chicago, that has the early oval type of the Central Overland and Pike's Peak Express Company, May 29 (1860), Denver City, K. T., and the St. Joseph postmark over the adhesive stamp dated, St. Joseph, Mo., June 7, 1860. The destination of the cover was a point in Wisconsin. This date antedates that given in the remarkable article, "Handstamped Franks Used as Cancellations on Pony Express Letters, 1860 and 1861; and the Pony Express Stamps and their Use," by Mr. H. C. Needham and Dr. V. M. Berthold, in the *Collectors Club Philatelist* for October 4, 1860. This date is fifty-six days after that of the inception of the Pony Express.

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Every now and then, a new idea based on collecting in a specialistic sense is broached by a writer and in an article from Mr. Roe, who has contributed many readable studies to our columns, he mentions a new wrinkle. In short, he calls attention more or less seriously to the field afforded by collecting the work of stamp engravers as exemplified by their products, much in the way that prints and pictures by certain artists are the objectives of art-lovers.

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The recent references to the geographical locations of obscure stamp-is-

lands have not passed without comment from readers. Mr. Eugene S. Stull, Jr., of Brooklyn, N. Y., says that other countries present difficulties in this regard; and another correspondent calls attention to the trouble of finding out anything about certain of the celebrities shown on postage stamps and wishes that particulars about them would be given in the WEEKLY. However, he submits no sample names and he has been asked to send them in. There have been a good many articles on this subject in this paper and elsewhere, and the information is available in the aggregate in the columns of the philatelic press. We remember what a search we had for information concerning William Brown, pictured on the twenty pesos of 1891; and at the suggestion of a Spanish friend, we wrote to a learned society in Buenos Aires for details, which were long in forthcoming. When we had the sketch, it seemed that others were in a position to give the biography; and so the story of the Irish sailor, born in 1777, who rendered such signal service to his adopted country, Argentine Republic, as an officer in its Navy, became known to collectors. *Scott's Monthly Journal* has contained some instructive articles on stamp portraits.

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Mr. Benjamin Cadbury, Philadelphia, to whom we are indebted for attentions periodically, has furnished us with the October number of the monthly, *International Conciliation*, issued by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. The pamphlet of over fifty pages is devoted to the "Genesis of the Postal Union," by John F. Sly, Lecturer on Government, Harvard University. The brief preface by Nicholas Murray Butler says that more than 126 million square kilometers with a population of 1,792,000,000 inhabitants is within the service area of the great institution. The work is of surpassing interest and is an authentic record of the birth and growth of this most beneficent and humanizing of organizations. References to stamps are to be found on the pages and it is of interest to discover that the only countries that are not under the administrative wing of the Postal Union are: In Africa, Nigeria and Northern Rhodesia. In Asia, Afghanistan, Arabia, the Malay States of Johore and Trengganu, the Laccadive and Maldive Islands, the State of the Alaouites and Transjordan. In Oceania, the Tonga or Friendly Islands. Up to the present time, there have been but two withdrawals: The British Colony of Nigeria and the State of the Alaouites. We notice that a question that is booked for consideration in the future is that of the universal postage stamp.



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OUR BOOK REVIEW

By C. A. Howes, Editor.

We have received from the publishers a most sumptuous volume on "The Postal Issues of Hejaz, Jeddah and Nejd," by D. F. Warin, who had previously published a small pamphlet upon the earlier issues. The present work, however, is most exhaustive in every detail, and while every collector is not interested as a specialist in these issues, yet every one who has a good philatelic library will want this book for its own sake to occupy an honored place upon his shelves.

We cannot do better than quote from the publishers' announcement as follows: "The trend of historical affairs in the Near East, and in the Hejaz in particular, during the past decade has been, as is usually the case, reflected philatelically by many special issues of stamps. Extraordinary interest has been manifested in these emissions in practically all European countries, and in America, for collectors at once recognized a comparatively self-contained group and one where it was possible to 'begin at the beginning' so to speak. In these days of multiplicity of issues—and consequently enforced specialism—it is a relief for the collector to discover a group of countries wherein a certain range of completeness is possible. The quaintly picturesque designs, coupled with their attractive coloring, and their almost unique historical and geographical interest, are responsible to a great extent for their extensive popularity."

The volume comprises 130 pages of

letter press, replete with 38 half-tone illustrations and 152 drawings showing the stamps, enlargements and details of varieties. There are two key plates lithographed in nine colors with enlarged reproductions of the central panels of the 1916-17 issue of Hejaz, so that students may recognize the Arabic characters which spell the values. Another loose plate reproduces the sheet of surcharges upon the Hejaz-Jeddah provisionals of 1925. In addition there is a fine large map of Arabia with adjacent Palestine, Syria and Mesopotamia. The first chapter gives an interesting geographical and historical résumé, after which the various issues are taken up in detail in a most exhaustive study. The work is beautifully printed on the finest art paper and the edition is limited to 350 copies, so early application would seem to be desirable for those who may want the work. The price is twenty-one shillings, post free, from the publisher, D. Field, 7 Vigo St., Regent St., London, W. 1.

An auction catalogue of imposing proportions has reached us from E. Luder-Edelman & Co. of Zurich, Switzerland, for a sale dated November 3d to 12th, 1927. Over these nine days of auctions there are spread a total of 6,660 lots, the first four days comprising old German States, principally a wonderful lot of Braden, unused, used, on cover, on piece and with practically all varieties of postmarks, including the numbered town cancellations. The Empire and former German Colonies follow.

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Mr. Charles J. Phillips has sent for review a copy of his new specialized Priced Catalogue of Confederate States General Issues. This catalogue is modeled upon the United States Specialized Catalogue issued by the Scott Co. and is therefore very complete in its listing of varieties, cancellations, pairs, strips, blocks, on cover, etc. Considering what has been done for the United States issues by the Specialized Catalogue, we agree with Mr. Phillips that it must be "for some incomprehensible reason that all the publishers neglect the famous issues, produced under such great difficulties, during the Civil War."

Mr. Phillips has certainly made a notable contribution to overcome this lack and the brochure will be found a companion to the United States Specialized Catalogue by all those who enjoy collecting the general issues of the Confederacy in the same way. There are thirty-one pages of text and each has a blank page opposite for memoranda. The lists are preceded by a table of important historical dates in connection with the secession and the war.

As Mr. Phillips has purchased many stocks and collections of these stamps, including the famous Curtis and Ackerman collections (the latter having incorporated the great collection of H. E. Deats), he not only has the material for writing up a catalogue of this kind, but his great experience and fine judgment give him a solid basis for the prices he has attached to the items, and he has the stock for those interested. The price of the catalogue is \$1.00, post free, from Charles J. Phillips, 10 West 86th St., New York City.



Stamp News for the Juniors

This page is primarily for you, the Junior collector. We are interested in what interests you and we want you to take possession of it, in any way it can serve you. We also invite the Senior collector to extend words of advice, encouragement and stimulation and thus develop in the Junior a real passion for Philately. Bear in mind that two short articles of from 50 to 75 words read better than one long one. Address the Beverly office.



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In 1903, it was heralded that Prussia was to issue a set of official stamps. This was rather startling news, as the kingdom of Prussia had been philatelicly defunct since its stamps were superseded by the issues of the North German Confederation on January 1, 1868. It seems that the German Empire is divided into thirty administrative sections, each one of which pays a lump sum per year to the Imperial Postal Department for the cost of carrying its official correspondence, under a frank. The Kingdom of Prussia constitutes one of these sections and previous to 1903 paid some 8,000,000 marks for its yearly indemnity. But the Imperial Post thought this sum too small, and to settle any doubts the following expedient was resorted to:—

A series of eight stamps was printed, corresponding in denominations and colors to the regular German stamps up to 50 pfennig, excepting the 30 pfennig. These stamps were called "Zählmarken," that is "number stamps" or "accounting stamps." They were supplied to officials of the army, church, etc., authorized to frank official correspondence, in the amount necessary to pay the postage had it been ordinary mail matter. But during their period of use, from Jan 1, 1903, to Jan. 1, 1904, they really represented no payment of postage, as they were furnished free to all officials concerned; but at the end of the year the total amount of the accounting stamps used during that period would represent the actual amount of postage due the Imperial Post by the Kingdom of Prussia.

Brain Teasers

By A. C. LeDuc, Red Lion, Pa.

(The answers to the following questions will be found scattered through the columns of this week's paper. Do your best to solve them before consulting the answers. We shall be very glad to print the names of the Juniors who can pass this examination 100% strong. This feature will be continued by Mr. LeDuc.)

1. What second-hand article increases in value from year to year?
2. Name the person whose picture appears on the current 17c U. S.
3. When did the U. S. first issue postage stamps for general use?
4. What country was the first one to issue postage stamps?
5. What stamps appeal most to the younger collectors?
6. Stamps for Cuba have been issued under what governments?
7. To what country do the stamps belong that are surcharged "Posta Ceskoslovenska 1919"?
8. What is the meaning of the surcharge "Armenwet" on certain stamps of the Netherlands?
9. Certain stamps have only "Vom Empfänger Einzuziehen" on them. To what country are they assigned?
10. What is meant by the term "Sydney Views"?

Estados Unidos Do Brasil

This inscription means "United States of Brazil" and it may be found upon



some of the stamps of that country. Similar inscriptions appear on several of the stamps of Colombia, etc.

French Sinking Fund Stamps

We have received from J. L. Riedel information concerning a new set of stamps issued October 1, by France. The three values used are the current 40c, 50c and 1.50fr and they are surcharged respectively 10, 25 and 50c. The surtax is to be used for the cancelling of the national debt and will go into the "French Sinking Fund." The stamps will be available for the payment of postage both local and foreign until Sept. 30, 1928.

Embossing

One of the processes occasionally employed in the manufacture of postage stamps, Embossed stamps are, of course, those in which the whole or some portion of the design is in relief. Stamps are embossed in exactly the same way as letter-heads, seals, etc., and the embossing may be perfectly plain on tinted paper, as in the case of the first stamps for Natal, or, as is more general, the raised portions are in white and the balance of the design in color. In this process two plates are necessary; one, on which the paper rests, forces the parts that are in relief upwards, and the other assists this and at the same time applies the printing ink. The first 6d, 10d and 1s stamps of Great Britain were embossed and these were struck one at a time, but later and improved methods made it possible to emboss all the stamps in a sheet at one operation. The envelope stamps of the United States form excellent examples of embossing as applied to stamp manufacture.

Junior Dictionary

Portugal Continente.—Found on many Portuguese stamps, and meaning "Portugal-Mainland." This is meant to emphasize the fact that though Madeira and the Azores are integral parts of the republic, they have their own separate series of postage stamps.

Portuguese East Africa.—A dependency of Portugal situated east of Rhodesia, and consisting since 1891 of the three provinces of Mozambique, Zambesia and Lourenço Marques, each of which has a separate postal administration. The territory as a whole is now known as the "State of East Africa."

Portuguese Guinea.—A colony of Portugal on the west coast of Africa, south of the British possession of Gambia. Postage Stamps were first issued in 1881.

Portuguese India.—The general name by which the various Portuguese settlements in India are known. The chief of these are Goa, Diu, and Daman. All the Portuguese settlements in India are under one administration and the same stamps are used in all. These were first issued in 1871.

Poschta.—Russian for "post."

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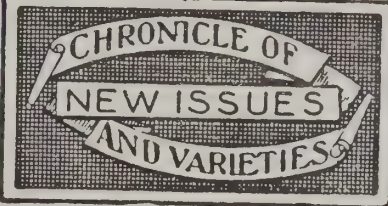
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United States

1851, 3c Oddities
Dr. Carroll Chase has shown me a
most unusual cover, namely—one with
two strips of four and a vertical pair of
the 3c—1851, orange-brown, on one
cover. The two strips look on first
glance to be a strip of eight, and Dr.
Chase writes that they belong together.
This shows sheet margins at the top and
to the left of one of the strips. The pair
has a margin at the bottom. This un-
usual cover shows a red town postmark
of Clairsville, Ohio, and the stamps are
tied by means of red grids. A second
cover which Dr. Chase submits shows a
strip of four and pair from plate six in
the normal shade, tied to the cover with
an olive-green Summerville, Ga., post-
mark.

1898, 2c Rose-Carmine
My numerous remarks relative to this
scarce shade, has resulted in further cop-
ies being submitted for inspection. Mr.

George W. Bye, who has saved a num-
ber of covers used in the late ninety's,
submits three showing this unusual shade.
One is postmarked—Carbondale, Pa.,
April 12, 1899. A second shows the
postmark of—Flint, Mich., June 1, 1899,
while a third cover with the rose-car-
mine variety, is postmarked—Marysville,
Mont., June 5th, of the same year. All
of these stamps, as well as the one re-
cently submitted by Dr. Carroll Chase
showing a dated postmark, were used in
the Spring of 1899, at which time this
shade was undoubtedly placed on sale.

Air Mail Notes

Mr. Charles E. Jandru, Jr., submits
for inspection an air mail cover posted
at Claremont, N. H., bearing the normal
postmark of that town, dated October 11,
6.30 P. M. In addition, we find a large
concentric circular postmark in magenta,
reading—"First Aviation Meet, Clare-
mont, N. H., Oct. 6-7-8, 1927."

Mr. Jandru writes that a special
flight was made from this town to Bos-
ton, which connected with the outbound
plane to New York on October 11th.

Owing to the inclement weather, the
Meet was held over, which accounts for
the discrepancy in the dates. The Post
Office, however, used the special cancel-
lation previously prepared. It is said
that about one hundred and fifty covers
were carried.

Under date of October 18th, the Post-
master General announced that on No-
vember 19th, bids will be opened at the
Post Office Department for the operation
of a contract air mail route from At-
lanta, Georgia, via Jacksonville to Miami,
Florida, and return. Provisions will also
be made to supply Tampa. It was my

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| Hong Kong, \$1, script..... | | .50 | .22 |
| \$2, script..... | | 1.25 | .60 |
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impression that an air mail route between these cities had previously been established, but evidently that was discontinued for some reason.

Under date of October 20th, announcement was made by the Information Service of the Post Office Department as follows:—

"Second Assistant Postmaster General W. Irving Glover will leave for Chicago tonight where, on October 22 and 23, he will confer with air mail contractors in order to determine what changes in the rate on parcel post packages now carried by air mail are necessary. Eugene R. White, Superintendent of Foreign Mails, and Earl B. Wadsworth, Superintendent of the Contract Air Mail Service will also be present at this meeting.

The present rate on parcel post packages carried by air mail is ten cents per half ounce, the same as first class mail matter. It is not the intention of the Post Office Department to fix any rate of postage on this class of mail, which will conflict with the express of the private contractors.

Whatever arrangement is agreed to at the Chicago meeting will be submitted to Congress for approval by the Post Office Department.

From Chicago, Mr. Glover will go to Helena and Butte, Mont., and address flying clubs in those cities on the feasibility of establishing an air mail route from Great Falls, Montana, to Salt Lake, Utah, via Helena, and Butte, Montana, Idaho Falls, and Pocatella, Idaho."

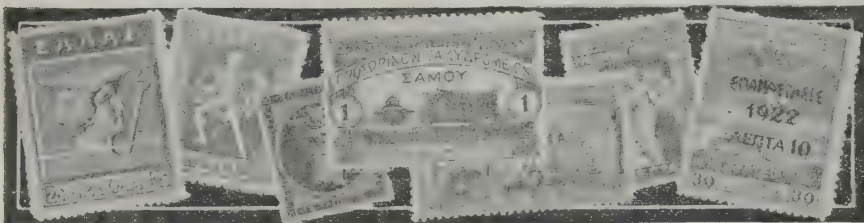
A communication has just been received from the Traffic Agent of the Air Mail Service at Chicago.

He calls attention to the fact that arrangements are progressing, which will result, in the near future, with Madison, Wis., becoming a point of exchange on the air mail route which operates between Chicago and St. Paul. The date of the first flight from that point has not been definitely decided, but it may be necessary that it become effective upon short notice. Under the circumstances, it is suggested that those wanting first flight covers should dispatch them at once.

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Czechoslovakia.—The K. Lissiuik Philately Co. report that they have had come to hand the 4k sepia, design as A18, perf. 14, watermarked Linden Leaves.

Dominican Republic.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us two values of stamps of new design bearing the inscription "Recuerdo La Exposicion Nacional E Interantillana De Santiago R.D. 1927." They are the 2c red and 5c blue.

Egypt.—Mr. R. Roberts submits for chronicle the 1m orange, in the new King Fuad design.

French Indo China.—Whitfield King & Co. submit copies of four new designs of stamps recently placed on sale in this colony and advise that the following values in each type have been received: 1/10c olive, 1/5c orange-yellow, 2/5c blue, 4/5c brown, 1c orange-red, 2c green, 3c slate-blue, 4c magenta and 5c lilac, all in one type; 6c red, 7c brown, 8c green, 9c purple, 10c turquoise, 11c orange and 12c blue-green, in another design and the following in oblong format, 15c carmine and brown, 20c mauve and slate, both showing a large building in the centre with "R" and "F" in opposite upper corners; 25c brown and magenta and 30c blue and sepia, both as the 25c design; 40c red and blue, 50c yellow-green and slate, both as the 40c design

and \$1 blue-black and yellow, and \$2 red blue and orange, in the same type as \$1.

Germany.—J. L. Riedel informs that an entire new set of officials was soon be issued consisting of eight values, 3, 5, 8, 10, 15, 20, 30 and 40pf.

Great Britain, Offices in China.—Mr. R. Roberts advises of the appearance of the 50c emerald green all through, scri watermark.

Italy.—Whitfield King & Co. report the 60c grey airport stamp with the surcharge "Cent 50" in black. Three narrow parallel lines obliterate the former value.

Russia.—Two more values are at hand from Whitfield King & Co. in the series to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the October Revolution. They are the 5k sepia and 18k blue, both in oblong format, the former value picturing a battle scene, while the 18k shows the likeness of six native citizens.

South West Africa.—Mr. R. Roberts advise of the appearance of a new definite surcharge on the Union of South Africa pictorials. The overprint "S.W.A." in black and the following values have been thus treated: 1/2p, 1p, 2p, 3p, 6p, 1sh, 2sh6p, 5sh and 10sh. I referring to the above Mr. J. Robertson editor of the *South African Philatelist* writes: "Why the authorities have applied the overprint over the words POSTAGE and POSSESS I do not know. I think that it should have been applied at the top of the stamps, thus obliterating the words SOUTH AFRICA and SUIDAFRIKA."

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A New Postmaster Provisional?

Dr. Chase sends a photograph of a supposed Postmaster Provisional, showing in the upper right corner a circular postmark in black reading, "Woodstock Ct., Paid 3 cts." To the left is a circular postmark without the outer ring reading, "Woodstock Ct., 10 July." At the end of the cover there is a manuscript notation reading, "July 10, 1851." In writing about this, Dr. Chase states,—

"There has recently come into my possession the cover here illustrated. It was mailed from Woodstock, Connecticut, July 10, 1851, to Quinebaug, Connecticut, some five or six miles distant—both towns being in the extreme northern part of the state. The year is made certain by the addressee's notation on the left end. Both postmarks are in black, the one at the left without an outer ring being the postmark ordinarily in use about this period. The one at the right enclosed in a circle has no date, but instead 'PAID' and '3 Cts.' Of the utmost importance is the fact that this last mentioned postmark is clearly visible on the back of the envelope. The other postmark, equally heavily struck, cannot be seen from the back; the inference being that the postmark at the right was applied while the envelope was empty and the other after the letter had been enclosed.

It is a well known fact that for a period of a few weeks after the 1851 issued appeared on July 1st, of that year, the supply of stamps was entirely inadequate to meet the rather unexpected demand. For example, then current newspapers state that early in July, 1851, not more than one sheet of 100 stamps would be sold to an applicant at the New York City post office. It is, therefore, extremely probable, if not absolutely certain, that many of the small post offices were not supplied with stamps for the first few weeks after the issue made its appearance.

It seems reasonable with these facts in mind to conclude that the postmaster at Woodstock, Connecticut (then as now, a tiny town), had no 3c stamps and that to indicate prepayment he either sold envelopes handstamped by himself with the postmark shown in the upper right corner of the illustrated cover, or else that, upon request and the payment of the postage, he would handstamp empty envelopes in this manner for his customers.

I have been collecting and noting un-

usual items such as this for nearly twenty years and with the exception of the Tuscumbia, Alabama, envelope which is listed in Scott's Catalogue under the number 27a, this is the only cover of the kind from any town which I have seen.

Many of the Confederate Provisional envelopes now listed in Scott's Catalogue were made in exactly this same way until the regular issue of Confederate stamps was available. The only difference between this and the Tuscumbia envelopes as compared with the Confederates, is the extreme rarity of the former.

Can anyone show a similar cover? It is hardly necessary to mention the fact that the ordinarily stampless covers which were used during the first few years of the life of the 1851 issue are common and not at all like this envelope, because in this case the two postmarks were obviously applied at different times.

Mr. Luff has very kindly examined the cover and is favorably impressed by it. Should it be listed in Scott's Catalogue as No. 27b, and placed after the Tuscumbia, Alabama envelope? Undoubtedly there is considerable to be said on both sides. Expressions of opinion will be welcome. Whether or not it is deemed wise to list this envelope, it appeals to me as being of the greatest interest and rarity."

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Under date of October 27th, the Postmaster General announced that bids would be opened on December 28th for the operation of an air mail route between Salt Lake City, Utah, and Great Falls, Mont., via Pocatello, Idaho, Butte and Helena, Montana. The distance between the extreme terminals is 476 miles, and all of the flying will be done during the day. Planes leaving Salt Lake City at 10.10 A. M. (Mountain Time) are supposed to reach Great Falls at 3.35 P. M. Planes leaving Great Falls at 9.50 A. M. will reach Salt Lake City at 2.50 P. M.

Under date of October 28th the Second Assistant Postmaster General revised a previous notice appearing in the Postal Bulletin, and the new notice reads as follows:

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Covers carried to Europe on the Chamberlin-Levine trip have been returned, so we are told, by Levine to this country. It is stated that he has given most of the covers away, and I cannot learn whether those who ordered them are necessarily going to get them. As yet, I have seen none of these, hence I am unable to describe them.

THE PARIS STAMP AGENCY

By J. B. BOGUE.

Under "News Items" page 539 of your Oct. 3 issue, I note a query concerning the obtaining of French Colonials from Paris. Having just received a letter from Paris bearing on this subject, I am glad to pass the information along. The following is the extract from the letter received:

"Your letter came to the Agence Comptable des timbres poste coloniales, 36 Rue Vaneau where alone Colonial stamps are sold. The regulations there do not allow the sending abroad of the Colonial stamps."

The letter is dated Oct. 6, 1927, and signed by L. Nathan Caben (sous chef du Service Administratif au Ministère des Colonies). From this letter I would conclude it would be useless for anyone in the U. S. to order French Colonies stamps from the Paris Agency.

Incidentally Mr. Caben is a stamp collector, and a very courteous official indeed. I ordered some American Legion stamps from the Agency at 36 Rue Vaneau in error, and Mr. Caben very kindly bought them for me and mailed them to me personally.

OUR BOOK REVIEW

By C. A. HOWES, Editor.

We are in receipt from the author of a neat little volume entitled "A Short History of the Falkland Islands and Its Stamps," by D. O. Sloan and F. C. A. Goodman, F.R.P.S.L. These beautiful and popular stamps of the lonely British Colony in the South Atlantic have not been extensively written up in the past, but they have not been neglected; and the present work comprises not only a summary of previously published information as to the stamp issues, but also includes what amounts to a concise Gazetteer of the Islands, which proves very interesting for those who like to know more or less about the countries themselves as well as the stamp issues they are responsible for. This occupies about half the volume and includes a description of the famous Falkland Islands' naval battle in December, 1914, when Admiral Sturdee destroyed the German fleet of Admiral Von Spee that had previously annihilated a British fleet off Chile.

Quite a little interesting information is given about the early postal franks that were used before stamps made their appearance and which have been more or less listed in various catalogues as if they were actually stamps. The book says of them, however:—"Although these franks are not stamps—some philatelists treat them only as postmarks—they form undoubtedly to the specialist an important link in the philatelic chain of the early Victorian issues, and must therefore be included in his collection." Then follow descriptions and statistics of the Victorian issues from 1878 to 1904, in which we learn that they were all manufactured by Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., and were not the product of Messrs. De La Rue & Co., beginning with the watermarked stamps of 1884, as has generally been supposed. The latter firm had nothing to do with the stamps of the Islands until the new King Edward issue of 1904 and the King George stamps that followed in 1912.

An effort was made to find out why some of the stamps of the Victorian and one of the Edwardian issues were printed with the watermark sideways, but no official reasons are given and the statement of the authors that "it was simply done for convenience of printing at the time" leaves the question still in the air about as before.

The postmarks used by the Islands and also those of the dependencies where their stamps are employed (South Georgia, South Shetlands, etc.), are described, and the book closes with comparative tables, in both "mint" and "used" sections, of the prices according to Gibbons Catalogue from its 1906-7 edition to date, a most useful compilation for those interested in these stamps and one which will prove even more so as time goes on.

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THERE is a letter at this office for G. B. McBean. We shall be obliged if someone will send us Mr. McBean's address, that the letter may be forwarded.

WE have received a copy of the Mack Avenue (Detroit, Mich.) *Enterprise*. It contains an article by Herman W. Boers seeking to interest collectors of that vicinity in the Wayne Stamp Society. Mr. Boers is one of the most public-spirited philatelists we know and is all the time boosting things philatelic. It would be a good thing for our hobby if every community had a booster like Boers.

OUR old friend Robert E. Sharp, 114 Garnett St., Atlanta, Ga., would like to receive gifts of stamps to be used in his work amongst juniors and shut-ins. We are well acquainted with Uncle Bob, as he is familiarly called, and any donations will be properly distributed.

WE regret to announce that Rev. E. A. Butler has recently been quite ill and unable to attend to business as usual. This news item will account for any delay in filling orders. Mr. Butler has just issued a catalog of Newfoundland stamps. No price is given, and it will no doubt be supplied on request.

"I have a cover from Bolivia that might be of interest—can fully vouch for it. It has a single No. 121, and a diagonal half of No. 121, both tied by one cancellation, 4 Sep. 1923. Name of P. O. not clear, but I believe it is LaPaz. This is just at the time when rates

were changed, and the surcharges Nos. 138 to 143 follow; and No. 145 appeared in 1925."—ARTHUR BRUCE MOSS.

A. H. GUSTAFSON, 766 East St., New Britain, Conn., would like to know the present address of E. J. Neidlinger, formerly 237 E. Pine Rd., Atlanta, Ga.

LANDSDOWNE (PA.) EXHIBITION

By C. W. BRAZER.

The Landsdowne (Pa.) Stamp Club is to hold its second annual exhibition on the first and second floors of the Landsdowne National Bank on Friday and Saturday, November 18 and 19. The exhibition will be divided in the following classes:—

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WHY BILL SAVES STAMPS

Sometimes I come home feeling blue, and ornery, and cross, and glum, from thinking of the bills come due, and business being on the bum. If I was like some ginks I know, I'd beat my wife and tear my hair, and round the house I'd loudly blow, and growl and snarl like Old Man Bear. But such procedure is for scamps who haven't learned a better way, for I get out my postage stamps to chase the troubles of the day.

I light my pipe, and go to work, among my friends from lands afar, and soon am dreaming of the Turk, or temple bells of Zanzibar. This Iceland speaks of midnight sun, this Panama of the canal, and as I sort them one by one, in every one I find a pal. I soon forget the bills to pay, and that the world is full of bunk, as with my postage stamps I play, the stamps that some folks think are junk.

Some nights I go to Argentine, or through Bulgaria I roam, and when enough I think I've seen, I simply quit—and I am home! I've met strange folks, and princes, too, and kings, and queens, and heroes brave, and animals to fill a zoo, among the postage stamps I save. I've journeyed down the river Nile, and penetrated far-off nooks, and yet I've stayed home all the while, and pasted postage stamps in books.

I might play cards or Kelly pool, or sit around and chew the fat, but with my stamps I'd rather fool, right in the back room of my flat.

BILL BLOSS.

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| 50c green | 56 | .. | .50 | 1890, *2c orange red | 143 | .. | .04 |
| 1p vermilion | 58 | .. | .25 | *5c blue | 144 | .. | .03 |
| 1870, 5p green | 64 | .. | 1.00 | *10c brown | 145 | .. | .05 |
| 10p vermilion | 65 | .. | 1.00 | *20c violet | 146 | .. | .12 |
| 1876, 10p rose | 77 | .. | 1.50 | *2c red | 149 | .. | .45 |
| 10p rose | 79 | .. | 1.00 | *2c green | 150 | .. | .02 |
| 1883, 20c violet | 120 | .. | .20 | *10c brown | 152 | .. | .03 |
| 1886, *10c orange | 132 | .. | .35 | *1p blue | 155 | .. | .06 |
| 1887, *2c orange red | 133 | .. | .05 | *5p red | 156 | .. | .18 |
| *20c purple | 134 | .. | .15 | 1895, *5c orange brown | 158 | .. | .03 |
| 1888, *50c red brown | 135 | .. | .12 | 1897, *20c yellow brown | 160 | .. | .12 |
| *1p claret | 136 | .. | .50 | 20c brown buff | 160b | 1.50 | |
| *1p claret | 137 | 1.25 | .. | 1899, *50c red violet | 161a | .. | .35 |
| *5p orange brown | 138 | 1.25 | .. | 10c brown | 164 | .. | .10 |
| *5p black | 139 | .50 | .50 | *50c blue | 166 | .. | .05 |
| *10p rose | 140 | 1.00 | .. | 1870, *5c black | 163 | .. | .50 |
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Another page of philatelic history has
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Stamp and Curio Club of Boston. On
the evening of Wednesday, October 26,
there assembled 80 members and friends,
to observe the 15th anniversary, at the
Boston City Club, and also to honor the
founders.

The guests of honor were, Roland M.
Baker, Postmaster of Boston, and Rep.
Willard O. Wylie, managing editor of
MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS.

After a sumptuous dinner, our toast-
master and vice-president of the club,
Albert A. Marcher, opened the program
by introducing Henry Schumacher, mem-
ber No. 1, at whose home the club was
organized, and who was its first presi-
dent. He spoke briefly of the early days
of formation. The minutes of the first
two meetings were read by Dr. F. C.
Thompson, the original Secretary-Treas-
urer. These meetings founded the club
on Oct. 24, 1912, with seven members,
who met at each other's homes twice each
month, until an increased membership
made it necessary to have a larger meet-
ing room.

Mr. Schumacher then introduced the
founders of the club who were present,
Fernald Hutchins, Jerome A. Gallant,
Dr. E. C. Thompson, and Col. J. R.
Smith.

As a mark of appreciation for his ac-
tivities in making the Suburban known as
the premier stamp collector's club, a
gift of a bronze elephant cigar lighter
and ash tray was made by Mr. Schu-
macher, to Frederick O. Ohlund, Presi-
dent. The gift was contained in 15
wrappers, one for each year of the club's
existence, and each had a typewritten
note to be read before proceeding with
the next one. The 15th wrapper con-
tained the gift. These notes were full
of wit and made a lot of fun.

The President responded with remarks
on what the club is and why it is so suc-
cessful, with a membership of over 200,
and applications submitted at every meet-
ing. He also recalled to those present
that the aims and objects laid down by
the founders for their guidance had
served so well that there had been but
slight change or addition thereto in all
these years.

A philatelic gathering is not complete
without some well known philatelic per-

sonages. These were well represented
by the guests of the evening. Roland
M. Baker, Postmaster of Boston, ex-
pressed his interest in the Club, and
called attention to the activities of the
Philatelic Agency at Washington.

Willard O. Wylie, State Representa-
tive and Managing Editor of MEKEEL'S
WEEKLY STAMP NEWS, is a much sought
individual at stampic gatherings. His
topic covered a clever dissertation on the
four "F's" of stamp collecting:—Friend-
ship, Fun, Finds and Financial profit.

A souvenir was given each individual,
being a large button printed for the oc-
casion with a bell attached to a blue
ribbon, with "I was there with bells on"
in gold letters.

The entertainment was under the di-
rection of "our own Sam," S. Wilson
Bailey, who is a performer of note in
magic and wizardry. The talent was of
good quality, keeping the members quite
enthused thruout the evening: Sadie
Campbell, Scotch Lassie act; Ginger
Gordon, Cabaret; Mary Rumrill, Pianist;
Charlotte McCabe, Shoe Dancing; Ray
Hillier, Magic; Andrew Vichoci, Piano
Accordion; Arlene Shrower, Contralto
Soloist. The program was in charge of
Mr. Schumacher and C. A. Davis, the
chairman of the club Entertainment
Committee. This Committee provides
entertainment and exhibitions for the
monthly meetings.

The following clubs were represented:
Boston Philatelic Society, Lynn Phila-
telic Society, Metropolitan Stamp Club,
Worcester Coin Club. The Club meets
at the Quincy House on the 1st and 3rd
Thursdays, and have three parlors.

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The Brooklyn "Daily Eagle" of October 30, 1927, carries a somewhat sensational article telling of a campaign that has been instituted by the postal inspectors against the stamp "fences" that handle unused stamps that are the proceeds of most of post office robberies by criminals throughout the country. It is said that the government lost about \$700,000 in the last eighteen months through the burglary of offices and that nearly all of this booty has been sold to fences by the thieves at cut-rate prices. Indications have not been lacking that the authorities are in earnest in curtailing this loss and it behooves stamp dealers to act with circumspection in buying lots of unused stamps from unauthorized holders. The department encourages the use of metered, bulk and precanceled mail as safeguards and in view of the drain by theft of unused stamps, the policy is for postmasters to keep only a moderate stock of stamps on hand.



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Miss Swift certainly was the first person to pierce the anonymity of the publisher of *Stampic America*, 1899-1900; and Lord Crawford in his catalogue, names Albert M. Platt, as aforesaid, as having credit for thirteen numbers of the extraordinary production, the earlier numbers of which were partly in manuscript and partly printed by some duplicating process. Only two copies of

Nos. 1 and 2 were made and one of each came to us. There have been other examples of this personal journalism, but none had the distinction carried by *Stampic America*.

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Dr. J. A. Rankin writes that he read some time ago that "one reason for the scarcity" of the Pilgrim Tercentenary issue of 1920 is that the stamps were recalled because the name of the issuing country and "Postage" did not appear in the designs. We suppose that this statement was made in the outside press as the philatelic journals reported at the time that the post office department denied that there was any reason to retire the stamps. The WEEKLY file shows that in January 25, 1921, the acting Third Assistant Postmaster General wrote us: "There is no necessity for the name as the stamps are fully identified and authenticated to the postal service in a notice of which a copy is enclosed. Any additional lettering would have overcrowded designs which required all of the space assigned to them." At the time, however, we gathered from a Washington correspondent that there was some surprise expressed in post office circles that the omission of "postage" was not considered as a serious lapse by those directly responsible for the stamps.

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The Havana "Evening Telegram" of October 19, 1927, contains an account of the arrival of the first plane carrying mail from Key West to Havana. That collectors took advantage of the opportunity to add to their store of first flights is indicated in the following paragraph: "The plane carried thousands of letters, many of them sent by souvenir stamp collectors and addressed to the American consulate and the postal officials here with the request that they return them to the senders. At the Havana post office special airplane mail has been piling up mountain high awaiting the coming of the plane from Key West to carry them across the channel on their northward journey." Special cancellations were used at Key West and at Havana, but we did not find any of the new Cuban airmail on the first day's mail from the Cuban capital. For the *Telegram* and also, *El Mundo*, we are indebted to our faithful correspondent, Mr. Ash, who writes: "As I started this note, I was stopped by the arrival of a plane-US1054 landed in the bay in front of our offices. I understand she is for the Santiago-Santo Domingo postal route." The Havana newspapers are giving liberal and intelligent treatment of what may be called the stamp developments of the island, showing that they recognize the drift of the times.



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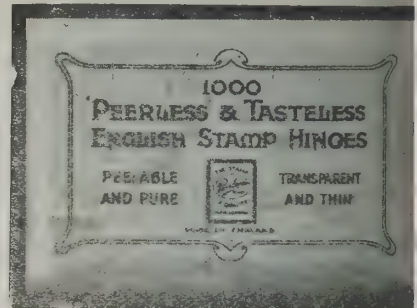
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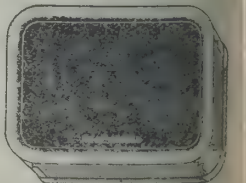


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Junior Gossip

—Robert G. Richart, Fort Riley, Kans., is thirteen years old and the son of an army officer. He would like to correspond with other stamp collectors, and we are very glad to start Robert in the right direction. He thinks there is no paper like MEKEEL'S.

—Many entries have already been received in the contest based upon our issue of October 10. Other contests will be inaugurated from time to time.

—We regret to say that one entry in our recent pictorial rebus went astray. It was sent in by Dellard Surbrugg. He informs us that nine correct answers were sent in, and we feel compelled to give him this belated credit. The letter must have miscarried.

—A cartoon is going the rounds of the press, picturing a boy looking with despair upon a letter from which the Egypt stamp has been removed. Interest in the cartoon, however, centers mostly in the fact that a superb cancellation is shown on the spot where the stamp came from. Many thanks, Mr. Faser.

—Our Oct. 10 issue hunt had the decimal point in the wrong place on Number 10, "\$1000, No. 4288, \$1.00." It should have read as given here not \$100. for use on official correspondence.

School Spirit

By BUD MEKEEL.

(Bud is editor of the magazine "On Bounds" published at Montclair (N. J.) Academy. He is the son of Isaac A. Mekeel, former owner of the WEEKLY, and our Juniors will be interested in this editorial written by him.—W. O. W.)

It is a hard thing to define, but a thing practiced almost unconsciously. It might be said to be, "Love and loyalty for one's school."

Why shouldn't we love the place in which we have created friendships with the faculty and our schoolmates? Why shouldn't we be loyal to the school in which we were prepared to be men? Does one wonder that we feel a personal interest and pride in an organization that some of us have been members of for a decade or more. No wonder we love it. No wonder we are loyal to it. Some of the newer fellows can not understand how we can feel this way about a thing that is only synonymous with the words, "Books," "assignments," "bad marks," "work," etc., but they become of the "Old Guard" in a few years.

I did not realize what an outstanding thing "Montclair Spirit" is till a few years ago; a close friend of mine had gone away to school from the Academy and when I asked him how he liked it, he said, "They have nice buildings, a good bunch of fellows, and decent faculty, but I miss something that the Academy has. It's the School Spirit."

Though the Spirit comes natural in phases, some have to be reminded of the different forms it takes. One is to be present at all games, giving the team your fullest support. A second is to support your school publications, and a third and lastly do the assignments daily that seem annoying and dry.

Perplexing Surcharges

N. S. B.—Nossi-Be. A number of provisional stamps for this French possession were made in 1890 by surcharging these letters on some of the French stamps of the "Commerce" type.

N. T.—Northern Territory. An overprint found on certain early stamps of South Australia.

O. A.—Official Assignee. An overprint found upon certain of the early stamps of South Australia.

The Best Advt. Oct. 10

By EDW. C. LOVELL.

The best advertisement in the issue of Oct. 10 takes an entire page. It is best not, however, for that reason, but because the ad is attractive in a unique way.

We all collect because it is an interesting game; it appeals to us, and here on this page we follow a delightful, well-planned tour of Europe. Just as if we were to actually board a steamship from the Home of the Postage Stamp and sail for the old country: so does this ad sweep us in its quaintness and soon we are in France, Luxemburg, Belgium, Roumania, and Germany. We travel by auto, aeroplane and ship on the quest of the stamp. All is so clear and interesting because we know of the places afresh. We meet King Albert, Mussolini, the Little King Mihai, and the charming ladies of Latvia. We visit the tomb of Lenin, the wind-swept shore of the Baltic Sea, and linger in the Saar Valley with its quaint old-world buildings and its busy smoking chimneys. We are reluctant to turn homeward, so wonderful has been our trip.

This ad is not a common announcement of a stamp for sale—"Monaco No. 70, 50c myrtle green, for 15c"—it is a work of art. The Home of the Postage Stamp is to be congratulated on its ability to display the lowly postage stamp in such an attractive manner.

JUNIOR STAMP STUDIES

THE TUGHRA

1863, 2pi black



We have here a very interesting design from the stamps of Turkey, and it shows what is called the "tughra." No doubt our juniors would like some information. The *tughra*, which is the peculiar object like a spider or an octopus above the crescent in the illustration, is the device of the reigning sovereign, and hence undergoes a change at each accession to the throne. It is placed on the coins as well as the stamps, and is embroidered in white on a red flag as the royal standard. It consists of the name of the Sultan, the title Khan, and the epithet *El muzaffar daima*, signifying "the ever-victorious," that being the first of the seventy-one titles appertaining to Abdul Hamid, the present incumbent.

The *tughra* has a curious history. When Sultan Murad I entered into a treaty of peace with the Ragusans, he was not sufficiently scholarly to be able to affix his signature to the document, so he wetted his open hand with ink and pressed it on the paper, the first, second and third fingers making smears in fairly close proximity, while the thumb and fourth finger were apart on either side. Within the mark thus made, the Ottoman scribes wrote the name of Murad, his title, and the epithet that bore testimony to his ever-victorious career. The *tughra* remains the symbol of this, the three upright forms being the three fingers of Murad, the rounded line to the left the thumb, and the line to the right the little finger. These leading forms do not vary, but the smaller characters change with the sovereign.

Epirus

This is the name sometimes given to the southwest portion of the Turkish province of Janina (lower Albania) and it is philatelically famed from the fact that a series of stamps were issued here, under the authority of a provisional government, during a rebellion against the Albanian government in 1914. Later other stamps, which have a better stand-



ing, were issued for this district, including a number issued by the Greek authorities during the military occupation and subsequent annexation of Epirus. Thus history has again repeated itself, for in ancient times Epirus was a country of Greece and its original inhabitants were probably identical with those of Greece itself.

Junior Dictionary

Poschta, Pochta, Poshtsha, Poshta.—Variations, and in some cases misspellings of the word "Posta," meaning post or postage.

Posnania.—The native name for Posen, a province in Polish Prussia. In 1919, due to the Polish occupation of this territory, German stamps were surcharged "Poczta Polska" with new values for use there.

Advertising Chat

We have received from M. Ohlman the catalog of his 128th auction sale, to be held Nov. 16-17-18. Mr. Ohlman evidently thinks that this sale is worthy if special mention and we are inclined to agree with him. The sale consists of 1600 lots covering a good line of U. S. and foreign. It is not our practice to review auction catalogs, but we feel that this particular one is especially deserving of mention.

W. H. Avery has taken out a 3-in-1 contract and Elliott Perry one for 3000 lines. Mr. Perry had a striking page advt. last week.

The Scott Stamp & Coin Co., 1 W. 47 St., N. Y. City, sent out under date of October 24 a very complete wholesale pricelist. It has been given a wide circulation and will no doubt be very welcome to the trade.

The Old Colony Stamp Co. has removed to more commodious quarters in Room 306 same address as previously, 333 Washington St., Boston, Mass.

Two retail pricelists are just at hand. One from the Economist Stamp Co. consists of eighty pages. It is devoted entirely to U. S. stamps, colonies and philatelic accessories. The other list is from the Old Colony Stamp Co. and is also given over to U. S. stamps. Copies of these two lists will no doubt be sent upon request of the respective firms.

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| 21 | .37 | 42 |
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| 23 | .20 | 44 |
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| 25 | .02 | 46 |
| 26 | .31 | 47 |
| 27 | .12 | 48 |
| 28 | .43 | 49 |
| 29 | 1.22 | 50 |
| 30 | 1.22 | 51 |
| 31 | .31 | 52 |
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| 7 | 2.45 | 26 |
| 8 | .24 | 27 |
| 9 | .75 | 28 |
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| 3 | .10 | 76 |
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| 5 | 1.92 | 78 |
| 6 | .61 | 79 |
| 7 | .78 | 80 |
| 8 | 1.50 | 81 |
| 9 | 1.14 | 82 |
| 0 | 1.14 | 83 |
| 1 | 2.45 | 84 |
| 2 | 3.88 | 85 |
| 3 | 5.80 | 86 |
| 4 | 6.28 | 87 |
| 5 | 7.76 | 88 |
| 6 | .04 | 89 |
| 7 | .06 | 90 |
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| 2 | .31 | 95 |

| CYPRUS | | |
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| 71 | 4.00 | 99 |
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The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa., who will also be pleased to pass on oddities and varieties of all U.S. stamps from 1900 to date. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 75 Electric Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

Algeria.—Whitfield King & Co. advise that the 2fr postage due stamp has appeared in red-violet, type D1.

Esthonia.—"On November 15th a set of 5 Charity stamps will be issued. The total face value will be 174 Marks, half of which will go to the invalids of the World War."—J. L. RIEDEL.

Germany.—Anton Huber of Munich submits a set of stamps consisting of the 8, 15 and 25pf bearing an overprint of "I.A.A." at the top and at the bottom the figures "10-15.10.1927." This set was issued in connection with the session of the International Work Committee held in Berlin from October 10 to 15. J. L. Riedel also writing us regarding these stamps states that the Berlin meeting was unusual because of the fact that it was the first time the Committee has sat in any other place than Geneva. "I.A.A." are the initials of the German words for

this International Work Committee or International Labor Bureau as it might be called. The stamps were in circulation from Oct. 10 to 31, and 300,000 of each were printed.

Hungary.—Whitfield King & Co. submits for chronicle the following new design air post stamps: 12f green, 16f brown, 20f rose-red, 32f brown-violet, 40f blue, all in oblong format picturing an eagle in flight; 50f claret, 72f grey-olive and 80f violet, in upright oblong shape bearing an eagle with a messenger sitting on its back with his left hand holding a letter and his right holding a trumpet.

Luxemburg.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown us several stamps of the Duchess profile set in changed colors. They are 25c purple-brown, 30c green, 75c olive-brown, 90c rose and 1½frs blue. The same values have been overprinted in the usual manner for official use.

Russia.—Whitfield King & Co. reports three values of a new set of stamps which is to be a permanent one. The values are 1 kop. orange-brown, 2 kop. green and 4 kop. blue. The 1 and 4 kop. are of the same design, picturing the working man while the 2 kop. features a man of learning.

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| 44 | 3.00 | 3.00 | 157 | .24 | .24 | 270 | .13 | .13 |
| 45 | .20 | .20 | 158 | .60 | .60 | 271 | .12 | .12 |
| 46 | .18 | .18 | 159 | .05 | .05 | 272 | .30 | .30 |
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| 48 | .12 | .12 | 161 | .02 | .02 | 274 | .60 | .60 |
| 49 | .35 | .35 | 162 | .01 | .01 | 275 | 1.60 | 1.60 |
| 50 | .05 | .05 | 163 | .04 | .04 | 276 | 2.10 | 2.10 |
| 51 | .06 | .06 | 164 | .15 | .15 | 277 | .25 | .25 |
| 52 | .07 | .07 | 165 | .12 | .12 | 278 | .25 | .25 |
| 53 | .18 | .18 | 166 | .24 | .24 | 279 | .45 | .45 |
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| 58 | .25 | .25 | 171 | .30 | .30 | 284 | .06 | .06 |
| 59 | .62 | .62 | 172 | .30 | .30 | 285 | .09 | .09 |
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| 62 | .45 | .45 | 175 | .05 | .05 | 288 | .30 | .30 |
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| 126 | .75 | .75 | 239 | .06 | .06 | 352 | .30 | .30 |
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| 133 | .10 | .10 | 246 | .13 | .13 | 359 | .30 | .30 |
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| 137 | .02 | .02 | 250 | .01 | .01 | 363 | .30 | .30 |
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| ALGERIA | " 65, 90c, 1.10, 1.50* | .30 | DAHOMY | " 25c used | .25 |
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| CAMEROONS | 1925, #166 to 168* | .38 | FR. CHINA | " 25c black | .08 |
| CAMEROONS | " 1c to 5frs* | 1.30 | FR. CHINA | 1900, 5c green, No. 11a* | .45 |
| CAMEROONS | " 1fr blue & brown* | .25 | FR. CHINA | 1902, 2frs, No. 41 | 1.75 |
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| CAMEROONS | 1926, 1fr blue* | .08 | FR. CHINA | 1907, 20c, 40c, Nos. 62, 63 | .45 |
| CAMEROONS | " 1.25 on 1fr* | .15 | FR. CHINA | " 2pi on 5frs, No. 64 | 1.85 |
| CAMEROONS | 1927, 90c red* | .08 | FR. CHINA | 1911, Nos. 65 to 69* | .55 |
| CAMEROONS | " 10fr or'ge & violet* | .80 | FR. CHINA | " 40c on 1fr, No. 71* | .55 |
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| CHAD | " 10, 30, 50, 75c* | .13 | CANTON | 1918, 4pi on 10fr, No. 81* | 3.90 |
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| CILICIE | #6, 12, 22, 24, 53, 52, 56, 58, each* | .08 | KOUANG | 1923, Nos. 54 to 71* | 1.00 |
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| CILICIE | 5pa ochre, #55* | 1.60 | MONGTZE | 75c, No. 25* | 1.75 |
| CILICIE | 5pa orange, #60* | 1.25 | MONGTZE | 2frs, No. 45* | .70 |
| CILICIE | 50ml #63 | .70 | PACKHOI | 25c, No. 15* | .35 |
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THE Third Assistant Postmaster General, Hon. R. S. Regar, has again manifested his interest in the stamp collector, by arranging for the publication of a booklet dealing with stamps, to be distributed to the public. The booklet is entitled, "A Description of United States Postage Stamps and Postal Cards," issued by the Post Office Department from July 1, 1847, to December 31, 1927.

It will be recalled that the Philatelic Stamp Agency is under the supervision of Mr. Regar, and in handing me a copy of this new booklet, he impressed upon me that it was the desire of the Department to aid the stamp collector in every legitimate way. Much praise is due not only Mr. Regar, but also the former Third Assistant Postmaster General, and present Second Assistant Postmaster General, Hon. W. Irving Glover, as well as Mr. Michael L. Eidsness, Jr., Superintendent of the Division of Stamps. It is through the interested activity of these three officials that the stamp collector is enabled today to secure choice specimens of available stamps without a great amount of trouble.

The new booklet is a fifty-four page pamphlet bound in blue paper, and starting in with the 1847 issue, gives a description of all postage stamps both regular and commemorative from the very first to date. This also includes the Parcel Post, Postage Due, Special Delivery, Department Issues, and the Newspapers. In the last several pages we find a list of all of the postal cards bearing different designs.

The compiler, Mr. P. W. Gibbon, Assistant Superintendent of the Division of Stamps, searched the post office files and other records for the information contained. Where possible, dates of issue are given, together with the name of the artist painting the picture from which the design was taken. In the case of the latter series, we are even given the numbers of the different varieties printed. To adequately review the booklet would take several columns, and under the circumstances it is suggested that each interested reader obtain a copy, free of charge, for his own information. Letters requesting a copy should be addressed to the Third Assistant Postmaster General, % Division of Stamps, Washington, D. C. In the lower left corner of the envelope in which the request is enclosed, place the four letters—"U.S.P.S." Please see that these instructions are followed carefully, and

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wanted. It is personally suggested that dealers interested in the distribution of United States postage stamps should arrange to place copies of this publication in the hands of their clients.

Before closing this review, I cannot help but quote from some of the high points. We are told that United States adhesive postage stamps were first issued under Act of March 3, 1847, and placed on sale in New York, N. Y., July 1st, of the same year.

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| 466 | 5c blue | .50 | .35 | 476 | 20c ultramarine | 2.00 | 1.50 |
| 467 | 6c orange | 1.00 | 1.00 | 477 | 50c violet | 15.00 | 30.00 |
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orative issues, and three memorial stamps have been authorized and placed on sale. The three designated are the 1909—Lincoln, 1923—Harding, and the 1926—Ericsson. They have evidently overlooked the 1866 Lincoln, which was certainly a memorial stamp, and the 1882—5c Garfield. In the latter case the stamp was even submitted to Mrs. Garfield for her approval, and she selected the brown color, in which the stamp is printed, rather than have black.

The booklet further lists the sixteen presidents and nineteen other prominent persons in American History who have been used as subjects for our stamps.

There is one paragraph in the booklet that I cannot account for, and would like to learn as to the official source from which the information was gleaned. This paragraph referring to the 1847 to 1857 issues, reads as follows:—

"These stamps are now obsolete and worthless for postage. A reasonable time, after hostilities began in 1861, was given for the return to the Department of all these stamps in the hands of postmasters, and as early as 1863, the department issued an order declining to longer redeem them, the Confederate States having adopted their use, and so far as they could be reached in the hands of postmasters within the territory of those States, they were confiscated to the use of the Confederate postal authorities."

It has been generally stated in the past that the early stamps were demonetized at the outbreak of the Civil War. Mr. B. K. Miller who looked into the subject quite thoroughly, informed me that he could locate no Act of Congress demonetizing the early stamps, and that he did not believe the Postmaster General had sufficient authority to demonetize what might be classified as an United States security. In other words, how could the Postmaster General demonetize a stamp any more than the Secretary of Treasury could demonetize a five dollar bill.

In the latter part of the paragraph just quoted, it is stated that United States stamps were confiscated to the use of the Confederate Postal authorities. I have never heard of a single instance, for one of the first acts of the Confederate Postmaster General Regan, on entering office, was to send out a four-page circular instructing the postmasters in the seceding states to make a full report to the Federal Government and return all stamps on hand. I have not only seen a copy of this document, but purchased one at a recent sale of old documents, and it is now in the hands of one of our well known collectors.

If this booklet is reprinted, this paragraph certainly should be revised.

THE Managing Editor has received through the Chicago office one of the Havana, Cuba, airmail covers bearing date of Oct. 28. It was sent with the compliments of Joel H. DuBose, Atlanta, Ga. We regret that this acknowledgment was not possible in connection with the regular story of this flight.

The remarks of "Calabar's" correspondent, quoted in the issue of October 10, 1927, on British colonials, in so far as they applied to the prices for new issues have aroused resentment because of the stand taken by the writer of the letter questioning whether 32c a shilling was justified as a retail price. The writer mentioned by "Calabar" asks for the views of readers and dealers on the subject and they have been forthcoming in ample number and the attitude of those who write is distinctly hostile, as a rule, to the attitude of the critic, "Ad Rem". It was said by "Calabar" that the writer's opinion was not necessarily his own and thus he escapes the darts and arrows of those who agree that the correspondent "is entitled to the formality of a hearing, at least."

One of the best presentations of the case against "Ad Rem" comes from an experienced follower of American philately who is well qualified to represent both the collector and dealer; he retorts: "I read with interest the remarks . . . and I am glad to supplement Mr. Krause's statement in rebuttal . . . Without trying to follow the fine-spun theory of questioning the shilling ratio to the pound, I want to say that it is unbelievable that anyone who has had practical knowledge of new issue importation could say that 32c a shilling was an unjustified rate. I think that this price is low rather than the contrary and I would not undertake to furnish new issues at a less price, or for even as much, for that matter. If it were a case of handling an imperishable and standard commodity, this rate would not be out of proportion, but when goods of the 'hazardous' and varying condition as typified by stamps are under consideration, the 32c rate a shilling certainly is confirmed by all fairness. There can be no sustained controversy on the subject and based on experience as well as observation, I say that 32c for the shilling is not too high; instead, it may not be high enough. I wonder if the man who raises the question has ever had the wracking experiences that fall to the lot of the stamp importer; I could name a list of contingencies that are not to be brushed aside as immaterial testimony. Turn the question as you may a solid front in favor of 32c or more a shilling is shown." We agree with the findings; and the subject could be discussed at greater length and in more emphatic tones, but the foregoing is enough to show the general trend of opinion.

STOLEN POSTAGE STAMPS

We have received from Herman Toas-pern a circular which is being sent out by the N. Y. Post Office indicating that an energetic campaign has been inaugurated to wipe out the postage stamp fence—the receiver and dispenser of stolen postage stamps. It seems hardly necessary for us to publish the letter in its entirety, as any dealer in stamps appealing to the public for patronage in

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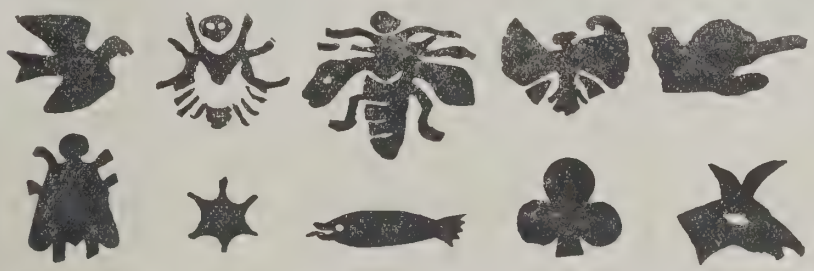
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| 3 | 3c 1868 | Canastota, N. Y. | Black | A. B. Thacher |
| 4 | 3c 1873 | ? | " | H. P. A. |
| 5 | 3c 1861 | West Point, Miss. | " | E. A. Young |
| 6 | 3c 1873 | Freeport, Ill. | Blue | R. J. Tarpy |
| 7 | 3c 1861 | ? | Black | H. P. A. |
| 8 | 3c 1861 | Gloucester, Mass. | " | D. H. Stafford |
| 9 | 3c 1861 | Columbus, Ga. | " | S. C. Rogers |
| 10 | 2c 1883 | ? | " | O. Arco |

Quite a miscellaneous gathering here, and some of unusual form and interest. These two Bees, Nos. 2 and 3 are seldom found in cancellation collections. There are a large number of Bees to be had if one specializes in these insects. No. 1 is a bird in flight apparently, which is rather unusual, and is one of the few blue birds. No. 4 is seldom seen. No. 5 is one of the familiar pointing hands. No. 6 is a blue fly, or bee. No. 7 is often seen, the six points are doubtless some thinner actually than here shown. It is an odd little cancellation, I have seen it on the 24c 1862 stamps also. No. 8 is a fish from Gloucester, where the "boneless cod" comes from. No. 9 is a common three leaf clover—these come from many towns. No. 10 is very unusual, and has the "ear marks" of a donkey, which it was probably intended to represent.

One does not often see as many good cancellations as are listed in the auction of Mr. George B. Sloane. This sale held in New York on Aug. 3rd, contained the cancellations of Dr. Evans, and I am just going to review a few of the odd items which appeal to me.

Cancellations on that 3c 1851 imperforate stamp are sure hard to find, and we see few here as is usual in most sales.

If we omit odd shaped postmarks, we will find that all of our odd obliterations on the 1851 issue make a meagre showing. The obliterations most found in cut cork are of no particular shape or design, and the percentage of colored ink obliterators is small too. We find some crudely cut stars, maybe, a heart, or a diamond, and then we are at a loss how to make this collection look better.

So we save all unusual types of postmarks, of which there is a wider range. We get an elliptical form now and then. In this sale is one listed as from "NEW LONDON, N. H." (Another is from "CORNWALL, CONN." and there are several other towns using this form of pmk.)

So you see if you are after odd cancellations on the 1851 issue, you will have to hunt hard to get these. If you run into a little lot of covers from CANTON, Miss., you are indeed fortunate. Worcester, Mass., offers a few oddities also. Then they come one at a time for the most part. It is well to save a few of the postal markings that generally fall on the cover away from the stamp, such as "MISSENT, PAID, STEAM BOAT in two lines, STEAM, and such printed instruction wordings.

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When we strike the issue of 1861 we find cancellations at about their maximum of interest. This issue lasted for a long time, and is very popular for its cancellations. This sale lists the devil and pitchfork from West Meriden, Conn., indian head and feathers in blue. The soldier's cap, in blue. The Corry, Pa., eagle with a small shield on its breast. Then a blue head and bust of a man with beard, which may be a Union General. On cover is a cancellation described as follows, N. Y. City black cancel wherein without color, can be discerned the figure of a man dancing, with swinging arms, flying coat-tails, etc. This is "new" to me. Barrel in black, Oil City, Pa. Then a lot containing the horse's head in blue, and a boot. The next lot is made up of eight shields, all different. Then a shield from Madrid, N. Y., and a black Phila., Jack o' Lantern. Next lot shows a cut out (white) Masonic cancel from South Wilbraham, Mass.

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Montpelier, Vt.—This is the popular
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a surprise to see Montpelier receive it, as
precancels from there have always been
scarce, in spite of the fact that it is the
capital city. Perhaps precancels will be
used to send out the 1928 automobile
licenses, though metered mail is a more
logical assumption. A second city to ap-
pear this month in this style is Kohler,
Wis. Perhaps your plumber can find a
few of them for you.
Lincoln, Neb.—Still retains the re-
semblance to previous types in its new
plate, which seems to have been produced
locally. This new type will be easy to
tell as the letters are shorter and wider
than heretofore. John L. Parker reports
the following as having been issued with
this overprint: 1/2, 1 1/2, 3, 7, 10 and 11
cents. The 1 1/2 and 3 cents exists with a
double printing.
Seattle, Wash.—Changes the U-10
to a more simpler style, U-8. I have the
current 10 cent.
Portland, Oregon, has received a U-12
plate, but has done very little precanc-
elling with it as yet, as only the current
8 and 10 cents have appeared. This type
can be expected to supersede the U-1.
Its appearance would have been improved
had the state name been spelled out in
full instead of abbreviated "OREG."

Part II—Bureau Prints
The new perforation is proving of in-
terest to specialists and is becoming
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The 7 and 9c will probably be requested
before long.
Hasting, Neb., is a newcomer to the
Bureau class. It has been issued 5,000
sheets of the 1 1/2c ordinary.
Elgin, Ill., receives the 1 1/2c coil, and
Oklahoma City the same.
Los Angeles adds the 4c coil, which
will be a hard item to pick up.

Part III—General
Charleston, W. Va., has been fur-
nished a handstamp of the same style as
New Berlin, N. Y. J. F. Moore sends
a block of four of the Bennington stamp
with this overprint, and states that the
postmaster informs him that the office
will not use this handstamp for general
precancelling, but only to fill in any var-
ieties that run short. The regular pre-
cancelling is done about twice a year
with a U-5 electroplate. Ten sheets of
the Bennington were in stock and these
were all precancelled. The 10c due is
the only other variety which the hand-
stamp has created.
Eaton, N. Y., appears on the 1 1/2c
in a handstamped style similar to the
above.
Nappanee, Ind., likewise is using this
style of handstamp on the current series.
I have the 3 and 4c.
Pottsville, Pa., has the U-1 electro-
plate with which to precancel, but seldom
uses it any more, resorting to hand-
stamping to produce the necessary pre-
cancels. The latest handstamped pro-
ductions are coming in the same type
reported for Nappanee.
Hutchinson, Kans., is another owner
of this cheap looking serif style. I have
seen it on the 1, 1 1/2, 5, 10 and 20c.
Greensboro, N. C., can be secured in
this style also, which has been shown me
on the 11 and 25c.
Stanchfield, Minn.—Marvin A. Cox
shows me a current 8c from this little
town precancelled in small lower case
type between heavy bars. It is hand-
stamped attractively and should prove a
scarce item.
Anaconda, Mont., is precancelling
with a handstamp that closely resembles
the U-10 electro. The work is well done
as the overprints are clearly defined. I
have seen it on most of the current series
and some values of the 1917 set, includ-
ing the 7, 9, 11 and 13c.
Mitchell, S. D., in a new hand-
stamped style of small capitals between
heavy bars is an interesting addition to
the album. Two varieties noted are the
current 50c, reading down, and the 10c
due.

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One of the fascinating sides of collecting modern British Colonials is the investment possibility of these stamps. In this country alone, they are taken by thousands of collectors, investors, speculators and "what not"—and owing to this and a similar worldwide demand they are sound to the core. In recent years, stamp papers both here and abroad have been devoting special columns to these stamps, and in which their investment possibilities are dealt with almost exclusively.

A great many of these "tipsters" are decidedly bad, some are slightly better, few are good—and mighty few are excellent. Good "tips"—in order to be good—must first of all have some actual basis—they must be more than the offspring of a writer's imagination, hope or fancy—really, stamps are often "tipped" because some dealer or speculator happens to have an accumulation to be disposed of. Secondly, "tips" must be given early in order to be good—so the purchaser can "get in" before prices have already entirely discounted the speculative merits of the stamp.

That is one reason why a dealer or semi-professional is not likely to be a desirable market adviser. He would in most cases be defeating his own efforts in getting himself in on "the ground-floor"—were he to broadcast his knowledge immediately. The best adviser is the one who early, and in a disinterested way, can report coming or quite recent changes either in the stamps themselves or in conditions which are likely to affect certain stamps.

It is, for instance, rather late to proclaim the MONTERRAT 5d "the stamp of November"—when it was decided already in April to discontinue this denomination!

This paper has time and again given excellent information—I am referring particularly to notes and articles by such writers as "Calabar", Mr. Huber and others. Their contributions have contained facts from which, if acted upon, readers were bound to reap rich harvests.

We expect and want information that is previously unknown to us. For instance, we all know by this time that current stamps on the Block Watermark are bound to become obsolete sooner or later. In fact, I thought most of us had known that for some years (1)—yet, it is only within the last few weeks that I have seen in a leading stamp paper a 2/6 MCA BERMUDA or ST. KITT'S—or whichever Colony it was—proclaimed as a "shining star"—classified or even taking the lead from stamps of real merit! How come? I challenge anyone to give me the reason why such a 2/6 is better than most of the other 2/6's of the same watermark!

As long as you feel yourself unable to draw your own conclusions, the success of your investments will depend much not only on the kind of advice you take but also on the kind of dealer you use. What you want is a dealer who has the knowledge and the integrity to sell you stamps at fair market prices—regardless of catalogue quotations, believed possibilities, etc., etc.

Many modern Colonials are over-rated in the Standard Catalogues, in many instances grossly so. It is quite common to see dealers advertise such stamps at the usual percentage of catalogue. Why? The answer must be: Lacking knowledge—or lacking integrity. Or when you make the mistake and believe a GRENADA 5d soon to come in the class with a MONTERRAT or VIRGIN IS. 5d, you do not like to realize later that your dealer—knowingly or unknowingly—"capitalized" your lack of knowledge and sold you that stamp at a fancy price!

So many present-day collectors use the standard catalogue unhesitatingly as a guide to the value of each and every stamp, and so many dealers "base" their prices blindly on the catalogue quotations that it cannot be denied that the catalogue is the backbone of the market. However, more experienced collectors realize the importance also of other priced lists. The quotations given in the latter are "live"—they really represent something because there are stamps behind them to back them up. A standard catalogue quotation is often—and perhaps in most cases—made without the stamp in stock.

I wish it understood that my prices are not based on either the 1927 or 1928 catalogue—or on any catalogue for that matter. They are based on the present market, and in arriving at my prices I am utilizing the experience years of trading and collecting here and abroad have taught me. For that reason, my prices will not consistently follow the standard catalogue quotations. Having gathered together one of the world's greatest stocks of modern British Colonials, I also feel myself able to fix my prices in accordance with the market—and not necessarily in accordance with another dealer's price list, i. e. the standard catalog!

It should also be noted that I am not of the opinion that stamp values change only once a year—when the new catalogue appears! Needless to say a change in value may occur at any time—suddenly or gradually—as soon as the influencing factors present themselves. The new catalogue prices represent only one of these factors—though in a general way, perhaps, the most important one. My policy is to change prices when I feel a change is warranted—and as the following offers show my price changes do not necessarily coincide with the appearance of the new catalogues.

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STAMP NOTES AND NEWS

BRAZIL.—We have received two new stamps issued to commemorate the Centenary of the Foundation of the School of Law, the denominations are 100 reis blue and 200 reis carmine and the stamps are dated "11 de Agosto 1827-1927." We understand that three millions of the 100 reis and five millions of the 200 reis have been issued.

CANADA.—With reference to certain Air Mail labels which have recently been issued, we have received official information that the Postal Department of Canada has absolutely nothing to do with the issue or sale of these labels, but that permission is given to promoters of flights to print such labels for sale. They are used merely as labels and can only be affixed to the backs of letters, they are not in any way postage stamps.

COSTA RICA.—The current postage stamps overprinted "Renta Postal" have been misdescribed in some journals as parcel post stamps. Our correspondent at San Jose informs us that the stamps so overprinted are employed solely for the purpose of collecting Customs Duties on parcels of books imported from abroad by local booksellers. They are consequently revenue stamps only.

CUBA.—To celebrate the Pan-American Congress which is to be held at Habana next January, a set of postage stamps is to be issued, the denominations being as follows:—1, 2, 5, 8, 10, 13, 20, 30, 50 centavos and 1 peso. According

to the "Official Gazette" 50,000 sets will be issued and larger numbers of the lower values, but we have no doubt that the issue will soon be bought up by local speculators.

FRENCH INDO-CHINA.—A complete new set of stamps comprising all values from 1/10 cent to 2 piastres has been issued and we are distributing them through our New Issue Service. A similar set is also expected for Kouang-Tcheou, which will probably be distributed next month. The old issues of both these sets were withdrawn from use on September 23rd.

GIBRALTAR.—In a recent requisition sent to Gibraltar we included a quantity of the £1 denomination and to our great surprise we are informed by the Postmaster that no more of the £1 stamps are available. We are not informed whether this denomination is to be discontinued or whether a further printing is being made, but as usual with Gibraltar postage stamps changes are made so suddenly and without any notice that it is just likely this denomination may be withdrawn or that a new issue is contemplated.

LEEWARD ISLANDS.—We are informed that the 5d denomination is to be discontinued, also the same value of Montserrat, in the latter case there are no more of these stamps in the island and they are likely to be scarce.

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re to be expected from a number of European countries, the first information we have received of these comes from Liechtenstein. We are informed that there are to be three denominations, 10, 20 and 40 rappen to be sold for 15, 25 and 40 appen. These stamps are inscribed at the top "Caritas" and "Fürstenthum Liechtenstein" at the base and will be issued on October 5th.

Nicaragua.—We have seen specimens of some of the current issue of these stamps overprinted "Resello 1927" and we understand that the following denominations have received this overprint, 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50 centavos and \$1. The reason given for this overprint is that large quantities of the uncharged stamps were seized by the revolutionary forces and the overprint has been made to prevent these looted stamps being used for postal purposes. All the stamps without overprint have been demonetised and have no postal validity.

SAN MARINO.—Two new sets of stamps are now being prepared by Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., one to commemorate the unveiling of the cenotaph at San Marino, erected to the memory of the Sammarinese war volunteers, the denominations and colours are as follows:—50 centesimi mauve, 1 lira 25 centesimi blue and 10 lire grey. The other set is to commemorate the Seventh centenary of the death of St. Francis Assisi, whose connection with the Republic had a very marked influence on the freedom of the inhabitants of this small State during the troublesome times of the Middle Ages. The denominations and colours in this set are 50 centesimi d, 1 lira 25 centesimi blue, 2 lire 50 centesimi brown and 5 lire violet. The 50 centesimi and 1 lira 25 centesimi show the Church of Capucini in San Marino and the two highest denominations represent the death of St. Francis d'Assisi with two monks standing on the left. The stamps will be on sale in San Marino by the middle of October.

SOUTH WEST AFRICA.—The recently issued pictorial stamps of South Africa reprinted in English and Afrikaans for use in South West Africa have certainly not had a very long life and will obviously rapidly increase in value. We have received official notification from Windhoek that the existing overprint reaches too much on the pictorial

design of each stamp and in consequence it has been decided to dispense with the "South West Africa" and "Zuidwes Afrika" overprints and utilize instead the letters "S.W.A.," which will afford full recognition to the three European languages in general use in that Territory, that is, Afrikaans, English and German. All values of the pictorial issue will receive the new overprint, except the triangular 4d, of which no more will be printed, either for South or South West Africa. In addition the 1sh3d and 1l of the King's head issue are also to be overprinted "S.W.A." Full supplies of the new stamps are on order and will be distributed through our New Issue Service as soon as they are received. The new overprinting will also be applied to the Postage Due stamps as soon as existing stocks with the present overprint become exhausted.

SWITZERLAND.—The Pro Juventute stamps (for the children) will appear on December 1st, and there will be four denominations, 5 centimes brown and yellow, 10 centimes violet and green, 20 centimes red and 30 centimes blue. The two lower denominations will be lithographed and the other two printed from a copperplate.—*Whitfield King & Co's Bulletin.*

PROGRAM OF TACOMA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

(Oct., 1927-June, 1928)

(Courtesy of C. F. Blogg)

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- (19) Precancels.
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- (21) Siam.
- (22) British North America.
- (23) British West Indies.
- (24) France, etc., etc.

The above program also has auctions once a month. The subject matter is to be illustrated wherever possible with examples of stamps and varieties described.

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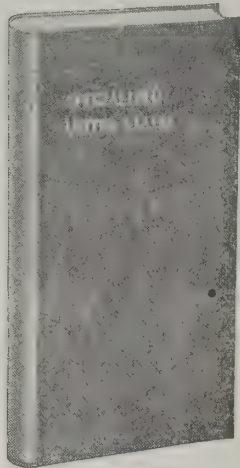
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EDITORIAL

The Post Office Department recently sent a notice from the office of the Inspector in Charge to business houses and others telling of the determination of the authorities to curb the growing traffic in stolen U. S. stamps. The co-operation of business men and others is asked for and the injunction is stressed that stamps for postage be bought at the post office. The point is made that the surplus of postage stamps received by mail-order firms and legitimately sold at a discount is but a small percentage of the volume of the business of stamp brokers who sell to business men at a slight reduction from face. Something was said last week about the strides taken by this method of making a market for stamps taken as loot originally and soon after it was written, word comes from New York that a stamp dealer has been brought to book for his connection with the sale of unused current stamps. To buy and sell unused U. S. stamps in bulk is a dangerous game to play and we believe that many stamp collectors have no wish to engage in the business as an off-shoot of the regulation trade.

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A person with half an eye can see that the advance of philately during the past decade has been due almost wholly to the publicity that collecting has received in outside publications. The stamp collector who is instrumental in obtaining for his pursuit a notice of any kind in the public prints makes two blades of grass grow, where there was only one before, to speak poetically. It is our belief that we have done much to encourage this plan of direct action and it is needless to say that we shall continue to sing the cause of the man who helps philatelic understanding on the part of the uninitiated. Some time ago, the Chicago *American* began a series, "Hobby-Horses" wherein the relaxations of prominent Chicago business men were reviewed in a readable way. We have been waiting for philately's inning and now it has come, with a fine picture of Mr. John P. Oleson, one of Chicago's foremost collectors, poring over his album pages. We read: "John P. Oleson, vice president of the First National Bank, forgets the cares of business in his Kenilworth home over his stamp collection—his hobby." In the text, Mr. Oleson does not mince words, but comes out with no reservation whatever for collecting as an antidote for business cares; and all in



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Mr. W. F. Goerner, Edgewood, Rhode Island, has shown us a cover of the civil war period that bears the large round postmark in blue, "Bank's Division, Aug 2." The letter was sent to a point in Maine by a soldier who was stationed in Virginia, as indicated by the written return "card" in the upper left-hand corner of the large envelope, reading: "Culpepper Court House, Va., Co. K, 10th Me. Vols., July 31st, 1862," followed by the striking statement, "Postage Stamps are Scarce." Six cents postage due was recorded on the cover which was stampless. General Banks' Division seems to have been fully aware of the importance of the careful handling of mail and we know of no other arm of military service afield that employed the postal paraphernalia that this division did. There are various markings of the "G.B.D." franks.

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We have received many inquiries for particulars of the various postal agencies maintained by the different countries of the world for the benefit of collectors; and latterly, we have hesitated to recommend these bureaus of accommodation because of a feeling of uncertainty that has resulted as a consequence of complaints from readers who have followed our information. In some instances, complications have ensued that have been annoying to those who sent the orders and at present we are slow to rely on the lists that are sometimes seen in contemporaries. It is not insinuated that a misunderstanding is not the basis for the complaints, and in order to have the latest authoritative details regarding the methods of the agencies, we are trying to secure the proper data. We need not refer at any length to the agency at Washington, which sends out lists from time to time, giving descriptions of the stamps that are available at face. These lists are kept up to date by crossing off such stamps as are no longer in stock even though they were on hand when the leaflets were prepared, and on the September 20, 1927, sheets, the 1c Walloon is lined out, for instance. The full address of our agency is: Post Office Department, Division of Stamps, Philatelic Agency, 216 City Post Office Building, Washington, D. C. The Canadian Agency issues lists offering stamps at face, but some only in limited numbers, while certain of the obsolete stamps are quoted at a premium. It is necessary to consult the list to order intelligently: Post Office

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In our issue of October 3, 1927, we had reason to ask what conditions prevailed at 36 Rue Vaneau, Paris, governing the sale of French colonials to collectors. We have received from Mr. E. Bunge of Paris, the following particulars which we are glad to transmit to readers: "I beg to advise that blanks are lying on the counter in this office, which should be filled in, and a purchase of not less than twenty francs at a time can be made; and any one is free to order one copy of any particular French colonial stamp, provided that the total of the purchase amounts to twenty francs or over. After handing in this blank, you have to wait four or five weeks and on receiving notice that the stamps are ready, you are requested to call with the money and take delivery of the stamps. The notice also says that if you have not complied with this request within two weeks the stamps will no longer be available; and any one failing to comply with this request is barred from any further purchase. I am quite sure, however, that dealers ordering in large quantities are receiving quick service, possibly with the aid of some influence or giving a gratuity. I cannot tell you whether mail orders are received from foreign countries."

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A reader who gives much attention to the historical suggestions of stamps and covers has written an interesting letter in the course of which he says that in an exhaustive work, "The American Railway," published by Scribners, in 1899, the author, former postmaster Thomas L. James, says that the first postal car ran between Quincy, Illinois, and St. Joseph, Missouri, as a result of the conception of one W. A. Davis, St. Joseph postal clerk, in 1862. No doubt this car antedated that of Armstrong, associated with the year, 1864. Our informant asks if the different types of railway mail cancellations are properly classified in the minds of those who give attention to them. He says that the postal car cancellations could be coincident only with the "traveling post office" that was originated in the '60's, and that the earlier railroad cancellations were not of this class, but represented the names of the postal routes. However, it is known that there were postal compartment cars that were baggage cars with one end partitioned off before the advent of the "real" car. Here a postal employee presided at a counter on which mail was dumped and then pigeon-holed by him. We wish that some student of railway cancellations would furnish us an article

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A year ago, while traveling through Syria, I bought a mint copy of Mesopotamia stamp, Scott's No. 50, either in Beirut or Damascus. I sold it since for about half of the last auction price. I wish I had kept it.

I notice that the new set of Palestine stamps has no piastre value. The reason for this is apparent. Since the evacuation of Palestine by the Turks and up to about last September, the country has been using for money, the existing Egyptian currency. The denominations of the metal coins of Egypt are 1 mil, 2 mils, half piastre, one piastre (equal to 5c U. S. money), two piastres, five piastres, ten piastres, and twenty piastres. So Palestine using Egyptian money used the above values or denominations on her stamps.

However, since September 1, Palestine has in circulation currency of her own and is redeeming the existing Egyptian currency for the new currency. The denominations of the new coins are as follows:—Mils, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100. The first five denominations are nickel bronze and the last two silver. As the new coins have no piastre denominations the new set of stamps were therefore printed with values of the new existing denominations, namely mils. On account of the severe economic depression through which Palestine has passed in the past two years, the issuance of new currency of her own and new stamps was a good business stroke.

The two lowest values of Egyptian coins, one mil and two mils, were very scarce in Palestine, in fact, hardly seen in circulation. Egypt, being a country of over 12,000,000 people, kept these two low values within her country. Therefore when buying stamps in any postoffice in Palestine should there be small change coming to you as one mil (1/2c) or two mils or up to four mils, the change would be in stamps.

With the new currency in operation and more elastic in value than the Egyptian, the practice of giving low value

stamps as change at the postoffices is done away with.

As in previous issues of Palestine stamps, the new or current issue has the word Palestine printed on each stamp in three languages, viz.:—English, Arabic and Hebrew. The reason for this is that the above are the three official languages of the country.

The denominations of the coins are also in the three official languages. There is also in circulation among the currency notes a one-pound note which takes the place of the existing Egyptian pound.

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WE have received from William Lyett, secretary of the S.P.A., a copy of the Year Book for 1928, and desire to congratulate him upon its prompt appearance. The book contains a great deal of matter of interest to the membership, but the most interesting feature is the up-to-date list of members with their philatelic specialties and full addresses. The book indicates in no uncertain manner the prosperity of the organization. R. C. Bach is the publisher of the Year Book and the price is \$1.00. Sec. Lyett may be addressed at 1221 Washington St., Cape May, N. J.

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THE PRECANCEL REVIEW
(Continued from page 641)

Montclair, N. J.—A. F. Gamber always me to inspect a strip of three of the Schermack coil, precancelled in Type I. This is an unlisted variety.

Peterboro, Mass., on the 1½ and 2c, makes its debut in a handstamped style similar to U-59, which is not at all striking.

Fredericksburg, Va., another newcomer, has the same style, which I noticed in the ½c.

Wilmington, Calif., a branch station in Los Angeles, is precancelling with a handstamp similar to the above two, but using serifs on the lower case letters. I can report the 14c and 24c Aeroplane.

Spring City, Pa., can be added to the list. It has used the U-74 handstamp for some time, but the only variety which has been shown me is the current 6c (10 x 10).

Knox, Ind., precancels are seldom seen. A bunch of them were sent in recently for my inspection. Type I consists of large plain capitals between lines (U-75), and evidently was used for but a short while. The 20c up, and 30c inverted were all that appeared with this reprint. Type II consists of thin medium sized serif capitals between lines and is to be chronicled on the following: current series perf. 11—1, 3, 4, 8, 10, and 12; perf. 10—1½, 2, 3, 9, and 10c.

Provo, Utah, can be found in a new style like that of Knox Type II. Raymond Freshwater sends me specimens of ½, 1½, 1 and 2c.

Appleton, Wis.—Chas. A. Konrad shows me the 13c inverted, 14c and 17c in the U-12 electro, and reports the 2c Harding, 1c Lexington, and 1c Eugenet in the same type. W. O. Mede reports the 13c, 11 and 12c inverted, and the ½, 1 and 2c dues in the

U-12 style. Mr. Konrad sends for inspection some interesting unlisted Wisconsin precancels, among which are the following: Oshkosh—U-73 handstamp, 1917 series, 12c inverted and 13c double; 1923 series 13c normal. These should be hard to duplicate, especially the 13c stamps.

The most common style appearing in handstamps right now is an inferior looking set up of plain non-serif caps between lines. It can be classed as sim-

ilar to U-73. Some new ones to report in this style are Millersburg, O., on the 9c perf. 10 rotary, and 25c Special Handling; Cucamonga, Calif., in purple ink—4 ways on the ½c, and also on the 7c and 9c; Raymond, Ill., on the ½, 1, 1½, 2, 3, 4c; Waynesboro, Va., 1c, 2c, 5c and 10c perf. 10 rotaries; Woodstock, Va., 13c; Sun Prairie, Wis., 13c, 14c; Spartanburg, S. Car., 20c double and 25c up; Easthampton, Mass., 3, 4, and 50c; Greensburg, Pa., 4, 5, 9, 10, and 11c;

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Barnesboro, Pa., precancelled a few of the Burgoyne commemorative and Lindberg airmail. Moorhead, Minn., is to be found on the Lindberg stamp and was legitimately precancelled.

Conclusion.—Notes of interest are always welcome. The editor will send a sample copy of the Precancel Gazette and the booklet "The A. B. C. of Precancels" upon receipt of four cents postage.



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By **JAMES A. R. DRYDEN.**

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Alas! 'tis not thy neighbor sweet The penny red, companion meet, That I am taking down the street To 391. But you—a copy hard to beat— My only one.

So proud was I, when I got you For an old worthless 2d blue, That swop I never once did rue— Not yet did John— But now I don't know what I'll do— Now that you've gone.

—Stamp Collecting.

Emblems Watermark

One of the watermarks found in connection with various stamps of Great Britain issued during the period 1856-67. The watermark consists of two roses, a



shamrock and a thistle, thus being emblematic of the three sister kingdoms of England, Ireland and Scotland. It is sometimes known as the "four flowers" watermark.

Junior Gossip

—One of our subscribers in Hangkow, China, Lum Young by name, sends in some answers to the rebus published in our Sept. 5 issue. His entry was received too late for us to include in our summary and in the awarding of the prizes. He writes the WEEKLY a very interesting letter and we appreciate the value he places upon our paper.

—We have received many replies to the several contests recently inaugurated in the Junior page. Yes, we have more of them in the making. We will give you lots of fun during the long winter evenings. Radio and stamp collection—what a fine combination for the Junior.

—C. A. B.—If you will go to your local Y. M. C. A. secretary and tell him a stamp club is wanted, he will no doubt give you a meeting room and help you organize a club. Try it out.

—We are always glad to help out the Juniors. If, however, you want a personal reply to your letter it is the courteous thing to enclose a stamped envelope for a reply.

—Ask your friend collector if he takes the WEEKLY. If not—put the proposition right up to him good and hard.

Danube Navigation Company

A private post, authorized by the Austro-Hungarian government, for the conveyance of mail between certain cities in Serbia, Bulgaria and Roumania along the Danube and the Black Sea, and also from those cities into Austria and Hungary. The service was inaugurated in 1865, during the Russo-Turkish war, and



was in operation as late as 1874. At least nine different steamers made regular trips in connection with this service, and a special series of four stamps was issued for the prepayment of the mail carried. The genuine stamps are quite scarce, those so frequently found in collections being nothing better than reprints.

Little Michael's Picture

We learn through Howard E. Wong, that little King Michael's picture will soon appear on Roumanian stamps, replacing that of the late King Ferdinand. It will show the six-year-old boy king in a simple white shirt-waist of American design, with turndown collar and silk tie.

Junior Dictionary

Posta Fiume—"Fiume Post".—An ancient seaport city at the north-east end of the Adriatic Sea formerly belonging to Hungary. As a result of the world war it became a football in diplomatic negotiations. Under Italian occupation Hungary stamps were surcharged "Fiume" while "Posta di Fiume" and "Posta Fiume" appear inscribed on later issues.

Posta Romana.—Found on most of the Roumanian stamps issued between 1865 and 1887. It means "Roumanian Post."

Posta Ukr. N. Rep. Schagiw.—A surcharge applied locally at the city of Stanislaw, in western Ukraine, on various Austrian stamps. The abbreviation is for "Ukrainska Narodna Respublika," or Ukrainian Peoples Republic. The word "schagiw" is the monetary denomination.

JUNIOR

STAMP STUDIES

VICTORIA FALLS

Rhodesia All — 1905, 1d-5sh

Shown in heading of this page, at left

The student in geography would himself be puzzled to locate the Victoria Falls. It is true they do not rival the Niagara Falls of our own country, but sufficient is their importance to warrant their being made the subject of a set of stamps for Rhodesia, as witness the issue of six values ranging from ½p to 5sh.

It is known as a commemorative set, the occasion commemorated being the visit of the British Association to Rhodesia and the opening also of a bridge across the Zambesi. This river in its run of 1,600 miles to the Indian Ocean has no attraction of greater interest than the falls pictured on this set of stamps. The opening of the Transvaal Railroad in 1895 gave rise to a single penny stamp, but this seems a modest attempt at celebration compared with a set whose face value is something over 9 shillings.

Book Review

Of the making of stamp books for beginners there appears to be no end. When one is issued such as "Stamp Collecting for the Million" by Stanley Phillips, the collector may well be resigned to the situation. The book before us is written by one who knows his business and we take great pleasure in recommending it to our readers, especially our junior collectors. We insert this review on the junior page, contrary to our usual practice, in order that it may be brought to the attention of every reader of this page. The contents of the book are varied, dealing with stamps and designs, stamp finance, the outfit, famous collectors and collections, great rarities, stamp dictionary and exchange table. There are two hundred illustrations. You can get this book for only 14c by sending to Stanley Gibbons, 391 Strand, London, W.C. 2, Eng.

Commission Fur Retourbriefe

An inscription shown upon the so-called return letter "stamps" of Bavaria and Wurtemberg meaning "Returned Letter Department." These labels have no philatelic significance whatsoever



though they were listed in many of the old catalogues and at one time spaces were provided for them in many printed albums. On some of the labels of Bavaria the last word of the inscription is "Ruckbriefe."

Perplexing Surcharges

O. H. H. S.—On His Highness' Service. An overprint found upon several of the current stamps of Egypt intended

O. H. M. S.—On His Majesty's Service. An overprint found on some of the stamps of the Somaliland Protectorate used on official correspondence.

On H. M. S.—On Her (or His) Majesty's Service. Found on certain Indian stamps used for franking official letters.

Advertising Chat

A notable auction sale will be held by Bela Sekula of Lucerne, Switzerland, beginning Nov. 30 and ending Dec. 7. The catalog of the sale is at hand and no fewer than 4611 lots are in the sale. In addition to the regular catalog of 180 pages there is a supplementary catalog showing 68 pages of halftones. The publicity given this sale is of a very high order and reflects great credit upon the firm.

Last winter Edgar C. Cantrell of San Antonio, Tex., was with us quite frequently and we are glad to have him with us once again as per his advertisement found elsewhere in this issue.

The Boylston Stamp Co., 120 Boylston St. Boston, Mass., has issued a neat price-list of United States stamps. It is very complete and will be sent upon request.

The advertisement of Th. Berg is a most striking one. It deserves to be read because Mr. Berg is paying for space in which to tell the philatelic public a few things about stamp values. Look up the advt.

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Bryant Pollard of Vermont has returned to our columns after a bit of a vacation.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

CHINA'S THIRD SET, 1894

By **HOWARD E. WONG.**

It was during the winter of 1894, He Majesty the Empress Dowager "Tz Hsi" of China celebrated her 60th birthday. Mr. De Villard, of the Custom Statistical Department, designed a beautiful set of stamps of which were printed November 16, 1894, in honor of the Empress's birthday. This same set is known in commemoration of the commercial treaty between China and the foreign countries for fifty years.

The first issue were lithographed in Japan, and the later issues at Shanghai. Printed on white wove paper, value in tael cents, in nine denominations (1 Candarin to 24 Candarins).

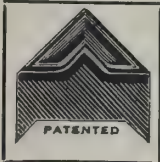
The 1 Candarin to 6 Candarins, measures 22 x 27mm and in panes of 20 stamps, complete sheet consisting of 240 copies. The three highest values 9-12 24 Candarins, each measures 28 x 35mm and in panes of 25 stamps, complete sheet consisting of 100 copies. Perforation, 11½, 12. Watermarked, a sign of Chinese Geomancy, called the Ying Yang of which representing the male and female principles in nature.

No record being accessible to distinguish the Japanese from the Shanghai imprint. The only record available shows that a local printer, named Yih Tse Yun printed 8,542 sheets for the Statistical Dept., in Nov., 1894, but it is surmised that the stamps were unwatermarked for specimen and mostly used as official gifts. These stamps were in use up to March 20, 1896, when the Chinese Post Office was officially recognized by Imperial Edict.

(1) Candarin (orange-red). Its center, archaic form of the character should mean "Longevity," surrounded by symbol of Wu Fu, meaning "Five-Happiness," with peony above (a floral emblem of illustriousness).

(2) Candarins (light green). Dragon center, hydrangea leaves and fruit of passiflora above (a favorite ornamentation on auspicious occasions).

(3) Candarins (orange-yellow). Dragon center, p'an-t'ao or flat peach above (this fruit being an emblem of longevity, as it is said to flower and bear



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fruit for 3,000 years) pa kua, or "8 diamonds" at corners.

(4) Candarins (rose). Dragon center, with peony on top.

(5) Candarins (yellow-orange). Carp center (this fish in epistolary language being styled the "messenger fish"), surrounded by jui-chi plant (emblematic of long life), the wan-nien-ch'ing or Chinese immortal (rhoea) beneath.

(6) Candarins (brown). Dragon center, with Chinese immortal above (pa kua) Chinese character at the corners.

(9) Candarins (gray-green). Center same as the 1 Candarin, rampant dragon on each side, with seal form of characters or "Chinese Postal Service" above.

(12) Candarins (brown-orange). Center, "Chinese Postal Service" in seal characters, rampant dragon on either side, and peony above.

(24) Candarins (carmine). Center, a tank, with the (p'an-t'ao) Chinese characters above.

Lithographed in Japan, one inverted stamp in a complete sheet (bottom left-hand of plate) of the 9 Candarins. This forms a "Tete-Beche pair."

Lithographed in Shanghai, for surcharging, but issued in error unsurcharged. The inverted 9 Candarins were correctly placed on the sheet for this printing.

Imperforate either horizontally or vertically on 1-2-3-6-9 and 24 Cands.

The same set unwatermarked, thicker paper. Cancelled specimen are known, but as whole sheet in set have been seen, it is surmised that when it was found necessary in 1897 to reprint from the plates, for surcharging purpose thicker unwatermarked paper was used. Some on opaque paper and thin cigarette paper, with and without perforations, no watermark.

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STAMP MARKET GOSSIP

By "THE SEER OF THE STRAND."

Falkland Islands.—In my notes of last month, I made mention of the 2½d "Orange" of this Colony. I hasten to correct this, as my meaning was, of course, the 2½d purple on yellow. I'm rather afraid the error was due to my only just having returned from holiday, and being rather late for press and in a hurry. My apologies are due to all discerning readers.

Montserrat and Leewards.—I have previously advised filling blanks where the 5d stamps of these small Colonies are concerned. I now have it on the best authority that both the Montserrat and the Leeward Islands 5d current types are no longer available, and will not be reprinted. Such being the case, we may look forward to these two stamps shortly ranging alongside the 5d Virgins. I advise all to make sure these items are not missing from their proper places, especially while they can be procured at reasonable rates.

St. Helena.—From first-hand information obtained, I am in a position to acquaint my readers with the fact that two values of this Colony will shortly be discontinued. Already, I learn there are no more 4d or 15sh denominations to be obtained from the Colony, and moreover, there is no intention of reprinting these values.

Whilst the 4d is of a low value and should be found in practically every British Colonial collection, the 15sh is on a different footing, and I think I may be bold enough to prophesy that this stamp will shortly turn out to be extremely good. In fact, I think so much of this that I am, without hesitation, making it the "Best Thing of the Month." I should say, if it is offered by any

dealer under 25sh, it is well worth procuring.

South West Africa.—This country has always been a favorite of mine, despite the fact that we have been rather inundated with emissions from here in many different overprints, etc. Recently, it has been said, and there certainly did not seem to be any reason for contradiction, that all new overprinting was to be arranged so that the centres of the Pictorial stamps should be left clear, and that all overprints would show more or less on the borders of the designs. This now appears to have been an invention emanating from the mind of somebody who evidently wanted something to write about, as I learn it was never the Official intention.

We are now to have a different form of overprint altogether in the shape of just the three letters "S.W.A." overprinted on the Union stamps. There is no intention at present to have a definite issue for S. W. Africa, and the three letters will suffice for the stamps in both Africans and English.

Please, everybody, take my advice and get your full sets of the present issue. For many reasons we shall find these in the near future at prohibitive figures, so a little outlay just now will more than repay itself in a few months' time. Even now, I am under the impression that the new overprints have begun to be issued in the Colony, so there is not a lot of time to be lost.

Incidentally, the latest printing of the £1 South-West Africa with the pale green centre, 9½mm between lines of overprint, will, of a surety, pay for acquisition.

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there are a certain number of collectors who fight shy of them just because they appear to be speculative or otherwise unnecessary outlay. I am of opinion that these should always be obtained immediately they make their appearance, as it is the general rule that prices begin to rise from the start. There is usually a small premium charged, but this is infinitesimal compared with the rapid appreciation manifested when supplies appear to be running low. I allude, perhaps, more to the recent Strasburg, Marseilles and Luxemburg commemoratives. The first-named, comprising two stamps only, 5 francs and 10 francs, although originally could be obtained at a mere fraction over their face value, are now hard to get at three times that amount. The second named are almost impossible to get at any price. As regards the last-named, I have no information on the point as yet, but certainly expect them to reach a pretty high figure.

Catalogues.—We are now on the threshold of what is generally termed the "New" season, and are expecting the new catalogues to be with us very shortly. Already the Zumstein has made its appearance, and others will shortly be following.

It would be interesting, and probably very remunerative, if some of my clients were to take the trouble to analyse the appreciation or depreciation of the various items I have recommended during the past twelve months. This, of course, cannot be done until the catalogues make their appearance, which will be some time next month. I venture to say that practically without exception, they are all winners—so much so, that I note continually, other correspondents manage to make out good cases for my selections, though on more than one occasion the same have been "damped."

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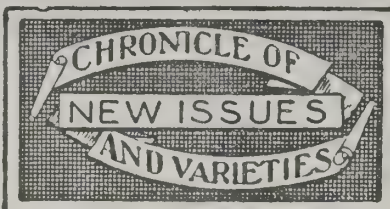
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United States

Department's Booklet

Elsewhere in this issue I have the pleasure of reviewing a very attractive booklet recently issued by the Post Office Department, entitled "A Description of United States Postage Stamps and Postal Cards."

In my remarks I mention that I have never heard of any case where our early stamps were confiscated to the use of the Confederate Postal Authorities, and wondered where the Department had obtained this information.

In communicating with Washington, since the article was written, I am informed that the third paragraph of their booklet covering this subject was taken word by word from the report of the Third Assistant Postmaster General, Edwin C. Madden, for the year ending June 30, 1900.

Mr. R. S. Regar, the Third Assistant

Postmaster General, in discussing the subject, states that the information in the original report was probably compiled by Mr. H. S. Mandel, who assisted the Department in preparing some of its early stamp exhibits.

The authenticity of the information published in the report of 1900 has never been questioned, so far as known, and for this reason, it was embodied in the booklet just issued.

The Department will make an effort to verify these statements that certain postage stamps were confiscated to the use of the Confederate Postal Authorities, also that the Department issued an order declining to longer redeem certain stamps. We are looking forward with the greatest of pleasure to further information upon the subject.

A copy of this booklet should be in every Philatelic Library, and one may be obtained without charge by addressing the Third Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Stamps, Washington, D. C. In the lower left corner of the envelope place the letters "U.S.P.S." as it will enable the Department to more readily classify the requests.

Plate Varieties

Mr. C. W. Bedford has just sent for inspection two of our issues showing plate varieties well worthy of mention. One of the stamps is a copy of the 1890, 2c lake, showing on the left shoulder, sharp and distinct diagonal lines, running from upper left to lower right. These lines are so sharp and distinct that they were undoubtedly cut with a graver after the plate had been completed. They are too sharp and differ too

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greatly from the surrounding lines to be a double transfer. Further lines are quite as distinct pass through the left figure "2."

The second variety submitted by Mr. Bedford consists of a vertical pair of the 1910, 1c coil, No. 385 showing plate number 5179, in the paste up joint. The stamp immediately under the plate number shows most of the lines of Franklin's coat doubled, as well as the elliptical frame line at the bottom. This is a very distinct double transfer which can almost be seen with the naked eye.

Air Mail Notes

Mr. Charles E. Jandruie, Jr., sends an interesting cover which he writes is one of about fifteen bearing the Boston post mark, which was carried on the unsuccessful flight from Squantum to the Leviathan. It seems that the New York mail bag was opened in Boston and these letters added. They bear postmark of August 20th, and are signed by Lt. C. H. Schildhuser, U. S. N., who piloted the plane which failed to reach the ship. The mail was returned to New York where it received a backstamp of the Varick Street Station, together with two line marking, reading—"Air Mail Flight, Failed to S. S. Leviathan." Whether this latter marking was placed upon the envelope officially, I cannot say.

The same correspondent sends for inspection one of the first Railway Express communications carried via air on September 1st, from New York to Chicago. This bears a similar express label to the one previously described in this column, and in addition we find marking on the cover reading, "American Railway Express Company, Carried on First Air Express Flight from New York, September 1, 1927." This cover differs from those carried on the first express flight between New York and Boston, in that it bears no postal markings whatsoever showing that it was handled by the Express Company exclusively.

Mr. K. C. Park writes that on August 12th, Grand Rapids used a special postmark on air mail and special delivery letters reading, within a rectangle 5/8" x 1 3/8", "Lindbergh Day, Grand Rapids, Mich., Aug. 12, 1927."

Mr. Herman W. Boers kindly sends one of the first Cuban air mail stamps posted from Havana on November 1st, and bearing a special postmark in violet reading, "Habana, Cuba, Servicio Aereo, Nov. 1, 1927,—Habana-Key West." This new stamp, we understand, has been placed on sale to pre-pay postage on air mail communications to the United States.

New Revenues

Mr. John W. Nicklin has submitted for inspection a copy of the current playing cards, 10c blue with large figure in the center, printed from the flat bed press, and perforated 11 on all sides. Inquiry at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing brings the information that this stamp, which has only recently been noted, was first made in June, 1924, and from that date to November, 1927, approximately 112,500,000 stamps have been printed and perforated all around. These stamps, which are still in use, are not to be confused with the rotary press coil playing card stamp previously described. It seems that the Department is prepared to furnish either type wanted, to the playing card manufacturer. It is indeed odd that a stamp should be in use in excess of three years without having previously been noted.

Mr. Norman Serphos kindly submits for inspection a strip of three of the 1c Narcotic, Type II, which shows a double impression under a strong glass.

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Canal Zone

The Economist Stamp Company has submitted two new varieties of Canal Zone, which have not been noted heretofore. They have located one pane of a hundred (100) of the 1c perforated 11 x 10 1/2, in which the bottom horizontal row is without surcharge, thus giving us ten pairs, of which one stamp is with and one without surcharge.

A similar pane of the 2c rotary, perforated 10, has been found in which the left vertical row is without overprint. While the Bureau seems to be turning out millions of our own stamps with but very few errors slipping through, it seems that every time a lot is supplied to the Canal Zone something unusual happens.

Mr. R. S. Carter writes that they expect the 5c rotary print with Canal Zone surcharge in the near future. He also sends a report of the Canal Zone Philatelic Agency, where stamps may be purchased at face value under certain conditions. The report mentions that the agency was established on August 28, 1924, by the Director of Posts, in order to facilitate the handling of sales of Canal Zone stamps for collection purposes. During the three years since the establishment of the agency at Balboa Heights, 2,421 orders amounting to \$12,578.71 have been filled.

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Belgian Congo. — New Values, to complete the set, are foretold by M. H. Weber, viz., 1fr 60, 3fr 50, and 20fr. Colours are not yet announced. These values are necessitated by the new postal rates.

The 60c red stamp is now obsolete, and will not be reprinted.

L'ECHO states that the portrait series, foretold in our issue of April 2nd, will consist of thirteen or fourteen values, and will be produced at Malines.—Philatelic Magazine.

Bulgaria.—Whitfield King & Co. report the appearance of the 30 stot orange and black, design as A3.

Ceylon.—Mr. R. Roberts under date of October 27th last, writes that he has received the 10R, green and orange and the 20R purple and black in new designs. They are small format Nyasaland type as A3 script watermark. Mr. Roberts adds that the inscription of name and duty plate is in sans serif capitals with "CEYLON" and "R10" (or R20) without any stop. This duty plate looks rather unfinished, the 10R reading "R10" the spacing of the three letters or words varying in different portions of the sheet. Also the 100R has come to hand in pur-

ple and ultramarine, large format, same type as before, but change of color. It is the same color as the 10R Nyasaland type.

Czechoslovakia.—Whitfield King & Co. advise that the 1kr red, design as Scott's A10, has been redrawn and the new stamp is a much brighter shade than previously. The clear cut features of the portrait are very noticeable when comparing the new issue with the former.

Eritrea.—A new lithographed set is imminent, comprising the denominations of 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60c, 1, 2, 5 and 10 lire.—Stamp Collecting.

Estonia.—Charity Stamps are announced for issue on November 15th, according to L'ECHO. Five values will be issued, three of normal size and two rectangular. The quantity will be 500,000 sets. 5+5m, Chateau of Kuresaare; 10+10m, Ruins of the Cathedral of Tartu; 12+12m, View of Tallin; 20+20m, Fortress of Norva; 40+40m, View of Tallin.

The stamps will be on sale for one month and valid until January 15, 1928.—Philatelic Magazine.

French Indo China.—Whitfield King & Co. send for chronicle a copy of a new type of postage due stamps and advise the following values and colors: 2/5c brown and orange, 4/5c mauve and black, 1c red and slate, 2c green and sepia, 3c claret and blue, 4c blue and brown, 6c carmine and red, 8c sepia and mauve; also a new design for the following denominations: 10c blue, 12c olive, 20c rose, 40c green and \$1 vermilion.

German South West Africa.—"As soon as the current set with the bi-ligual surcharge "South West Africa" and "Suidwes Afrika" will be used up, the stamps will reappear with a new and abbreviated surcharge consisting of three letters only: "S.W.A."—J. L. RIEDEL.

Gibraltar.—With reference to our recent notes concerning the £1 value, we are now informed by the General P. O. at Gibraltar, that as far as they are aware no stamps are being withdrawn, and that the value in question is simply out of issue temporarily.—Stamp Collecting.

Italy.—New denominations pending:—Air Post: 80c on 1 lira. Pneumatic: 35c (replacing provisional chronicle July 30th).—Stamp Collecting.

Japan.—Mr. R. Roberts send copies of the 10s, Nagoya Castle design, in blue instead of dark blue as heretofore and the 20s pale blue, with a view of Mount Fuji. Both stamps are perf. 13 x 13 1/2 on granite paper, watermarked wavy lines.

Liechtenstein.—Whitfield King & Co. reports the appearance of the three values of the Child Welfare set. In the centre is a shield of red, blue, yellow and green shades, but the border of each value is of a different color as follows: 10+5rp olive-green; 20+5rp brown-red and 30+10rp blue.

Mongolia.—Whitfield King & Co. advise that they have received copies of the 5 mung value with dotted background.

Netherlands.—Our Rotterdam correspondent, Mr. P. Gordon, intimates issues of the 1c, 6c and 12 1/2c current adhesives with watermark.

Olympic Games.—The Olympic Games set, says Mr. Gordon, will shortly be put on sale, comprising six values, viz., 2, 3, 5, 7 1/2, 15 and 30c. The 2, 5 and 15c show a horseman, fencers, and a rower, designed by Fokko Mees, and the 3, 7 1/2 and 30c a footballer, boxers, and an athlete, designed by L. O. Wenckebach.

Child Welfare.—A new Child Welfare set will be put on sale this year from December 15th to January 15th. There will be four values, viz., 2, 5, 7 1/2, 15c to be sold at 4, 8, 11 and 18c. The designs

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| FR. MOROCCO | " 2p on 2fr, #22 | 2.00 | FR. GUINEA | 5 on 30c, #52* | .28 |
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| FR. MOROCCO | 1917, 30c rare* | .75 | FR. GUINEA | #55 to 62* | .85 |
| FR. MOROCCO | 35c orange* | .40 | FR. GUINEA | 1913, 30c, #71* | .60 |
| FR. MOROCCO | 45c green* | 1.25 | FR. GUINEA | 35, 40, 45c* | .15 |
| FR. MOROCCO | 50c brown | .30 | FR. GUINEA | 1fr, used or * | .10 |
| FR. MOROCCO | 1fr slate | .80 | FR. GUINEA | 2fr, used or * | .20 |
| FR. MOROCCO | 10fr black*, rare | 4.00 | FR. GUINEA | 5frs* | .50 |
| FR. MOROCCO | #75 to 79 | .45 | FR. GUINEA | 1922, 60 on 75c* | .09 |
| FR. MOROCCO | 35c, #80 | .20 | FR. GUINEA | 1924, #87, 88* | .21 |
| FR. MOROCCO | 40c, #81 | .38 | FR. GUINEA | 1922, 5frs, #85* | .50 |
| FR. MOROCCO | 50c, #82 | 2.00 | FR. GUINEA | 1925, #89, 90* | .25 |
| FR. MOROCCO | 1fr, #83 | .95 | FR. GUINEA | #91 to 99, * except 93 | .33 |
| FR. MOROCCO | 25c, #84 | .10 | FR. GUINEA | 1927, 1.50 on 1fr* | .15 |
| FR. MOROCCO | 30c orange, #89 | .50 | FR. GUINEA | 10fr on 5fr* | .80 |
| FR. MOROCCO | 50c blue, #90 | .70 | FR. INDIA | 1892, 25c, #8* | .25 |
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| FR. MOROCCO | 1927, 20c to 3frs* | .60 | FR. INDIA | 1906, 45c green, #24* | 1.75 |
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| FR. MOROCCO | 2fr deep violet* | .50 | FR. INDIA | 1923, #54 to 65*, except 59 | .75 |
| FR. MOROCCO | 2fr black vio.* | .15 | FR. INDIA | #67, 68* | .55 |
| FR. MOROCCO | 1922, 50, 75c* | .18 | FR. INDIA | Charity, #202* | .95 |
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| FR. CONGO | 20a on 5fr, #48 | 2.75 | OCEANICA | 2fr brown & green* | .20 |
| FR. CONGO | 1892, 5c green* | .30 | OCEANICA | 5frs violet & blue* | .50 |
| FR. CONGO | 1900, 1, 2, 4c* | .15 | OCEANICA | 1916, 10 on 15c, #39* | .09 |
| FR. CONGO | 10c red, used or * | .13 | OCEANICA | 1921, #40, 41*, each | 1.00 |
| FR. CONGO | 15c gray* | .75 | OCEANICA | 25 on 15c, #42* | .25 |
| FR. CONGO | 25c blue* | 1.25 | OCEANICA | 1922, 5c to 50c* | .45 |
| FR. CONGO | 50c brown* | 1.50 | OCEANICA | 1923, 60 on 75c* | .12 |
| FR. GUIANA | 1905, 30c black* | .20 | OCEANICA | 1924, #49, 50, each* | .18 |
| FR. GUIANA | 40c rose* | .30 | OCEANICA | 45 on 10c, #51* | .35 |
| FR. GUIANA | 75c, 1fr* | .30 | OCEANICA | 1925, #52, 53* | .20 |
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Russia.—Mr. M. Jecks kindly tells us that in November next the following stamps will appear, in honour of the tenth anniversary of the foundation of the Soviet Republic.

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Our correspondent does not say if this set will appear imperf. and perf., both watermarked and unwatermarked, but we could give a pretty good guess.

The above issue is, of course, in addition to the regular issue of 25 values, which we mentioned recently.—*Gibbons Stamp Monthly*.

Saar.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the four Children's Charity stamps mentioned some few weeks ago. They bear the overprint "1927-28" and it is so neatly applied that it almost looks like a part of the original stamp. The values are 20c+20c olive, 40c+40c sepia, 50c+50c orange-red and 1fr50c+1fr50c blue, all Charity stamps of the 1926 issue.

San Marino.—Provisionals are chronicled in *L'Echangeiste Universel* as follows:—

(1) The 25c violet of 1925, perf. 14, wmk. Crown, surcharged 50 (but not issued), overprinted "Espresso," has now been issued for ordinary postal use, newly surcharged 1.75 lire with the word "Express" barred out by two black lines. Quantity 70,000. 1.75 lire on 50c Express on 25c violet.

(2) Express. The 25c carmine of 1907, perf. 12, surcharged 60 cents in 1923 has now received the surcharge 1.25 lire. Quantity 50,000. 1.25 Express on 60 on 25c carmine.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

Venezuela.—President Gomez signed a decree on August 30th (says the *Echo*) authorizing the following:— 5c black-brown (2,000,000), 10c green (500,000), 15c yellow-brown (500,000), 25c red (2,750,000), 40c blue (1,750,000), 3b orange (300,000), 5b violet (200,000).—*Stamp Collecting*.



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A Price Résumé With Some Explanatory Notes Concerning The Imperforate Varieties Of The First Issue Existing In Multiple Form

By HENRY L. DEAN, 239 Windsor Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

TO clarify the situation generally and in so doing to respond publicly to those who have inquired during the past two years concerning values of imperforate pairs, strips and blocks, the writer will discuss the more important items in the standard list treating them in the order of their relative scarcity as pairs.

This procedure appears desirable in considering these multiples, for while colors, size, denomination and the possibilities of new finds are all factors in establishing a reasonable valuation the primary determination for the student striving for completion is based on the rarity of the pair. Blocks necessarily present peculiar considerations of their own, especially those pieces, rare in themselves, which are underlaid by an adequate number of pairs or strips and while the writer would prefer to eliminate them from the present discussion the interests of completeness demand their inclusion. None of the better blocks have ever changed hands except at sound and conservative levels and with these prices available it is possible to correct any fanciful ideas of the uninformed and produce a schedule of reasonable accuracy and one that is workable in practice.

Before entering into an active treatment of these stamps a brief resumé of some of the important accumulations of them may be of interest since it may come as a surprise to many to learn that but one complete collection of multiples is possible and that but one has ever been assembled. This was the property of Mr. Clarence Eagle, shown in competition in New York at the International Exhibition in 1913, awarded a gold medal, and dispersed about three years later. Ranking next is the present collection of the writer which lacks one piece but also contains rare and fine material not available to Mr. Eagle. The former magnificent collection of Sen. E. R. Ackerman rates third, lacking five items, two of which while scarce at the time having no particular importance today so but three outstanding pieces were absent. Next in order of completion ranked the properties of Messrs. A. Ballard and Wm. S. White, the latter gentleman assembling two fine and separate collections, each lacking but seven imperforate rarities.

The writer fortunately has been afforded an opportunity over the years to list the contents of these wonderful properties as well as the collections of Messrs. Burton, MacDaniel, Adenaw, Bishop, Lapham, Georgantus, Gibson, Bister and others and having tabulated all of this data feels that he possesses a background at least which is shared by no other and which is invaluable in a serious study of market values.

Seven of the multiples are of extreme rarity as will be set forth later, but three others are lacking in practically all collections, hence the writer will now deal individually and in order of scarcity with the group which he has termed, "The Ten Rarities."

(1) \$2.50 Inland Exchange Imperforate

But one unsevered pair of this stamp has ever been found a horizontal piece coming to light originally in Massachusetts and subsequently owned by only four collectors, i.e., Messrs. Morgan, Eagle, Ackerman and the writer. Having in mind that the single stamp is the second rarest imperforate revenue and easily worth \$125. in really fine condition several qualified contemporaries have placed the value of the pair at \$1000., at which figure it would find an immediate taker. As a matter of general information it is canceled C. C. C. June 19, 1863.

(2) \$10.00 Probate of Will Imperforate

In common with the \$2.50 value only one pair of the green Probate has so far been located and this is a vertical piece whose history prior to the Eagle collection is obscure. It is slightly damaged but nice looking and brought \$110. at the time of its sale about ten years ago. Considering all factors, a fair price today would seem to be about \$400., although it should be borne in mind that all figures on the great rarities are largely academic since there is little likelihood of any of them coming on the market.

(3) \$1.60 Foreign Exchange Imperforate

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(5) 70c Foreign Exchange

Imperforate

Not more than two horizontal pairs are known, the most celebrated being the "Phelps" piece, which went to Eagle about twenty years ago, its earlier history not now being recalled by Mr. Phelps. It is canceled April 29, 1864, and would find a ready sale at \$500.

(6) \$2.00 Probate of Will

Imperforate

Here is a stamp decidedly rare as a real fine single, and there are but two horizontal pairs with full margins, the writer who had both of them recently disposing of one for \$850. There is a very poor vertical pair and another horizontal, clipt on one side and canceled Feb. 23, 1863.

(7) 50c Surety Bond

Imperforate

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(8) 3c Playing Cards

Imperforate

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(9) \$3.50 Inland Exchange

Imperforate

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(10) 10c Power of Attorney

Imperforate

Always a rarity in the form of a hori-

zontal pair and lacking in even the largest collections the writer was surprised to locate two previously unheard of blocks of four during the past year. One is fine, the other short on two sides, but nevertheless a desirable piece on account of rarity. Concerning prices, the fine "Burton" pair brought \$85.00 at public sale twenty-six years ago, I paid \$150 for the White pair in 1925, so it seems reasonable to appraise the superb block at \$500.

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Further comment on the rarities is superfluous except to again emphasize the fact that no complete collection of them exists today, and that there are but four properties in the country that come within six items or less of the goal.

Attention will now be given to those multiples which are better known, and in which transfers have been sufficiently numerous to permit the establishment of sound market prices. Following the adopted scheme they will be dealt with in the order of relative rarity, this method largely eliminating the possibility of serious errors, although other factors than rarity enter into price determinations. This group for purposes of convenience will consist of nine items, which in the form of fine pairs are worth \$50.00 net each and upwards.

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tions via the

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methods, which are my specialties. This
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On October 28th the New York Col-
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tween the New York and other clubs;
the Springfield Club returning the visit
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on of it is directly attributable to Mr.
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hum since his arrival in the U. S. A.

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lectors than by a gathering of two
clubs, for on such occasions we find
there is no aloofness and the visitors
mingle freely with their hosts, business
is forgotten and stamps are the upper-
most thoughts of the assembled clans.

Eight of the Collectors Club were our
guests, Mr. Lindquist, the president, act-
ing as master of ceremonies in a most
efficient and snappy manner. It is wor-
thy of note that all eight exhibits were
shown and explained in detail in a short
space of time.

Mr. Lindquist showed three of the
early stamps of Norway, the 4 sk of each
of the first three issues. His hobby is
reconstruction of plates. He dwelt par-
ticularly on the amassing of copies of
the two later issues, and then the as-
sorting of them into their correct group-
ings. We got the idea that this was
great fun for a true stamp student.

Mr. Perry showed a wonderful array
of Postmasters' Provisionals. These
started with Baltimores and Brattleboros,
and ran on down through the St. Louis
Bears. The New York 5s were there in
all shapes, many going to foreign coun-
tries, a large portion of the collection
being on the cover. We never saw an
uncommon stamp look so common for
there they were—hundreds of them!

Mr. Steinway unlimbered a large and
surprising volume of early issues of
Great Britain. He seems to think it
great sport to get an imperforated strip
the full width of the pane of stamps, put
it at the bottom of the page as a base,
then get a strip with one less, and so
on, mounting them into pyramids. We
can see those pyramids now.

Mr. Chittenden exhibited Bosnia and
Hungary. He said he did not see why
more collectors did not collect more of

the early issues of Hungary, and why
don't they dig up more of the scarce
Bosnian perforations. There is much to
learn in studying these two countries.

Mr. Curie, the club Vice President,
showed the collection that created the
most interest. It was a General Collec-
tion of 19th Century stamps of the
world. It was wonderful. At first we
looked at the stamps and there were so
many to look at that we ended by trying
to find a blank space in the printed
pages. Few blanks were in the collec-
tion, and as he showed only the first page
or two of each country, we decided that
he had an idealist's collection.

Mr. Barrett showed some of the early
stamps of the West Indies in mint con-
dition. They were remarkably neat, the
coloring being rich and every now and
then a block of great rarity held our
attention.

Mr. Konwiser showed a collection of
Danish used in the early days. These
were on and off cover, and attention was
called to the varieties of cancellations,
many being very seldom found.

Mr. Phillips showed a collection of
stamps in mint and used condition, these
being the early issues of Liberia, a much
neglected country. We learned that the
heavy bars on early stamps were quite
proper and got an idea how to tell the
good and bad stamps from each other.

The benefits of these interchanges of
visits is not entirely absent after the
guests have departed. When we see cer-
tain stamps now we are able to fasten
some data and interesting feature to the
copy in hand, which we should not
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have been listed in the precancel cata-
logues for years, and on the basis of
the following should be deleted.

Mr. E. G. Young, A.P.S. No. 8140,
writes me:

"The title of your recent article in the
WEEKLY caught my eye and attention
immediately, for while I am entirely un-
able to get any real kick out of precan-
cels, anything related to Shanghai is my
meat. And then you disappointed me
hugely in the last installment (Oct. 10,
1927, p. 572), for I hoped to get some
real information on the subject of these
things—whatever they may be.

I think perhaps I can help you to some
extent. In a WEEKLY article of my own,
in the installment published June 23, 1924
(general title 'The U. S. Postal Agency
in Shanghai'), I paid my respects to
these issues as far as I could learn any-
thing about them. Perhaps you have not
this available for reference; at any rate,
as I got the story from an active Ameri-
can collector who was resident in the
city from 1911 on, these stamps were
overprinted by the Shanghai postal agent
on his own authority, to put the office
on a parity with the other foreign offices
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istic stamps. Some said he was innocent
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By CHARLES E. ROE.

I have been inspecting a wonderful collection of die proofs and it was while enjoying one of the most beautiful stamps in existence—the one dollar black United States stamp of the Trans-Mississippi issue—that an idea struck me. Probably, like most of mine, it isn't original—in deed, I hope it isn't—but in the hope that it may have some value I'm going to present it.

One of the great possibilities of stamps has apparently been neglected. Philately as a hobby?—lots of us don't like that word—study?—that doesn't cover it either—movement?—n-no, as a movement philately ranks just a little ahead of chess—cult?—we-ell, unless some Brother more conversant with the language can help out, we'll say "cult," but tentatively, understand. I have to start somewhere.

So. Philately, as a cult, has about two million variations, assuming that to be the number of its more serious followers. In that lies its strength, and its weakness, because the focal point of all is the Catalogue. Enthusiasts in Art, Antiquities, Ancestors, Americana, Autographs and other things are inclined to sneer at us. We have, they say, so commercialized our Cult (see above) that no self-respecting temperament, aesthetic or otherwise, can consider it or us seriously; we so judge everything by the frank mark of the dollar. And we, who know a darned sight better, haven't any comeback that they will accept.

I do not understand why it should be considered a proof of commercialism coupled with a defective mentality to pay thousands of dollars for a piece of red paper with a picture and a Latin motto printed on it, while to pay other thousands for a larger piece of white paper bearing the signature of a Signer shows artistic appreciation. I have read such things, but they don't seem to make sense.

Consequently if we wish the high-brow collectors to take us as seriously as they do themselves, we shall have to start thinking about stamps from a new point of view. So I suggest a new branch analogous to precancels, or covers, or cancellations having for its foundation the recognition of the designers and engravers, and the collection of stamps from that angle. For that there is real merit in stamp design is something that we know quite well and the other folks might recognize in time if the subject were properly presented.

Too little attention is paid to the services of the designer and engraver. Concerning the classics, of the beautiful work of those early craftsmen who didn't have to worry over the possibility of making billions of copies of a single die, much has been written, and the names of the artists are known to the specialist. But to the ranks those great names mean nothing because the rankers can't afford to buy the stamps. Hence, some kind soul—there are lots among the Fellowship—should start to teach us groundlings and dubs to identify the work of the hundreds of men who create the

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Conceive of stamps designed by Dürer, or Doré, or Hogarth, or Hatshepu—no, that isn't correct—Havasupai—doesn't sound right, either—well, you know who I mean, that Japanese artist. Even the virtuoso might notice such things. Yet isn't it highly probable that among the many anonymous engravers who have given us of their best since 1840 there are some of high worth; unrecognized as yet save by their fellow craftsmen? I think so.

I picture a collector who concerns himself not at all with countries, perforations, dates or watermarks, but whose aim is to assemble the work of each artist by itself and to grade the items according to their worth as Art. It wouldn't matter whether the stamps were put out by a great nation in sober earnest, or by a couple of grafting officials in the wildest sort of speculative issue; such things would move my collector not at all. His album, instead of being geographical, would have pages headed "Henry Johnson," "Andros Demopoulous," "Ivan Istvostchik," and such. (That name, by the way, was Hokusai.) His gems would be so mounted as to bring out the full beauty of line and shade, and to show the best of each master. Here would be seen the influence exerted by public and official opinion, by Victorian smugness, by half-baked patriotism, by the sometimes dismaying new schools of Art, by the self-determination of small peoples, and by Karl Marx. And other things. He would have a gallery of miniatures done on paper instead of ivory or other classic material, but which for sheer beauty would be hard to equal. And I would sure like to see that collection.

We have, all of us, the makings of such a collection in our books, but most of us lack the knowledge to assemble it, or the means and time for the necessary research. So as a representative buck-passer in a nation which believes in letting George do it, I am asking those who have done work along these lines to let the rest of us have the benefit of it. That is an outrageous request which no one but a stamp-collector would make, and, by the same token, no one but a big-hearted philatelist would heed. And knowing the gang—pardon me, cult was the word—as I do, I'd be willing to bet eight dollars that someone will respond.

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NOVELTY COLLECTING

By A. P. FRANCIS.

Many are the dissertations that have been presented to the collector reminding him of the history, art, intrigue, love, music, and numerous other points of interest represented by his stamp collection—small though it may be.

This brief article is written with an unanswered question in the author's mind—does the average collector get even half the pleasure to which he is entitled from his collection, through his failure to seek out the history, art or that phase appealing particularly to his personal temperament? There is unquestionably one that does, as was refreshingly set forth in only a recent issue. A music lover has found something unusual, blended perfectly with his comparatively common recent commemorative issues. This is what I term for want of better words—one side of novelty collecting, the novelty position being the thought, time and physical effort expended over and above the mere routine of stamp gathering. Stop for a moment and picture in your mind's eye how much more interesting even common stamps become when associated with historic events, works of art, or the like.

Let us assume that the idea of forming a simple novelty collection has found an appeal "inside" us; the question is here to begin? My choice is history! Let us take a war, and by means of present day covers with current two cent stamps, if you like, visit the battle-field of that murderous spree in which man indulged himself—it can be any war we like, in our own country or abroad, it will be fun no matter what the choice; or while waiting for a cover to come back from Atlanta, we are reading our story and making brief notes of what Sherman was doing there in the course of his march to the sea! Where was he next? Only our history will tell us and the answer is instructive and apt to be remembered when dug up as it will of necessity have to be.

It's a game and a good one. Our junior collectors can play it probably faster than their fathers, but when completed both have better knowledge of history and geography, and the desire to add color to the album by showing stamps of the time in question has continued the philatelic interest in a full degree.

Stanley's African Explorations would make an unusual collection along these lines and I dare say the subject matter worked out would be as readable as the original book accounting his experiences.

Another plan following the same idea and possibly more adaptable for juniors, tho I contend refreshing for the senior "T.B.M." (tired business man) of stamp collecting would be to follow the course of a transcontinental railroad or river from its source to its end getting covers at points of interest along the way and then showing the cause for these points being worthy of attention.

The scope of these schemes is unlimited, for one can enlarge at their pleasure; stamps of early dating, bearing town cancellations, have a place in such a scheme, covers before stamps, etc.; it can be started small and continued indefinitely, and all the while the necessity of producing data of interest keeps the collector busily engaged, if not on stamps, certainly on his books!

Another routine to follow in novelty collecting is names—one can have fun, spend little money, and accumulate an interesting side line collection of present day covers with town cancellations, for example, of girls' names, I have noted over a dozen with no effort—they range from Anna to Hannah, with Doris, Edna, Grace and others on the list and all genuine U. S. towns. I wonder if our presidents could be shown from Washington to Coolidge via the medium of town postmarks? Boys' given names are equally as numerous as the girls'; surnames might prove harder.

If not content with names one might establish a zoo as there is Alligator, Bird and Deer, quickly found and each a town in our U. S. A. To portray them it would be, I am sure, necessary

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| Togo, 2fr on 1fr, 3fr on 1fr | 35 |
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RED LETTER DAY FOR THE S. P. A.

(It will come as very welcome news to learn that President Camp's administration completes payment of all old loss claims. The WEEKLY congratulates the S.P.A. and Major Camp as well, on this splendid achievement.—W. O. W.)

Thursday, November 10, 1927, hereafter will be regarded by members of the Society of Philatelic Americans as one of the "Great Moments" in its history, for it marks the completion of the most momentous task it has ever undertaken, and at the same time shows that the Society has come back with a vim and vigor that few expected would ever be attained.

According to a statement made by Major Guy W. A. Camp, chairman of the Board of Governors, who also happens to be president of the organization, the claims of all present members sustaining losses in the old sales department were settled in full by the Board in July last, but no action was taken on the claims of those who had suffered such losses, but subsequently had relinquished their membership. On the date men-

tioned, November 10, the Board directed its treasurer to pay in full all the claims of these non-members immediately, an action which completes a full reimbursement to all those who had property in the lost or stolen circuits, and whose claims were approved by the former Ways and Means Committee. When it is taken into consideration that these claims totaled a large amount, running well into the thousands of dollars, the importance of this action and its effect on the reputation of the Society, as well as on Philately, will be realized.

President Camp took occasion to comment in the highest terms upon the vim and enthusiasm which has marked each member of the Board in promoting the well being of the Society with no thought of individual preferment, and also remarked upon the loyalty which had been shown by the rank and file of the membership who have supported the Board in its every endeavor.

With the Society freed from the handicap of this large indebtedness, with money in its treasury, and with a constantly increasing membership of dependable, enthusiastic philatelists, President Camp sees an era of great prosperity in store for the organization. Plans have been perfected for an aggressive campaign for membership, which will be inaugurated the first part of the coming year, and it is evident from the attitude of the Board that the united strength of its members will be used during the coming year in pushing the S.P.A. to the forefront.

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The controversy as to the identity of the steamer pictured on the twelve cent of the 1869 issue, U. S., indulged in by correspondents of *The Ocean Ferry*, published in New York, has not been unnoticed by collectors and through the courtesy of Mr. Harry F. Kohr, who scintillates on the *Star of Kansas City*, Mo., we have reprinted the developments. Now, Mr. Kohr sends the November number of *The Ocean Ferry* in which a



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Mr. Arthur L. Cooper of New York, writes a letter that develops a phase of the philatelic investment problem that has been mentioned occasionally, heretofore. He deplores the refusal of banks in this country to regard postage stamps as appropriate collateral for loans and contrasts this condition with that found in Europe where bankers are not disinclined to accept stamps as merchantable collateral. He tells how in some of the European countries, the banks abide by the appraisal as arrived at by various competent philatelists and make loans accordingly, without delay. He submits other particulars that have a bearing on the question, all of which have a tendency to make us feel that undue restrictions are placed upon an important factor of commercial conduct. We think that there is every justification for the remarks of Mr. Cooper and while we shall not say that there are not exceptions to the rule in this country, it is probable that when loans are made, they are a consequence of considerations affecting the individual borrower. It is unlikely that no bank loans are made on stamp collateral in this country, but even so, the practice is an isolated one. It is not easy to suggest remedial measures, but in the course of time, banks should relax their present severity. There are many collectors in banking institutions here and it may be that through their special knowledge of philatelic values, they will be helpful in lowering the bars.

A reader with a long memory asks what has become of the project for a society of "serious collectors of philatelic literature in this country" concerning which we had something to say a good many years ago. Action was delayed on any attempt at organization soon after the suggestion was made because of the war; and since that time, as our correspondent says, we have been silent on the subject. Frankly, comparatively little interest was shown at the time and later, and the proposal was allowed to sleep without any attempt to awaken it. It is true that some of the literature collectors approved of the plan, but they were few in number. The systematized collecting of philatelic literature seems to have made little headway, even though the number of philatelists who have libraries has increased. Too, the old publications have become scarce and libraries such as that of Mr. Howland Speakman

of Chicago, are almost unknown. We suppose that this library is much better known abroad than here, but the time will come no doubt when the pendulum will swing the early printed records of philately into favor with many collectors of the necessary cast of mind.

Air mail letters from Habana, first flight, October 28, 1927, to Key West, Florida, were not backstamped at Key West, and the statement was made somewhere that this mail may not have been carried by plane. In consequence, Mr. Richard J. Schwarz, Chicago, addressed the postmaster at Key West on the subject and received a prompt reply from him, as follows: "You are advised that your understanding of air mail is correct, provided the letters passed through this office. If your letters were addressed in care of the postmaster at this office and the Havana office dispatched them properly, they should have been backstamped. On account of the very close connection from boat or plane to train, mail addressed for delivery in the United States (other than this office) does not pass through this office, but is transferred direct, hence no backstamp of this office. If your letters were addressed to you in Chicago and the Havana office dispatched them in pouch labelled Jacksonville and Key West Train 76, as should have been done, they went direct from the plane to the train. The first flight from Havana was scheduled as letters are stamped; and the Havana office made up its dispatch accordingly, but owing to the extreme high winds and an 11 inch rainfall, the plane was unable to leave Havana until shortly before noon of the next day, Oct. 29th, arriving here at 1.00 P. M., the very first time that a plane brought mail from Cuba." This statement by Mr. Chas. S. Williams, postmaster at Key West, Florida, clarifies the atmosphere and shows that while letters were postmarked at Havana on October 28th, they were not actually flown until the day following. The explanation of why the air mail was not backstamped at Key West is of interest, but strangely enough, a "Primer Viaje" from Havana, Oct. 28th, 3 P. M., did come through with the backstamp, Key West, Oct. 29, 2 P. M.

Mr. A. W. French, Ancon, Canal Zone, sent us a copy of a newspaper telling of the abandonment of the town of Culebra and of the consequent closing of the post office there on September 30th. He favors us with a last day cover, as a memento of Culebra, whose stirring history is so closely associated with the digging of the Panama Canal. The story of the post office is of interest

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MARKET NOTES AND NEWS

By "CALABAR".

St. Kitts.—Once again this popular little Colony is in the forefront of topics, this time the 5/- and 10/- being the items around which interest is centering. Quite a number of dealers are offering these two stamps at figures which show a noticeable increase over the normal prices of current 5/- and 10/- duties.

By the way, well-centred copies of the 2/6 old wmk. (Scott No. 33) are rather the exception.

5d Scripts.—I understand that every Colony has now withdrawn the current 5d duties, so it will be as well to get these before anything unexpected happens. The 5d Montserrat is already soaring, being offered at \$2 in the WEEKLY for 10th Oct., which looks as though it should run the 5d Virgins a close race. It would be interesting to know the numbers issued of both stamps. Perhaps Mr. Harry Huber, who is now visiting the West India Islands, will be able to give us this information when he returns.

Solomons.—Can anyone tell us whether the 2½d on old CA paper is still current? Several dealers, I notice, are quoting it above their usual rates for current 2½d's, whilst others price it the same as any other current 2½d. I see no reason why it should be obsolete, as I presume the foreign letter rate is the same here as in the other So. Pacific Colonies, viz., 2½d. Any information is welcome.

Edwards.—These much-neglected issues have been rapidly coming to the fore lately, particularly on the British market, and I understand that the high values of quite a number of them will show rises in the new Gibbons. In this connection I recall that one well-known English dealer recently ran a half-page advertisement in a contemporary giving a list of K.E. and K.G. items "wanted,"

and it is significant that fully half the stamps listed were K.E. high values. Amongst the latter were the £1 Bahamas, the \$5 Br. Honduras, the 5/- Dominica CC wmk., the 5/- Falklands, 1905, the £1 Fiji, 1903, the \$10 Hong-Kong, single CA and MCA, the 10r Mauritius, 1910 the £1 Natal, 1908/09, the £1 St. Vincent, 1911, etc., etc.

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8 mills. red.
10 mills. slate-grey.
13 mills. dark blue.
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50 mills. purple.

TANGANYIKA: 5c black & green.

10c black & yellow.
15c black & red.
20c black & orange.
25c black & blue.
30c black & purple.
40c black & brown.
50c black & grey.
75c black & olive.
1/- black & green.
2/- black & purple.
3/- black.
10/- black & blue.
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| * 2a | " 2c carmine rose | 3.50 | 2.50 |
| * 3 | " 3c purple | 6.00 | 4.00 |
| * 5 | " 5c blue | 1.00 | .75 |
| * 6 | " 6c magenta | 5.00 | 3.50 |
| * 7 | " 8c violet brown | 5.00 | 3.50 |
| * 8 | " 10c brown, Type 1 | 5.00 | 3.50 |
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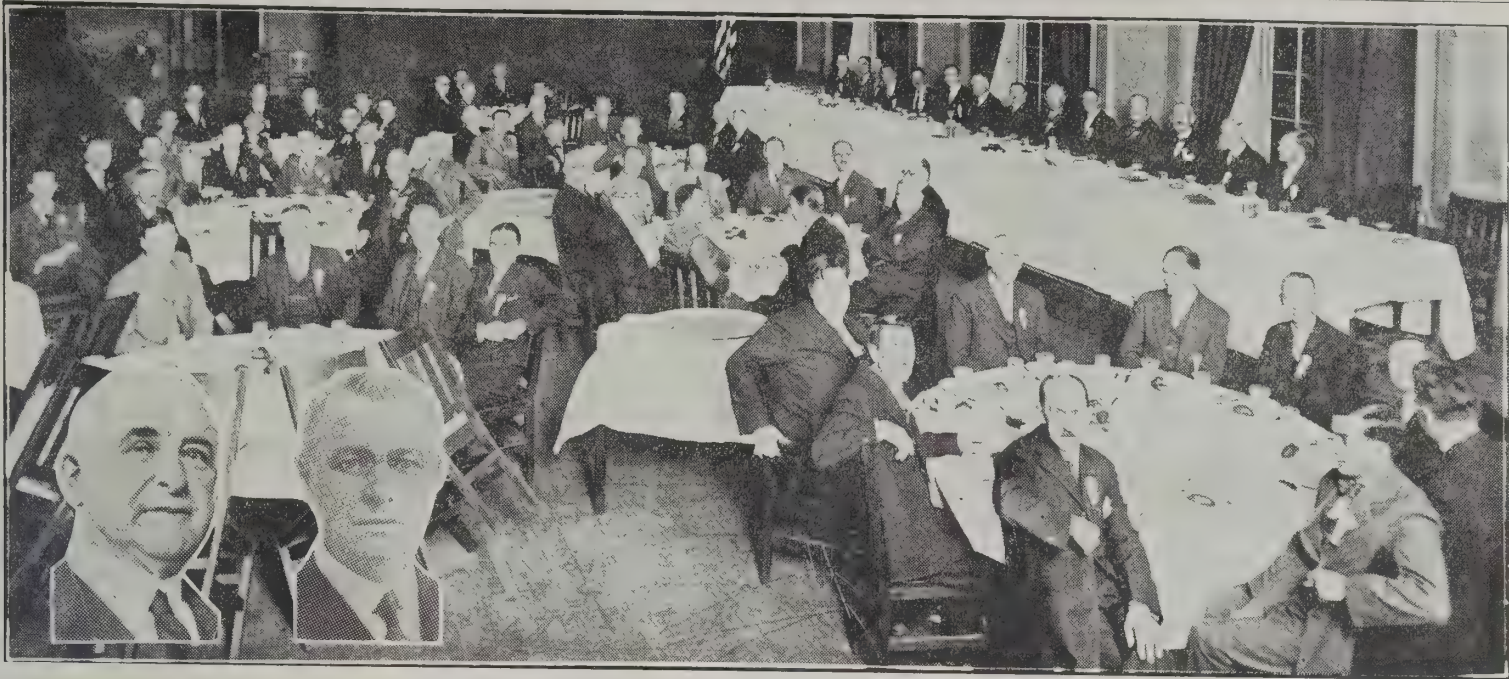
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| 1920, 1sh claret & black, No. 83 | 40 | 1923-26, 1sh green, No. 66 | 35 |
| ANTIGUA | | 5sh green & yellow, No. 67 | 1.90 |
| 1923-26, 3p violet, yellow, No. 60 | 10 | 10sh carmine, green, No. 68 | 3.20 |
| 1921-22, 4p black & red, yellow, No. 51 | 20 | CEYLON | |
| 1sh emerald green, No. 52 | 35 | 1922-25, 1r violet, yellow, No. 240 | 45 |
| 2sh violet & ultramarine, blue, No. 53 | 70 | 2r black & red, yellow, No. 241 | .95 |
| 2sh 6p black & red, blue, No. 54 | 80 | 5r emerald green, No. 242 | 2.45 |
| 5sh green & red, yellow, No. 55 | 1.70 | 1912, 10r violet & black, red, No. 215a | 4.95 |
| 11 violet & black, red, No. 56 | 6.50 | 1926, 2c on 3c slate, No. 248 | .03 |
| 3sh green & violet, No. 48 | 1.15 | 5c on 6c violet, No. 249 | .08 |
| BARBADOS | | COOK ISLE | |
| 1897, 1p carmine rose, No. 81 | 35 | 1920, 6p orange & red brown, No. 65 .. | 20 |
| 5p dark olive brown, No. 83 | 1.45 | 1sh violet & black, No. 66 | .55 |
| 8p orange & ultramarine, No. 85 | 1.10 | CYPRUS | |
| 1892-96, 2 1/2p ultramarine, No. 73 | 35 | 1924, 4pi apple green & violet, No. 100 .. | 15 |
| 1905, 1/2p green & black, No. 101 | 25 | 4 1/2pi black & yellow, emerald green, 18 | |
| 2p orange & black, No. 103 | 75 | 6pi brown olive & green, No. 102 | .25 |
| 1907, 2 1/2p ultramarine & black, No. 110 .. | 90 | 9pi brown & dark violet, No. 103 | .35 |
| 1897, 1f gray & carmine, No. 79 | 10 | 12pi orange brown & black, No. 104 | .35 |
| 1925, 1/2p brown, No. 165 | .02 | 18pi black & orange, No. 105 | .65 |
| 1/2p green, No. 166 | .03 | 45pi gray violet & ultramarine, No. 106 .. | 1.70 |
| 6p claret, No. 172 | 15 | 90pi green & red, yellow, No. 107 | 2.95 |
| 1sh emerald green, No. 173 | 30 | 11 violet & black, red, No. 108 | 6.50 |
| 2sh violet, blue, No. 174 | 80 | 1925, 1/2pi green, No. 109 | .03 |
| 3sh dark violet, No. 175 | 95 | 3/4pi black, No. 110 | .04 |
| 1927, 1p carmine lake, No. 176 | .03 | 1924, 1pi gray & brown, orange, No. 93 .. | .02 |
| BERMUDA | | 1pi brown vio. & orange brn., No. 96 .. | .05 |
| 1922-27, 1p carmine, No. 82 | .03 | DOMINICA | |
| 2p gray, No. 84 | 10 | 1923, 6p red violet & black, No. 76 | 18 |
| 4p red, yellow, No. 87 | 10 | 1sh emerald green, No. 77 | .35 |
| 6p claret, No. 88 | 15 | 2sh ultramarine & black, blue, No. 78 .. | 75 |
| 1910-19, 1sh green, No. 48 | 35 | 2sh 6p red & black, blue, No. 79 | .95 |
| 1920, 4sh carmine & black, No. 54 | 1.35 | 5sh green & black, yellow, No. 82 | 5.95 |
| 1917, 11 black & violet red, No. 52 | 6.00 | FALKLAND | |
| 1922-27, 2sh 6p red & black, blue, No. 91 .. | 75 | 1921, 1/2p yellow, green, No. 41 | .02 |
| BRITISH SOLOMON ISLES | | 1sh bistre brown, No. 46 | .35 |
| 1914, 6p dull violet & red violet, No. 34 | 20 | 1923, 2p brown violet, No. 47 | .06 |
| 1sh green, No. 35 | 35 | 1924-25, 1p red, No. 50 | .03 |
| 1921-23, 2p gray, No. 44 | .05 | 6p orange, No. 51 | .15 |
| 3p ultramarine, No. 46 | .08 | 1921, 2 1/2p ultramarine, No. 44 | .90 |
| BRUNEI | | FIJI | |
| 1908-12, 25c violet, No. 31 | 20 | 1922-25, 1/2p green, No. 94 | .02 |
| 30c orange & red violet, No. 32 | 25 | 2p gray, No. 96 | .06 |
| 50c green, No. 33 | 85 | 2sh 6p black & red, blue, No. 103 .. | .90 |
| \$1 red & black, blue, No. 34 | 85 | GAMBIA | |
| \$5 lake, green, No. 35 | 4.50 | 1922, 1/2p green & black, No. 102 | .02 |
| 1920-21, 50c blue, No. 41 | 35 | 1p brown & black, No. 103 | .03 |
| CAYMAN ISLE | | 1 1/2p carmine & black, No. 104 | .04 |
| 1921-22, 2sh violet, blue, No. 57 | .75 | 2p gray & black, No. 105 | .06 |
| 3sh violet, No. 58 | 1.20 | 1sh 6p blue & black, No. 111 | .60 |
| | | 2sh violet & black, blue, No. 112 .. | .75 |



BANQUET OF THE SUBURBAN STAMP AND CURIO CLUB OF BOSTON

Photo by Ripley of Suburban Club
 Seated at Guest Table (Left to Right)
 E. L. Clark, C. J. Farley, C. A. Davis, J. A. Gallant, Fernald Hutchins, H. Schumacher, Roland M. Baker, Postmaster, Boston, A. A. Marcher, toastmaster, Willard O. Wylie, Fred O. Ohlund, Pres., G. H. Brown, Dr. E. C. Thompson, Col. J. R. Smith, T. E. Stevenson. Inserts: Postmaster Roland M. Baker and Willard O. Wylie.

LIST OF ATTENDANTS:—

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THE SHIP ON THE STAMP

Editor *The Ocean Ferry*:
 Referring to the 12-cent green U. S. stamp of 1869, concerning which you have printed some correspondence, I beg to state that I have examined one of the original stamps, sent me by William C. Ancswert, manager of the International Mercantile Marine Company, at Detroit, with particular reference to the identity of the ship shown thereon.

This is a brig-rigged paddle steamer, with a straight stem; and I have not the least hesitation in saying is a picture of one of the Collins liners, of the fifties—either the *Arctic* or *Pacific*, and therefore, American.

In 1869, on the North Atlantic proper, it is to say, the Liverpool and New York route, which is practically all that matters just now, the Cunard, Inman, Union, and National Lines were so prominent as to constitute the "lot." The ships of the last three were all screw steamers, with various rigs, and can be ruled out. There remains only the Cunard Line, the British & North American Royal Mail steamers, as was their title. They did paddle steamers, culminating in the *Arctic*, and the *Scotia*.

But these ships, though also brig-rigged, had clipper bows, and so are out of the running. There remains, therefore, nothing but the Collins Line vessels, which obtained celebrity deserving of remembrance. They made American maritime history, and what was more natural than that the American government should seek to commemorate them on a stamp?

This I consider in the nature of positive evidence; and the mention of the *Arctic* in the *Ocean Ferry's* article is, in my opinion, additional confirmation, if it were needed.

The legend, as stated in the *Ocean Ferry*, that the ship on the stamp was copied from a menu card on the *Oceanic*, which ship came out in 1871, may be quite true, probably is true, and it is not at all improbable that the steamer so depicted was the *Arctic*. In fact, I should say it is extremely probable. From whence did the White Star Line, in the first place, get its now celebrated terminal "ic" in the nomenclature of their ships? I think it is a reasonable con-

clusion to come to that they adopted this distinctive terminal from the Collins Line. If that is true, it is more than probable that they would adorn the menu card with a picture of the *Arctic* and give the name also. Hence it requires no stretch of the imagination to suppose that someone, without any idea of the facts, has jumped to the conclusion that as the ship represented was the *Arctic*, and the White Star ship's names ending in "ic," was a White Star liner.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. DRINKWATER,
 Marine Superintendent's office, Frederick Leyland and Company, Ltd., Huskisson Dock, Liverpool.—*The Ocean Ferry*, N. Y., Nov., 1927.

A PHILATELIC TALE OF THE SEAS

By CAPT. A. B. RANDALL, A.P.S. 6635
 Commander of the U. S. Liner "Republic."

In renewing my subscription I thought I would tell you of an interesting incident that occurred aboard my ship last May.

The writer is in command of the Trans-Atlantic Liner *Republic* of the United States Lines, and, hearing that former Postmaster General Burleson was to be a passenger to Plymouth, I brought along a First Flight Cover "May 15, 1918 Washington, N. Y., Phila.," which had been personally sent by Mr. Burleson to Mr. Ralph Pulitzer of the N. Y. *World*, and written on the other end of the large Under the 24c stamp in Mr. Burleson's handwriting was "From A. S. Burleson" official envelope, "Carried on the Initial

Trip of the Airplane Mail Service, May 15, 1918." This fine cover is a gift from one of the officials of the N. Y. *World*.

One afternoon, I invited Mr. and Mrs. Burleson with their charming daughter for tea in my cabin and in the course of conversation I mentioned the airmail and asked if he recalled the initial trip and the envelope which I then handed him.

Mr. Burleson was taken in pleased and complete surprise, with the exclamation, "Where did you get this and why?" and then I told him that I was a stamp collector and had been one since a small boy.

After this, he told me many interesting inside matters pertaining to the P. O. Dept. and another day he asked for the above mentioned cover and seating himself at my desk he inscribed the following on the back of the cover:

"Again, after nine years I write on this envelope, this time in appreciation of a delightful voyage on the *SS. Republic* under the command of my friend Captain A. B. Randall."
 May 1927 A. S. BURLESON."

And, this was not all; on Mr. Burleson's return to his home in Austin, Texas, he most graciously sent me a copy of the 3c Victory affixed to a card, immediately under which is the autograph of Pres. Woodrow Wilson, together with Mr. Burleson's as Postmaster General and:

"I hereby certify that the three-cent Victory stamp affixed to this card is stamp No. 2 of the first sheet printed."

(Signed) A. M. DOCKERY,
 Third Assistant Postmaster General.
 You may be sure your old subscriber is

very proud of these two items and I think the incident of Mr. Burleson "meeting up" with his old envelope in mid-Atlantic is interesting, he, at least thought so, for he alluded to it many times over and back, for he returned with me the last of August.

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Junior Gossip

—David Lowe, 627 Hendrix St., Brooklyn, N. Y., would like to organize a stamp club in his vicinity, and interested collectors will please take the matter up with him.

—Our several contests will be reported on in the near future. The editor is staggering along under a load of entries, but will soon have things fixed up.

—Our triangle contest proved a hard nut to crack from the standpoint of completeness. Our report will be awaited with interest.

—Remember Juniors, this page is yours. Write the Editor anytime you please and on any phase of stamp collecting that strikes your fancy.

—Elmer Rominger, Bloomfield, Iowa, a shut-in for nearly 25 years, will be grateful for any duplicates that our subscribers may send him.

Crete

By TED H. PLATT.

This island in the Mediterranean Sea began the issue of stamps in the year of 1898. Since that time it has issued a large number of specimens.

The earliest specimens were used in the British sphere of Administration were handstruck and resembled obliteration marks, while the later issues were lithographed at Athens were no more attractive. In the Russian régime, the designs were equally primitive.

When a government that was permanent came into being, a far more presentable issue was prepared. The designs in this case were very interesting, consisting of some mythological characters, as: Diana, Jupiter, Hermes, Hera, Mones and Ariadne.

In the year of 1905, a revolution broke out in the island and the unattractive designs became current once more. Since 1907 a number of issues have appeared, produced by Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., in London.

JUNIOR STAMP STUDIES

THE CATHEDRAL Mexico A34 1899, 5 pesos



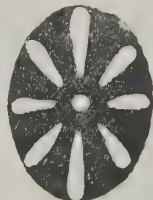
feet high, were not completed until 1791. The walls alone cost two million dollars, while several millions more have been expended in interior decorations. The building is in the form of a Latin cross, 426 feet long and 203 feet wide. The Doric style of architecture is used within, while on the exterior the mixed Doric and Ionic of the Spanish Renaissance prevails. It is one of the largest and most sumptuous churches in America.

U. S. 1887 2c Env., Dies A and B By G. A. HUNT.

A quick way to distinguish dies A and B of the 1887 issue, U. S. 2c stamped envelope is shown by the accompanying illustrations:—



DIE A.



DIE B.

Die A. Little ornaments each side of bust before the word "United" and after the word "Postage" are similar to the hub and spokes of a wheel.

Die B. Ornaments are more "ovate" like the petals of a flower.

These drawings show merely the outstanding difference. It is the easiest way to identify the two dies and a big improvement upon counting the serrate ornaments. There are, of course, other distinguishing features, but none so noticeable as that pictured above. If I had known this when I was a kiddie with the great mass of these two-centers that passed through my hands I could have found some of these elusive Die A's.

Hidden Face on Bulgaria

By RAY JONES.

I noticed the article published on the Junior page of the October 31st issue in regard to the face on the current 2c stamp, and was very much interested.

In looking over my foreign stamps, I noticed another hidden face on a Bulgarian stamp; the 1s of 1911. The face is in the lower left corner of the central design, taking up almost the whole corner. It appears to be a man with beady eyes, a hooked nose, and a pointed chin, facing to the left. He also appears to be wearing a turban.

The Best Advt. Oct. 10

I think the best ad is the one of the J. O. Moore, Inc., found on page 547. It stands out and it is not crowded, stating in a few words all that is needed. It is easily readable and does not contain glaring bold face type, but an attractive kind. It is addressed more to the individual and not collectors in general. Its straightforwardness does not arouse doubt in your mind about its reliability. Therefore I think it is the best ad because it not only puts faith into most people, but it gives you a guarantee of service.—GEORGE BRETT.

In my opinion, the best advertisement in the Season Opener was the full page one, page 559, which was put in by The Home of the Postage Stamp, proprietors, J. A. and J. Van Kirk Wells. My reasons are as follows: (1) The unique

way in which it is printed; it attracts attention. (2) It has many interesting bits of news and facts worked into it. (3) The prices are about right. (4) It gives a description of the stamps and sets offered, besides giving the catalogue numbers.—J. ROBT. SNAVELY.

The best advertisement was the H. E. Harris & Co. advertisement found on page 563. I consider it the best because it is very attractive and so neatly arranged. They describe each set so completely, too, that one knows in an instant whether the set is the one desired or no.—FRANCES PATERA.

The best advertisement is on page 569. It is the advertisement of Stanley Gibbons Limited. It is unquestionably the best ad in the issue because it is exceptionally well written, attractively made up, has sufficient white space to catch and hold your attention, and caters to all classes of collectors.—JAS. F. ABELL.



Cuban Air Mail Stamp

We have received from W. H. Avery a copy of the new 5c airmail stamp. It is in blue and the design is a handsome one. It shows an air plane on duty and some tropical palms are shown in side panels. Shape, oblong rectangular.

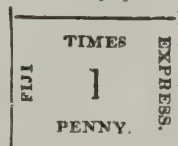
What is "Cutch"?

A dry, brown astringent obtained from the Acacia catechu and several other plants by a process of evaporation. It grows in India and contains a large part tannic acid. Cutch is used in medicine and arts. It is also known as terra japonica, catechu, gambier, etc.—ROBERT K. STORY.

Cutch is the commercial name for Catechu, a substance used in tanning and dyeing, and medicinally as an astringent, obtained from the heartwood of several East Indian trees, including the "betelnut."—BARTLETT MCKINNEY.

Fiji Times Express

The inscription shown upon the crude typeset labels which formed the first postal issue for Fiji. The stamps were set up from ordinary printer's type and



printed at the office of "The Fiji Times," whose proprietor organized and owned the post until it was taken over by the Government in 1871.

Echoes of the Contests

—The following answers are submitted for the ten questions listed on the Junior page for Oct. 24. I am fourteen years old and am confined to the house because of a weakened heart following rheumatism fever. Have been ill for nearly eight months.—EDW. H. PETERSON, JR., Mayville, N. Y.

—I am going to take part in all of your forthcoming contests, and you can expect a letter from me for every contest you publish. Take it from me; the addition of your Junior department has increased the Juniors' interest 100%. Keep it going.—RICHARD RUTTAN.

—This is the first time I have answered any of your contests, but it is not going to be the last. It passes much time away and even if you don't win a prize you have had a lot of fun, but some of them were pretty hard to find, in fact, I am writing this letter and I still have one more to find, but I expect to find it.—ARTHUR COWDERY.

—The Junior Page is the brightest one in the WEEKLY, and I want to thank you for conducting interesting contests.—KAZUO SAKANE.

—I went through my catalog three times and through my stamps once. I believe that I have correct answers to all the triangles, but some of them were certainly well hidden. Numbers 8, 14 and 15 were the hardest and the last found. I am looking for your next rebus.—CHARLES HELBER.

—Although this letter is in answer to the contest, I don't think it would do any harm to say that I enjoy reading your paper very much, my subscription is only for one year, but after that it is going to be for the whole five years.—ARTHUR COWDERY.

—I am a member of your Honor Club and am fourteen years old. The Junior Page is fine and I hope there will be more contests for the Juniors soon.—JOHN BOLAND.

British Colony "Postage and Revenue" Stamps

By STEPHEN G. RICH, Verona, N. J.

In a large number of the British colonies some or all of the stamps are inscribed "Postage and Revenue" and are duty for both purposes. In some others they are inscribed "Stamp Duty," and serve both purposes. How can you tell which purpose they have served?

It does make a difference which way they were used; for some values were often used as revenues and rarely for postage.

As a rule, you are safe in considering that any pen-cancellation on a "Postage and Revenue" stamp means that it is used as a revenue. There are a few exceptions to this, but they are not often met with. If the pen-cancellation shows either a person's initials or a date, it is at least a 100 to 1 shot that it is a revenue cancellation.

On Queen's Head stamps of this sort a cancellation that has oval lines for boundaries is likely to be puzzling. If the cancellation is in black, with one outer oval line and no other oval lines it is probably a registration-cancellation and shows postal use. You are safe in considering any oval-line cancellation in color—red, blue, purple, or green—as a revenue cancellation. If the oval is made of two lines close together or has an oval within the lettering as well as outside it, it is almost always a revenue cancellation.

How can you tell whether the cancellation is oval or round if you only see part of it? Use a cent, a nickel, a quarter, and a dime as convenient circles. One of these fits smoothly and evenly

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SWITZERLAND PRO JUVENTUTE

By RUDOLPH C. M. HARTMANN.

Design—Dress of Canton

1913, 5c, Helvetia, Matterhorn in background.

1915, 5c, Appenzell Boy.

1915, 10c, Lucerne Girl.

1916, 3c, Fribourg Girl.

1916, 5c, Son of Bernesse.

1916, 10c, Woman of Canton, of Vaud.

1917, 3c, Woman of Canton, of Valais.

1917, 5c, Unterwald Girl.

1917, 10c, Woman of Tessin.

Design—Coat of Arms

1918, 10c, Uri, Transfixed apple—episode of William Tell.

1918, 15c, Genève, Necklaces of pearls, jewel industry.

1919, 7½c, Nidwalden, Morning-star, or holy-water sprinkler, a weapon of the First Confederacy.

1919, 10c, Vaud, Grapes, raisins—celebrated vineyards.

1919, 15c, Obwalden, Halberk, also a weapon of the First Confederacy.

1920, 7½c, Schwyz, Three fingers, commemorating Confederation of 1291.

1920, 10c, Zürich, Machine wheels—mechanical industry, locomotive.

1920, 15c, Tessin, Bricks, masonry walls.

1921, 10c, Valais, Various fruits—business of preserving fruits.

1921, 20c, Bern, Wheat—culture of wheat.

1921, 40c, Switzerland, People of the period of the First Confederation, 14th Century.

1922, 5c, Zug, "Zugerrötel," a fish peculiar to Lake Zug.

1922, 10c, Fribourg, Mitre of the Bishop—Fribourg is the seat of the Bishop of Fribourg, Lausanne and Genève.

1922, 20c, Luzern, Sailboat on Lake Quatre (Lake of the Four Cantons).

1922, 40c, Switzerland, Men-at-arms of Sempach—14th Century.

1923, 5c, Baselstadt, Cross of the Bishop of Basel. Basel is the old seat of the Bishop of Basel.

1923, 10c, Glarus, Alpine foliage. The Mountain Canton.

1923, 20c, Neuchâtel, Watch and clock industry.

1923, 40c, Switzerland, Fighters at the Battle of St. Jacques—1444. Swiss Armies defeated by the French, fought so well that the French invasion was stopped.

1924, 5c, Appenzell, Rh. Int. (Rh. Int.—Inner Rhoden, southern part of Canton). Bells of the herds of Santis, a famous mountain in this Canton with large pasture for goats and cows.

1924, 10c, Solothurn, Banner of St. Ours. Patron of Soleure, and mitre of the Bishop of Bale, who lies at Soleure.

1924, 20c, Schaffhausen, Grapes, vineyards of Hallau.

1924, 30c, Switzerland, People of the wars against Bourgogne, Battles of Grandson and Morat. At the left—Charles the Bold, at the right—a Swiss soldier of the 15th Century. (Charles the Bold, Count of Burgundy—the present eastern part of France, including also some parts of the Netherlands—wishing territorial gain, fought three great battles against the Swiss, but was defeated each time. This made the Swiss famous and thereafter they were found on every battlefield of Europe. The three battles were:—Grandson and Morat, both in 1476 by Lake Neuchâtel, and Nancy in 1478 in France, at which Charles the Bold was killed.)

1925, 5c, St. Gallen, Design for embroidery, needlework industry.

1925, 10c, Appenzell, Rh. Ext. (Rh. Ext.—Ausser Rhoden to German border). Design of lace, lace manufacture.

1925, 20c, Graubünden, Leaves of the maple tree of Trums, planted in memory of the union of the three leagues of Grisons. (Grisons—largest Canton of Switzerland formed by three leagues uniting for defense against Austria.) (Trums—a little village in the valley of the Rhine, near the source of that river, in the Canton.)

1925, 30c, Switzerland, People of the Wars in Italy—16th Century. At left, an old ally; at right, a young ally.

1926, 5c, Thurgau, Apples and pears, these great crops are the riches of this state.

1926, 10c, Baselland, Ribbons, manufacture of silk ribbons.

1926, 20c, Aargau, Carrots, chief culture of the Argoviens.

U. S. R. R. COVERS

U. S. 1870 GRILLES IN MINT CONDITION

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| *Australia—2d, close mult wmk. | .06 |
| *Brunei—8c blue script wmk. | .06 |
| *Egypt—2m & 3m, new King design .. | .04 |
| *British China—on Hong Kong, 50c script watermark .. | .38 |
| *Gwalior—4a Service, mult wmk. | .12 |
| *Nigeria—2d orange-brown .. | .06 |
| *St. Helena—2sh script wmk. | .04 |
| *South West Africa—½, 1, 2, 3, 6d & 1sh in horizontal pairs, surcharged with the initials S. W. A. instead of full wording as heretofore. In my opinion, this will be a temporary issue and well worth buying. Set of 6 pairs .. | 1.35 |
| *S. W. Africa—1sh3d, King design single and 2sh6d Pictorial in pair, with surcharge as above. 3 stamps .. | 2.10 |
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British Guiana, 96c, \$1.30.

British Solomon Is., 4d, 15c; 2sh, 80c.

Gambia, 4d, 15c; 7½d, 25c.

St. Kitts - Nevis, 6d (Sc. 30), 25c; 2sh (Sc. 32, cat. 2.50), \$1.10; 2sh6d, \$1.15.

Samoa on N. Z., 2sh (Sc. 120), 80c; 3sh (155), \$1.30.

Leeward Is., 4d (Sc. 59), 16c; 6d (52), 20c; 1sh (53), 45c; 2sh (Sc. 60, 3.00), \$1.25; 2sh6d, \$1.00; 5sh, \$2.25.

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WHOLESALE LISTS FREE TO THE TRADE

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1926, 30c, Switzerland, Lion of Lucerne—commemorates the defense of the Palace of Tuileries by the Swiss Guard in Paris in 1791, nearly all of whom were killed by revolutionists.

U. S. 1898, 279c ROSE CARMINE

By HOO CAN TELL.

What is rose-carmine?

What is carmine-rose?

What other stamp, either U. S. or foreign, in Scott's catalog, matches up with the elusive U. S. 279c?

If this stamp is so awfully rare, why is it only cataloged at \$7.50 new and 65c used?

What is the difference between Guam 2a and U. S. 279c as regards color?

Who will answer these questions?

against the curved line, the cancellation round; if none of them fit, it is oval. This matter of oval cancellations does not hold good for all cases on the King Edward and King George issues. There are a few oval colored postal cancellations on some of these.

Any cancellation with straight lines forming part of the border, or with a circle inside a square, is a revenue cancellation. But do not get confused on this: Cape of Good Hope and a few other British colonies used circular cancellations with separate parallel bars outside the circle and making a square. This square has not an outer line all the way round.

All this applies only to British colonies, it does not apply, to any great extent, to Canada or the colonies that became provinces.

There is one other item that you will find in the way of queer cancellations. In Transvaal, Natal, and Union of South Africa, especially high values, a cancellation was used consisting of a heavy circle with a heavy, large numeral in the center. The numerals 1 and 4 are the most common ones. This is a telegraphic cancellation, for the stamps were used as telegraph-stamps in the government telegraph-offices. But a triangular cancellation with one or two large letters inside a triangle, on these same stamps, is a regular postal cancellation.

It is not only worth while to separate out these cancellations, because the real ones are often more valuable. It is also lots of fun. I've tried it.

The Best Advt. Oct. 10

By CHAS. R. RUTTAN.

The best advertisement was that by the Home of the Postage Stamp for the following reasons:

(1) The psychology of the idea "European Tour De Luxe" idea catches the eye and holds the interest.

(2) The countries were not alphabetically arranged. This forces the prospect search for his country, which results in his probable finding of something else besides.

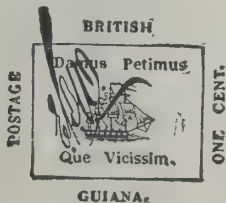
(3) The different styles of type, while not a new idea, is a good one. This breaks the monotony.

(4) The items are introduced in such a way as not to appear crowded. Here the variance of type also comes into play, as well as the vertical bars.

(5) The size of the advertisement is a big factor, and (be that as it may) the right page is always a superior position than the left.

Damus Petimus Que Vicissim

A motto appearing on most of the stamps of British Guiana. It means "We give and we seek in turn," and evidently has reference to the interchange of products between the Colony and other countries.



The Junior Dictionary

Postage.—Found on many of the stamps of the British Empire signifying that they are intended for postal use.

Postage Currency.—A name given to any money, especially that issued by the United States, upon which may be found facsimiles of postage stamp designs. Thus a 5c piece of currency bears the design of the then current 5c stamp and a 50c would show five of the 10c stamps.

Postage & Revenue.—Found on many of the stamps of Great Britain and its Colonial possessions showing that in addition to prepaying postage the stamps may also be used for certain fiscal purposes.

Postage Due.—Found on the unpaid stamps of the United States, New Zealand, etc.

U.S. POSTAGE PAIRS, 10 diff., 6c; 25, 15c, 35, 30c; 50, 45c; 75, \$1.00. **BLOCKS OF FOUR**, 10 diff., 60c; 20 \$1.75. 50 diff. U. S. Rev., 18c. 65 diff., 28c. FOR. REV., 100 Austria 20c; 20 Gr. Brit., 30c. **M. TAUSIG**, 2701 Ave. J, Brooklyn, N. Y.

ONE CENT AND ONE MINUTE

A one-cent postal will bring you my priced-list and one minute's time will convince you that it is something worth while. **E. T. PARKER, BETHLEHEM, PA.**

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1912 22, 25c cat. \$.35 .20
50c " 6.00 2.65
25c, White Back " 1.50 .65
1921 22, 1c, 2c, 4c " .31 .13
1922, 10c, 12c, 20c " 1.25 .58
1922 1, 4c, 5c, 6c, 12c, 25c " .85 .48
ATLAS STAMP CO. (P. C. Smith)
W. Somerville, Mass.

CANAL ZONE "ERROR"

Several years back the "Canal Zone" 1c green on U. S. issue of 1924-26 printed from the flat bed press, was found with the "Zone" overprint inverted. The variety which Scott lists as #67b, is priced at \$50. and has been selling at this full price. As the flat plate 1c stamp is no longer printed, the error is not likely to again occur. I have just been fortunate in getting ten sheets showing this error, at an advantage figure, and while they last, offer an entire mint pane of one hundred at \$35.00. As the supply is limited, I can only furnish one to a client at this figure.

Want lists of United States Colonies in general, are not solicited, as I do not endeavor to stock these stamps; however, at present I can offer two copies of the

PHILIPPINE—1926 Legislative issue 18c double center, mint at \$100.00. Only two copies on hand. It is said that a sheet of fifty were printed, and ten saved.

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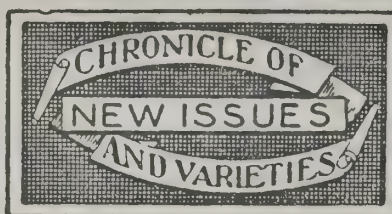
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20th Austria, Bavaria, Bosnia, Danzig Mint Mint Denmark, Luxemburg & Germany 20th

I hold a practically complete stock of SUPERB mint stamps from the above countries and would appreciate want lists of any single items or sets and can assure prompt courteous service along with prices that are RIGHT.

W. W. BETTS, P. O. Drawer 01, Clearfield, Pa. [501]



The chronicle of United States is edited by **PHILIP H. WARD, JR.**, Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa., who will also be pleased to pass on oddities and varieties of all U. S. stamps from 1900 to date. The foreign chronicle is edited by **PERCY C. SMITH**, 75 Electric Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States

Revenue Oddity

I recently had submitted for inspection a copy of the second issue \$1 blue and black without the center medallion. The cancellation covered the center quite clearly, and from all appearances, after examination under a strong glass, it looked to be the variety with center omitted. The stamp in question was written up in the *Collectors Journal* of Chicago for November, 1916, at which time it was illustrated. Since then it has remained in the hands of the original finder until recently shown your editor. When the stamp was placed under the violet-ray lamp, the head of Washington was to be noted very clearly, showing conclusively that the center had been removed. This new violet-ray lamp is going to help us very materially in the case of fake varieties in the future.

Air Mail Notes

Announcement has been made that a regular north and southbound exchange of air mail will start at Madison, Wis., on November 22nd, the city being covered by C. A. M. No. 9. On the day of the first flight from Madison, Wis., there will be a special plane leaving that point for the Chicago-Maywood Field about 5 P. M. A special cancellation has been arranged, and will no doubt be similar to the octagonal postmarks now being used on such services.

The Postmaster General announced on November 15th that the Department had awarded the contract for carrying mail via air from Chicago to Cincinnati via Indianapolis, to the Embury-Riddle Company of Cincinnati at a bid of \$1.47 a pound. It is expected that the service will start around December 15th.

The schedule as tentatively arranged, provides for taking up the connection from the eastbound transcontinental route due in Chicago at 5:45 A. M., with arrival in Cincinnati about 9 A. M.

The services from Cincinnati will call for a late afternoon dispatch to connect with the same route due to leave Chicago at 10:50 P. M. Special postmarks will also be used on this occasion.

Air Mail services have been used to furnish the flooded areas of New England with mail service. Beginning on November 10th, an emergency flight started from Concord, N. H., to Burlington, Vt., via Montpelier. This service takes care of all first class mail in the cities affected by the flood. Special attention has been given to mail for—Barre, Middleburg, St. Albans, Essex Junction, Waterbury, and Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont, as well as other points in the vicinity. The plane used carries five hundred pounds of mail each way. In a recent Chronicle mention was

made of the establishment of an air mail route from Atlanta to Miami. Mr. C. A. Carroll writes that this new route will be laid out somewhat differently from the original, which was established on September 15th, 1926, and discontinued in December of last year. Originally there was little saving of time, but it is expected that the new schedule will result in the air mail being used much more extensively over this route.

Canal Zone

The 10c yellow, portrait of Monroe, perforated 11, and printed by the flat bed process has been reported with the "ZONE-ZONE" error overprint. The 15c also exists in addition to those already mentioned in the new catalogue.

We wish to thank Messrs. E. S. Potter, N. C. Comfort, S. R. Secor, F. E. Disent, W. L. Morse, and Fred Klingenstein, for notes and information of interest.

Belgium.—*Gibbons' Stamp Monthly* prints the following: "We learn from the *Revue Postale* that the Belgian authorities have two new postal emissions in view: firstly, a stamp to provide funds for the restoration of the Cistercian Abbey of Orval and, secondly, a whole set bearing the portrait of famous Belgians, the latter to be issued in 1930."

Bermuda.—Mr. R. Roberts reports that he has received the 1sh on emerald, ordinary paper, script watermark.

Cirenaica.—Mr. R. Roberts informs us that the 20c deep violet, 50c orange and L1.25 blue Volta stamps of Italy have been surcharged "Cirenaica" in black.

Curacao.—Whitfield King & Co. are authority for information regarding seven new items of this colonial territory: Floating Safe stamps overprinted "Frankkeerzegel" and new value, 3 cent on 15c blue-green, 10 cent on 60c carmine, 12½ cent on 75c sepia, 15 cent on 1g50c blue, 25 cent on 2g25c chestnut, 30 cent on 4½g grey-black and 50 cent on 7½g red.

Eritrea.—Mr. R. Roberts advises that he has had come to hand the 20c deep violet, 50c orange and L1.25 blue, Volta commemorative stamps of Italy surcharged for use in this colony, in black.

Estonia.—Whitfield King & Co. submit a copy of a 40mk blue and sepia, design as A14, but with a different central view. This one has a large public building pictured in the centre.

Fiji.—There has been considerable uncertainty whether the 1 pound value was still on sale, but *Gibbons' Stamp Monthly* learns from Mr. C. E. Mansell that this value is still to be had at nearly all post offices at the time of writing (his letter was written mid-August) and there has been no local rumor as to its withdrawal.

France.—Sinking Fund.—Surchage "Caisse d'Amortissement" and new value: +10c (in red) on 40c blue (Sower, solid background), +25c (in blue) on 50c olive-green. Surchage "CA" and new value: +50c (in black) on 1f 50 orange-red.—*Stamp Collecting*.

French Guiana.—The Economist Stamp Co. advise that the 3fr magenta postage due stamp of France has been surcharged "Guyane Francaise" in two lines in black.

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Guadeloupe.—The Economist Stamp Co. have shown us the 1fr blue postage due stamp with the surcharge "3 francs a percevoir" in three lines in black.

Italian Somaliland.—Mr. R. Roberts sends copies of the four values of the Italian Volta commemoratives noted above with the overprint for use in this colony.

Liechtenstein.—M. Champion informs us that the total printing of the Charity stamps described last month comprises 150,000 of each denomination.—Stamp Collecting.

Martinique.—The Economist Stamp Co. inform us that the following values of the postage due stamps of France, type D2, have been overprinted "Martinique" in capital letters at the top of the stamp below "Chiffre": 5c light blue, 10c chocolate, 20c olive-green, 25c rose, 30c carmine, 45c green, 50c brown-violet, 60c green, 1fr red-brown on straw, 2fr bright violet and 3fr magenta.

Netherlands.—L'Echo de la Timbrologie states that a new contract has been

made between the Dutch Government and the Netherland Navigation Co., with the result that new Marine Insurance stamps will be issued in November.

New Caledonia.—The Economist Stamp Co. inform us that the 1fr brown postage due stamp has been overprinted "3f." in black.

Rarotonga.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the appearance of the 2sh New Zealand stamp, Admiral design, thick Cowan paper, with the surcharge in red "Rarotonga," watermark N Z and star, single line.

Roumania.—Michael Stamps.—Further to our last note we learn from the "Echo" that the new series will probably be issued on January 1st next. The design, the photograph for which was chosen by the Queen-Mother Hélène, is now being engraved and will show the bust of the young King wearing a white silk blouse, a turned-down collar, and a white tie. The colours will be the same as for the current issue. The issue will be produced by the new National Stamp Factory and it is anticipated that they will present a creditable appearance. It is stated that the *toute ensemble* will be very simple, being simply the portrait of the King, the inscription "ROMANIA POSTA," and the indication of value.—Philatelic Magazine.

Ruanda-Urundi.—Bukavu Postmark. M. Weber writes that a new post office was recently opened at Bukavu. At first having no regular cancellation, it made use of one with Bukavu in large capitals, without date, in black or violet. In the disorder of the opening, quite a few letters went by stamped with stamps of the Congo (without overprint)—none of those letters had to pay postage due as the P.O. allowed them to go through. This cancellation is already scarce as it was short lived and is sought by collectors.—Philatelic Magazine.

Russia.—Whitfield King & Co. send for chronicle two more values of the new series. They are 5kop brown and 20kop dark olive-green.

St. Pierre and Miquelon.—The Economist Stamp Co. send for note the 3fr magenta postage due stamp of France, type D2, surcharged "SAINT-PIERRE ET MIQUELON" in three lines in black.

San Marino.—Mr. R. Roberts and Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the new Cenotaph Commemoratives, Unveiling of Memorial to San Marino War Volunteers. The three values are of the same design and at the top have the inscription "Ara Dei Volontari." Values are 50c mauve, L1.25 blue and L10 grey. The design and inscription is by Prof. Enrico Lederici and the stamps were executed by Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co. First time being printed in England.

South West Africa.—Mr. J. Robertson, editor of the *South African Philatelist*, in writing to us under date of September 28th last informs us that:—

Further to my recent letters I am now in a position, having seen complete sets, to give you full details of the South African postage stamps overprinted "S.W.A." The denominations which have received this new overprint are: 1/2d, 1d, 2d, 3d, 6d, 1/-, 1/3, 2/6, 5/-, 10/- and £1. The 1/2d, 1d and 6d are Pretoria-printed pictorials, the 2d, 3d, 1/-, 2/6, 5/- and 10/- are London-printed pictorials, while the 1/3 and £1 are, of course, King's head stamps. The 1/2d, 1d and 6d of this series are the first Pretoria-printed postage stamps to be overprinted for S. W. Africa.

In all the above eleven denominations the overprint is the same on all stamps in the sheet, namely, "S.W.A." in sans serif capitals. Thus, while it will be necessary to collect the pictorials in pairs, as before, the 1/3 and £1 need only be collected in singles. In all cases the overprint is in black and has been applied by the Government Printer, Pretoria, from type-set formes.

There are three styles of this new overprint, namely, (a) at foot of the stamp (on the 1/2d, 1d, 6d, 1/3 and £1), (b) just above the centre of the stamp (on the 2d, 1/-, 5/- and 10/-) and (c) to-

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Tripolitania.—Mr. R. Roberts advises that the four Volta stamps referred to under Cirenaica have been surcharged "Tripolitania" in black and issued in this country.

Uruguay.—Whitfield King & Co. send for chronicle the following values of the current issue, redrawn design (imprint at right): 2c rose, 3c grey-green, 5c blue, 8c pink and 20c brown, all watermarked.

STAMP NOTES AND NEWS

CHILI.—We have received a letter from Santiago referring to the recently issued Air Post stamps, stating that the issue of these stamps has been made by a private concern, and the benefit derived goes solely to the owners of the concession. It is true that the stamps were printed at the Mint, but as an entirely private affair, and unused copies of these labels are unobtainable, letters or parcels to be sent by Air Post have to be handed to the officials who affix the necessary labels themselves. The stamps are not on sale at the Post Office and therefore they will not be included in our catalogue.

CYPRUS.—A new series of pictorial postage stamps is to be issued to commemorate the Jubilee of the British Occupation of Cyprus, denominations as follow:—3/4, 1, 1 1/2, 2 1/2, 4, 6, 9, 18, 45 piastres and £1. The date on which these stamps will be issued is uncertain, but we are informed that it is hoped to have them available in Cyprus on January 1st next. They will be on sale for twelve months only, replacing the King's head stamps, which will be re-issued when the commemoratives are finally withdrawn.

ESTONIA.—A new set of postage stamps is to be issued here this month, the denominations being as follow:—5 + 5 marks, 10 + 10 marks, 12 + 12 marks, 20 + 20 marks, 40 + 40 marks. The additional charge on these stamps is to be given to a special fund for the erection of a War Memorial. These stamps will be available for international as well as local postage. Next year new stamps of quite a different type and in the new currency, kronors instead of marks, will be issued.

FRANCE.—A set of three stamps has been issued for the benefit of the Sinking Fund, the denominations are 40c + 10c blue, 50c + 25c green, and 1fr 50c + 50c orange-red; the two first mentioned are overprinted "Caisse d'Amortissement," and the highest denomination has "CA" in large block letters at the top of the stamp. These stamps have been specially printed in different colours to those of the current issue for the purpose of overprinting, and will be on sale for one year only. The 40c + 10c and 50c + 25c stamps are of the Sower type, and the 1fr 50c + 50c orange-red, Pasteur.

GERMANY.—The Charity stamps for 1927 have arrived from this country, all bearing a portrait of President von Hindenburg. The denominations and colours are as follow:—8pf green, 15pf red, 25pf blue, and 50pf brown. The face value of the set is 98 pfennig, but is sold for Mk. 1.95, the additional charge being given to military charities. A set of stamps was issued for the use of members attending the meeting of the International Labour Bureau, which was held in Berlin from October 10th to 15th. The stamps are the ordinary current issue surcharged in two lines "I.A.A. 10.—15.10.1927." The letters "I.A.A." stand for *Internationales Arbeits Amt*. The stamps were also sold to the public for use on ordinary correspondence.

ITALY.—A new Air Post provisional is expected shortly, 80c on 1 lira, also the 35c Pneumatic. The Volta stamps, 20c, 50c and 1 lira 25c have been overprinted for the four colonies, Eritrea, Somalia, Cirenaica and Tripolitania.

LATVIA.—A special issue of postage stamps will shortly be made showing the portrait of the first President of the State. The stamps will be produced by copper plate printing and will consist of the following denominations: 2, 6, 15, 25 and 30 santim. Each stamp will be sold at a premium of 10 santim, which will be given to the "Tschakste" Fund, to provide scholarships tenable in educational institutes. The issue will consist of 35,000 stamps of each denomination.

MANCHURIA.—The \$1, \$2 and \$5 stamps overprinted for the provinces of Kirin and Heilungkiang have been additionally overprinted at the base of the stamp with Chinese characters signifying "San-Sing" and the stamps thus overprinted are used only in the San-Sing district Post Offices. The overprint is in

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TURKEY.—An exhibition of various Turkish manufactures has recently been held in Smyrna, and to celebrate this event the current stamps of 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 15, 25, 50 and 100 grouch have been overprinted in Turkish initials which reading from right to left stand for "Smyrna Ninth September Exhibition," the Turkish reading is "Ismih Dokuz Eylul Serghi." The overprint is in black, except on the 25, 50 and 100 grouch, which bear Kemal's portrait, and on these the overprint is in silver on the 25 and 50 grouch and in gold on the 100 grouch.—Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin.

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PLACING THE STAMPS IN EXHIBITS

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THIS article is written for the benefit of the committees that are now busily engaged in arranging for stamp-exhibitions in various parts of the world in 1928. It is written as a retrospect or post-mortem on the 1926 exhibition in New York, and aims to give the people who are planning the exhibitions some useful information. All it deals with is the matter of locating the various kinds of exhibits within the exposition.

To understand how these exhibits can be most advantageously placed, we need to know what sorts of people visit a stamp exposition, and what each sort wants to see. Now I do not have any census or traffic-count of the visitors to the New York exhibition; but I watched the crowd of visitors during parts of four days and have a fairly good idea of the make-up of this population.

About half the visitors are people who know nothing whatsoever about stamps beyond vague memories of their own childhood collections. Juvenile collectors form about a quarter of the visitors, and the adults that the juveniles drag along form perhaps an eighth. The remaining eighth is composed of stamp-collectors, ranging from the recently initiated enthusiast to the specialists in broken plates, curly-whiskered King's heads, and kicking-mule cancellations.

Therefore, seven-eighths of the appeal of the exhibition ought to be such as to reach the non-philatelic public and the young collector. These people have paid their admission, and are expecting to be interested at the start. Whatever is of most interest to them should be placed where they will run across it early in their visit, and thus become enthusiastic at once. The items that the non-philatelic person and the juvenile collectors like to see might well be arranged so that they are in a continuous row, leading these visitors along so that they do not cluster in a mob in any one spot. Meanwhile, the philatelist will have hunted out the specialties that he wants to see, and will be happier with them to the extent that the general public, not interested, is detoured from disturbing him.

The New York exhibition scored heavily in certain cases in meeting these needs. It failed equally conspicuously in other cases.

Those visitors who turned to the left after leaving the entrance-enclosure, ran at once on a strikingly interesting exhibit. That was the gunman-guarded showcase of great rarities. Back of that, they had an equally interesting pair of exhibits: the post-office and the printing of White Plains stamps. This was fine: this was as it should be. Those who turned right past the post-office

and philatelic agency, ran into another good set of exhibits. The short banks of frames in the southeastern corner of the hall had material in them that was interesting to the uninitiated. It may sound strange to say this, but the choice exhibition of platings of early Belgians in this section seemed to fascinate the non-philatelic visitors. This is probably because so many of the platings were incomplete: the spaces in the reconstructed sheets attracted notice.

Those visitors who turned to the right as they entered, did less well. They ran against a set of short banks of frames filled with airmail covers. This airmail section, in the northeast corner of the hall, was undoubtedly interesting to the specialists in that line; but the run of visitors was bored stiff by frame after frame filled with covers looking much alike and differing only in date and place of cancellation. I strongly suspect that the airmail experts would have been glad to be not bothered by the general crowd, as they met and looked over their competing frames.

Opposite the rarities exhibit, at the entrance to the main banks of frames, were two lots of philatelic material that could with advantage have been widely separated. The government exhibits, on the left, were well placed. They were exhibits that attracted and interested. The specialized exhibits of U. S., on the right, were neither understood nor liked by most of the visitors. But, straggling through these aisles of frames, intent on seeing what first came, the general mass of visitors was sadly in the way of the experts in U. S. who wanted to examine these really fine collections in detail.

One of the fortunate things in the arrangement of the exhibition was the combination of accidents that placed the Lichtenstein and the Le Roy collections of three-cornered Cape of Good Hope where they could easily be spied from the center aisle. There is a fascination for the non-philatelic in three cornered stamps—as in all oddities—and it was very fortunate that these two collections were in convenient sight.

The general public did not get into the side-aisles between the frames in any great numbers west of the middle of the hall. From section L westward, the public was conspicuously absent. It was far more interesting to them to range around outside the exhibits proper, watching the various interesting things at the booths, from the Hot Stove to the bargains in Neuropo. And yet it was precisely in this western half of the exhibits that the things were placed that most interested the comparatively few of the general public that insisted on going through every aisle. Here was Berthold's Western Franks collection; here was Poole's wonderful educative and explan-

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This comparatively neglected rear end of the exhibition would have been the ideal place for the specialized exhibits. That magnificent exhibit of Black Jacks was entirely lost on the crowd that watched it. The specialists who might have enjoyed it were continually jostled and pushed by the unappreciating passers-by—unappreciating because philatelically uneducated.

I therefore suggest for future exhibi-tions that the following arrangement should be made:

(1). Put the "educational collections" and the oddities of all sorts in the most conspicuous places. The two aisles of frames nearest the entrance should be given over to government exhibits and these miscellanies. I would go so far as to put the postal stationery, the tele-graph-stamps, and the like in this section—simply because I notice that the general public is interested.

At the end of each aisle of frames, the last frame of two should similarly be given to the exhibits of popular appeal. Patriotic covers at the end of one row of frames; three-cornered Capes at another; a fine piece of plating at another; Con-federates at another; U. S. telegraphs, which the general public dotes upon, at another; Sanitary Fairs at another; and so forth.

Down in the aisles of frames, where the general public won't come and annoy the specialist who wants to study them, put the fine exhibits, which are worked out in technical detail. And to carry the general public around the rear end of the exhibition, furthest from the entrance, place the general collections there.

I hope somebody will disagree violently with this article and start a discussion that will lead to action by the exhibi-tion-arrangers. Perhaps I can start this discussion by remarking that the New York exhibition was apparently arranged so as to make the most expensive ex-hibits and those by the wealthiest men, rather than the most interesting ones, conspicuous.

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Charles E. Severn alias "Honey-tongue Charley" wuz th main attraction. Th Chicagoan wuz in fine wind. After fightin 7 rounds with Filatelia th contest wuz deklared a draw th Charley sure hed th Greek wobblin.

Paul MacGuffin, th Idle ov Libetyvil, Ill admitted he wuz Scotch an *spent* th evenin with us. (But honest he wuz not th wun who tride t' slip th waitress a Canadian dime.) Without a bag-pipe accompaniment he sang a few verses on "Th Stamps a Scotchman Buys." Sum feet.

Sumyun musta stole "Bathtub Tom" Hunter's notes, so of Joe Miller hed a nite off. With Mare Tomson chasin all th Kings outa Chi I dont see how heez ovrlotk this King ov Ireland.

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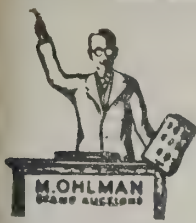
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Review of Gibbons' 1928 Catalogue Prices of Modern Colonials

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Part I of the 1928 Stanley Gibbons' Catalogue is now to hand, the new volume, as usual, showing several marked improvements over the previous edition. Quite the most outstanding of these is the adoption of yet another new paper. This is a decided change for the better, as the paper used for the 1927 edition, readers will recall, was rather too transparent, the printing on the reverse side showing through the page quite plainly.

"The prices in the present edition," write the Publishers, "have been thoroughly revised, and many important changes have been made. Particularly is this the case with many of the rarer stamps of the early issues, supplies of which are now quite insufficient to meet the world-wide demand for them. Of particular groups, those most affected are the British North American and West Indian sections, which are in particular favour at the present time. Of more modern stamps, the issues of the Irish Free State, Rhodesia, and South West Africa will be found to show sharp rises in value."

"Some of the rarer items in the Edwardian issues have been raised in price, whilst the Georgian stamps of most Colonies continue to show an upward tendency; but, generally speaking, there are not so many very sharp rises in modern stamps, such as characterized recent editions of this Catalogue."

Two other paragraphs of the "Introduction" may be here noted—

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Now for the prices—

Antigua shows practically no changes, but in *Ascension* the 8d, 1/-, 2/- and 3/- of the first series are now priced at 6/6, 7/6, 17/6 and 27/6. All the s. values of the Georgian issues of *Barbados* are up, the 1/-, 2/- and 3/- 1912 being at 13/6, 40/- and 65/-, the 1916 s.'s at 6/-, 10/- and 75/- respectively, the 3/- 1918 at 25/-, the 1920 s.'s at 4/6, 7/6 and 12/6, the 1921's at 4/-, 7/6 and 12/6, and the 1/- script, 1924, at 25/-. The 2/-, 3/-, 4/- and 5/- *Barbuda's* move up to 10/-, 12/6, 17/6 and 25/-. In *Bermuda* the 1/- on "olive" goes to 4/- and the 10/- MCA to 35/-. The two Tercentenary series show an all around rise. There are few changes in *Bahamas*, outside the 5/- and £1 1912, and the "Peace" issue. *Br. Guiana* stays about the same, as does *Br. Honduras*, though in the latter Colony the \$1, \$2 and \$5 1913 are now at 12/6, 45/- and 80/-. The only important changes in *Br. Solomons* are the scarce 3d 1923 and the 10/- 1914, these jumping to 20/- and 35/- respectively. The 5/- MCA on buff is now listed, and rightly so, as it is a quite distinct printing, being from Plate 2, and was issued in 1920. Only a few changes added here and there in *Br. Somaliland*, the same thing being true of *Brunei*. The *Bushire* overprints stand still, whilst the only rises in the C.E.F. surcharges of *Cameroons* are the 2s, 3s and 5s with inverted "s."

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The *Dominica* 5/- 1914 advances to 20/-, the 2/- and 2/6 1921 to 12/6 and 20/-, and the popular 3/- and 5/- 1923 to 35/- and 30/-. *Falklands* shows only one important rise, viz., the 5/- K.E. to 35/-. Nothing worth mentioning in *Fiji*, except the local post. dues. These are now unpriced mint, whilst prices for used copies are as follows—1/2d at £8, 1d at 45/-, 2d at 40/-, 3d at 80/-, 4d at £12, and 1/2d type 2, at £10. The *Gambia* K.G.'s increase slightly, with the 5/- 1922 now at 30/-. The high values of *Gibraltar*, as might be expected, show a general rise, the exceptions being the 4/- and 8/- scripts, which have dropped to 50/- and £10. *Gold Coast* moves forward, so far as the K.G. issues are concerned, whilst *Grenada* shows a general upward trend.

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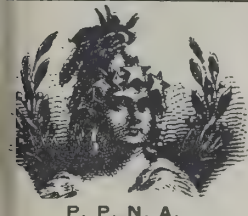
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Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY

JAMAICA 1927

By HARRY E. HUBER.

In their Bulletin of April-June, 1927,
the Crown Agents announced that the
½d Postage and Revenue stamp for Ja-
maica, was being printed in the Nyasa-
land keyplate type, and in their next issue
(July-September), that it had been dis-
patched to the island, along with fresh
supplies of all denominations of the pic-
torial series, 1d to 5s excepting the ½d.

This new stamp supersedes the ½d
olive-green and dark green, "Jamaica
Exhibition, 1891," first issued on Novem-
ber 12, 1920, on Roman CA paper. Be-
fore being replaced on February 5, 1922,
by the script CA variety, a total of
3,616,320 were sent out to the island.

In the Nyasaland keyplate design, first
used in 1908 for the stamps of the Ny-
asaland Protectorate, the head of King
Edward VII, facing the left, is on a
horizontal lined ground, within a pearled
oval. At the same time, a keyplate was
made up for a stamp in receipt size,
25 x 30mm, intended for high values, in
which the pearled oval is surmounted by
a Crown, and the whole superimposed on
a shield with garlands of fruit and
flowers.

Originally, i.e., with the head of King
Edward VII, the receipt size design was
used by none of the British Colonies in
the Western Hemisphere, and the con-
ventional size, i.e., 18½ x 22½mm, only
by Jamaica, for the 2d gray, issued Feb-
ruary 16, 1911, almost a year after the
death of His Majesty King Edward VII.
In the following year, when the new
keyplate (with the head of King George
V substituted) was made available, this
design was adopted by Jamaica, and sub-
sequently used for all denominations from
1d to 5s; by St. Lucia for the 4d, and by
British Honduras for all denominations
of their 1922-27 series. The receipt size
keyplate was used by Bermuda for the
2/6, 5s, 10s and £1 issued March 30, 1918,

and the 2s and 4s issued June 19, 1920.

The Nyasaland conventional size key-
plate consists of two 120 set plates,
which when clamped together produce
sheets of 240 stamps, four panes of 60
each, with plate number 1 (a colorless
numeral on a solid circle of color, sur-
rounded by a narrow band of color) over
the 2nd and 5th stamps of the first hori-
zontal row of the upper left and upper
right panes, respectively, and under the
corresponding stamps of the lower row
of the lower left and lower right panes.
The lower margin of the two upper
panes, which is also the upper margin of
the two lower panes, is devoid of plate
number marking. When 120 stamp
sheets are required, either sheets of 240
stamps are cut in halves, or the plates
are unclamped, and the upper or lower
120 set, used separately.

This same Nyasaland keyplate design
was used for the first Georgian series
of Jamaica, introduced on March 6, 1912
(with the 3d) and used for all values
(1d to 5s on Roman CA watermarked
paper), except the ½d which continued
in the Arms type of November 8, 1906.
Only the 6d of the Georgian series,
Nyasaland type, was ever printed on
script CA paper, and that was due to an
unexpected change in plans. After the
6d gray and red, Abolition of Slavery, of
the pictorial series, was printed, and
supplies were in the island, it was de-
cided to destroy the whole issue, and
bring out a new design which would not
be apt to create local agitation.

(The 6d Abolition of Slavery was
printed on both Roman and script CA
papers, and 408,400 copies were in the
island.) Until new plates could be man-
ufactured, printings were made in the
6d Nyasaland type, on script paper, and
issued October 21, 1921. The 6d blue
and black, "Town and Harbour of Port

Week of Nov. 20th, 1927

My new issue service has distributed this week the following:—

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| Bermuda 1sh, Black on Emerald, Script | 32 cents |
| Jamaica 1d, King George, Script | 2 cents |
| Br. Guiana 96c on yellow paper, Script | \$1.25 |
| St. Vincent 6d, King George, Script | 16 cents |
| Trans Jordan, Pictorial, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 50, 90, 100, 200M | \$3.15 |

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| 7 5c green, unused, \$.10; used | .12 |
| 10 17c black, unused (cat. \$1.25) | .50 |
| 10 unused blocks | 2.00 |
| 12 2c orange, unused, \$.12; used | .50 |
| 12 unused blocks | .50 |

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| 1 1p red brown, used | 15.00 |
| 2 3p blue, good, \$4.00; fair | 2.50 |
| 4 6p green, good, \$12.50; fair | 8.50 |
| 8 1c black, unused, \$.37; used | .60 |
| 9 2c lilac, unused, \$.50; used | .50 |
| 10 5c blue, used, good, .65; fair | .50 |
| 11 8½c green, unused, .65; used | 2.00 |
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| 2251-2-3-4. mint, cat. .31 | .13 |
| Madagascar, \$191, mint, cat. .08 | .04 |
| Montserrat, \$101, mint, cat. .15 | .06 |
| Perak \$160, mint, cat. .60 | .25 |
| Hawaii, \$76, used, cat. .20 | .09 |

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ASTRA STAMP COMPANY
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Royal, about 1850" script CA water-
marked, was issued December 5, 1922.

The ½d Nyasaland type stamps were
received at Kingston, in the latter days
of September, 1927, and gazetted on
October 25, for appearance Thursday,
November 3, 1927.

"Stamp Office, Kingston,
25th October, 1927.

The following is a description of a
halfpenny Postage and Revenue stamp,
which will be put into circulation on 3rd
November, 1927.

The design of the stamp is denoted by
a profile of King George the Fifth, on
a ground of horizontal lines, in an oval
frame, surmounted by a Crown, on each
side of which is inserted ½d.

To the left and right of the frame re-
spectively, are the words "Postage,"
"Revenue," and underneath, "Jamaica."
The colour of the stamp is green,
printed on white script watermarked
paper.

Signed, C. C. MANTON,
Deputy Stamp Commissioner.

The stamps were typographically
printed by Messrs. De La Rue & Co.,
Ltd., London, on script CA watermarked
paper, in sheets of 240 stamps, four
panes of 60.

At the top of the border plate design
is the Imperial Crown, with tablets in
the two corners, on which the value,
"½d," is expressed in colorless figures
and letters. Conforming to the oval at
the bottom is "JAMAICA" in colorless

British Colonials 5d Scripts

| | |
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| 5d LEEWARD ISL., #68 (100 copies) .. | .40 |
| Block of four .. | 1.60 |
| 5d MONTERRAT, #57 (200 copies) .. | 1.25 |
| Block of four .. | 5.00 |
| 5d VIRGIN IS., #55 (70 copies) .. | 2.50 |
| A very scarce stamp, Cat. \$5.00. | |
| Blocks of 4, very rare. Cat. \$20.00 | \$12.00 |

| | Cat. | Net |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Dominica 3sh 1923, MCA, #81 .. | 7.50 | 4.00 |
| 3sh 1923, MCA, Blk. of 4 .. | 30.00 | 16.00 |
| Falkland Is. 2 1/2d 1923, #48 .. | .60 | .30 |
| Gambia 7 1/2d, #118 .. | .60 | .32 |
| Grenada 2 1/2d 1922, #99 .. | 1.00 | .25 |
| 1/- 1922, #103 .. | 1.50 | .75 |
| Leeward Is. 2 1/2d, #76, scarce .. | 1.35 | .75 |
| Montserrat 2 1/2d 1923, #65 .. | 1.00 | .50 |
| Virgin Is. 2 1/2d 1923, #61 .. | .60 | .25 |

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caps and "Postage" and "Revenue" at the sides in small colored caps. The marginal line which is part of the border plate impression is single, and broken at the line of perforation, which is comb 14.

November 3, 1927. King George V (Nyasaland type). Postage & Revenue. Engraved and typographically printed by Messrs. De La Rue & Co., Ltd., London. Watermarked multiple Crown and script CA. Plate 1 for vignette. Comb perforated 14. Unsurfaced paper.

1/2d green.

1d Arawak Making Cassava.

The 1d orange and carmine, "Arawak making cassava" is also slated for a change at a no distant date. It was first issued October 3, 1921, on Roman CA watermarked paper (3,582,080 were received in the island), and with the border plate changed to incorporate "Postage & Revenue," and printed on script CA paper, was issued December 5, 1922. The 1/2d and 1d of the pictorial series were typographically printed, and all other denominations recess printed from line engraved plates.

1 1/2d Contingent Embarking.

When the present large stock of the 1 1/2d green, "Contingent embarking, 1919," is exhausted, it will probably be changed also, to a smaller size, and in a new design, as it is too large for every day use. (Between April 1, 1916, and August 2, 1923, 1 1/2d was the inland letter rate; it is still the letter rate to the British Empire.) It was first issued on Roman CA paper, July 3, 1919 (7,975,160 in all having been sent to the island), and replaced by the script CA variety on February 2, 1921.

6d Abolition of Slavery.

When passing through Barbados on October 6, 1927, on return from Trinidad, I was shown the G.P.O. collection of postage stamps. In this I noticed two copies of the 6d Jamaica, "Abolition of Slavery," both overprinted "Specimen" (reading up on one, and down on the other), one Roman CA watermarked,

(Continued on page 679)

U. S. CIVIL WAR REVENUES

A Price Résumé With Some Explanatory Notes Concerning The Imperforate Varieties Of The First Issue Existing In Multiple Form

By HENRY L. DEAN, 239 Windsor Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

(Continued from page 654)

THE SECONDARY GROUP

(11) \$20.00 Probate of Will

Imperforate

Strange as it may seem all multiples of this stamp generally known (the writer has located eight) are vertical, but the horizontal piece ought to exist and no doubt will eventually appear. Three fine pairs have changed hands privately during the past few years at \$150., \$175. and \$200. respectively, and a figure of \$225. seems to be the accepted net for a perfect piece today. A fine horizontal pair, if and when found, should command a modest premium, but no sound basis of argument exists that would justify anything beyond \$275 or \$300 at the outside. The largest piece is a strip of three.

(12) \$25.00 Mortgage

Imperforate

Some few years ago pairs of this stamp were very highly regarded, but three new ones coming to light plugged two vacancies and the market is now about \$200. for a fine item. All but one of the known pieces are horizontal, the list comprising five pairs, a strip of three, two strips of four and a block of four from the Lapham collection for which the writer paid \$750. This block is particularly interesting in that it carries the signature of Daniel Drew, Pres. of the Erie R. R., at the time.

(13) \$15.00 Mortgage

Imperforate

Pairs of this stamp have never been quite as highly rated as have those of the \$25.00 Mortgage and this condition seems to be borne out by my data which credits at least eleven multiples, including three strips of three. All but two are vertical, the "finest" pairs being now worth \$175. The horizontal strip from the Burton collection brought \$80. in 1901, and sold privately for \$225. twenty years later.

(14) \$200.00 U.S.I.R.

Imperforate

This position does not reflect the true condition of relative scarcity of multiples of this stamp, but size, colors and denomination play their part in the price makeup, so I am setting it ahead of rarer but cheaper items. Two full sheets of eight are known, likewise blocks of four and of five, two strips of three, one of four, and to my own knowledge seven pairs. The latter will command \$225. being helped by the high catalog rating of the single stamp which is out of line with others in the list. A block of four should bring about \$550. today, although one of the full sheets from the Church collection went for \$575. in 1917, and has about doubled in value since.

(15) 1c Playing Cards

Imperforate

Much scarcer in multiples than the \$200. stamp just discussed horizontal pairs of this 1c will bring about half the price of the higher value, but they are drab, unattractive pieces at best, and further are practically all more or less defective. Vertical pairs are open to the suspicion of being part-perforates trimmed. Recent prices of horizontal pieces include the Hartell-White pair at \$75.00 and the Lapham pair a year later at \$100. The writer will gladly pay somewhat more, however, for a perfect full margined, horizontal example. A truly unique piece is a block of four, cancelled Aug. 11, 1863, but unfortunately torn across the lower pair. I have a block of thirty (Originally fifty) of this 1c P. C. Perforated, found on the back of a town collector's bond, so this tip may aid some enterprising hunter to uncover a comparable thing in the imperf.

(16) \$10.00 Mortgage

Imperforate

Here is another multiple consistently scarce, in fine condition, all known pairs

being horizontal and if perfect worth \$75. to \$85. There also exists a strip of four from the MacDaniel collection, block of four and a magnificent block of nine with sheet margin. I would as praise the block of four at \$400., having in mind the value of \$600. established for the block of \$10.00 Charter Party when no pairs are of record.

(17) \$5.00 Probate of Will

Imperforate

Another stamp truly scarce in full pairs, and while not as attractive or quite as desirable as the \$10.00 Mortgage pair the perfect piece is worth \$60. to \$70. There are important blocks of six, eighteen and twenty-one.

(18) \$1.00 Passage Ticket

Imperforate

There appears to be almost as many strips of three, as pairs of the value and title, all but one being horizontal and the bulk of them in generally good condition. A fine pair is worth \$50. to \$55. today. There is one block of four which would seem to be fairly priced at \$200.

(19) \$5.00 Charter Party

Imperforate

Quite likely if the full data were available, multiples of C.P. are probably slightly rarer than those of the \$10. P. T., but it is assuredly a fact that they are closer held and in very strong hands. One pair recently sold by the writer went at \$50.00, a fair market price. I have likewise been searching for a long time to locate a block, knowing that a piece of seven subjects was sold by Mr. R. R. Bogert in 1891, but can find no further trace and have come to the conclusion it was subsequently cut up. Mr. White had the largest piece known in recent times, i.e., a strip of five, but on stamp was slightly defective and I cut the item down to four upon acquiring it. Perhaps the block went the same way, but by other hands.

Having disposed of the nineteen major items in the imperf. list the balance exist in sufficient numbers of multiples of each to make any listing by relative scarcity impracticable and I prefer to handle them in groups embracing pairs of approximately the same value. Fine pieces only are being considered, and even minor defects would involve liberal discounts from the prices noted.

THE THIRTY DOLLAR GROUP

(20) 1c Telegraph

Imperforate

Like the 1c P.C. this is a dull and not particularly pleasing stamp, but it is important in its group and horizontal pieces are not numerous. Vertical pair outnumber the horizontal in the ratio of better than 2 to 1, but it by no means follows that they are only worth half as much, in fact, they bring \$25. to \$27.50 against \$30. for the horizontal. I have seen strips of three and of four, but never heard of a block. Such a piece is less likely to come than blocks of the 10c—25c—50c and \$1.00 values, but if a fine block should develop its real worth would be about \$150.

(21) 10c Inland Exchange

Imperforate

Satisfactory vertical pairs no doubt exist, but I have never seen one, and the consideration here is wholly of horizontal pieces. They are more numerous than similar pieces of the 1c Telegraph, and besides pairs, include at least two strips of three, one of four, one of five, and a fine block of four with unquestionably not all the returns in.

(22) 10c Certificate

Imperforate

The recent discovery of a few new pairs may seem to make them less desirable at the moment than Inland Exchange, but they are entitled to equal rank and receive the same recognition by posted students. No generally known block exists, but is more likely to come forth than the 1c Telegraph and in the event it does, my rating would be the same at \$150., for while personally I would take the 1c, others would prefer the more attractive 10c stamp.

(23) \$1.00 Life Insurance

Imperforate

For many years a sort of glamor has

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I have very much pleasure in announcing that I have just purchased what is probably the finest collection in America, of the famous imperf. stamps issued between 1851 and 1856.

This collection is in six large volumes and has been most carefully selected for condition, most of the unused having gum with full margins, and the used being the choicest copies with the rarest known cancellations. A speciality has been made of pairs, strips and blocks, the larger the better the owner liked them, and there are an enormous number of stamps on covers. Space in a small advertisement of this nature will not allow of much description of the gems in this collection, so I can only draw attention to a few items.

"1 CENT"

In the unused stamps there are 5 blocks of 4, 2 blocks of 8, and a number of singles, pairs and strips showing many varieties. An extremely fine item here is a pair from the left hand upper corner of Plate II, with the full plate margin showing the crack in stamp No. 2, extending right through the right of the stamp and across the margin. This, I think, is the finest and rarest pair of this variety.

The used one cent occupy about fifty pages in the volumes and amongst them are blocks of 4 and 9, two strips of 9, strips of 6, 5, 4 and many strips of 3. Many of the rare types, and stamps on cover.

"3 CENTS"

The three cents are a great collection occupying three volumes. An extremely important item here is a unique sheet unused, with gum, of Plate III, with full margins and imprint. There are a large number of unused blocks and a great collection of stamps on cover with many very rare cancellations. It is impossible to list these in the small space in this advertisement.

"5 CENTS"

This famous stamp is represented in a truly regal manner. First there is a superb unused and then a number of pairs and strips of three on and off covers and all kinds of rare combinations. Beyond any doubt, I think this is the finest collection of the famous five cents in existence.

"10 CENTS"

In the imperf. 10c, we have a block of four, horizontal strip of three and several singles, unused, with gum. In the used there is a magnificent block of 12 with large margins all round used on the front of a cover addressed to Switzerland. There is a block of 4 and a number of strips of 3 and 4 and many pairs. All varieties of re-cutting and rare combinations on covers.

"12 CENTS"

Here we have a block of 10 and a large number of strips of 3 and 4 and many pairs, also many letters franked with numerous combinations. In the bisected stamps there are no less than 6 superb copies of the half stamp used on cover, well tied on by beautiful cancellations and used in combination with other values. Here also I must mention the famous quarter of the 12c stamp used for 3c and found in the great correspondence of Buchanan, Carroll & Co., afterwards better known as Carroll, Hoy & Co. This unique variety was written up by Dr. Carroll Chase and full details are included in the collection.

As the demand for these stamps is so exceptionally great in New York, I am not at present prepared to send the books away, but I should be glad to hear from serious collectors who would like to make appointments to inspect them at my office as below. Later on I shall be very pleased to send the collection personally to serious collectors in the country who are desirous of making a fair purchase.

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LAGERLOEF'S NEWFOUNDLANDS SHOWN AT THE COLLECTORS CLUB, NEW YORK

Reported by CHARLES J. PHILLIPS.

On November 2nd Mr. Hans Lagerloef gave a display of his collection of Newfoundland. Mr. Lagerloef desired that special mention should be made of the fact that this is one of the last countries that was arranged for him by the late Mr. Percy Mann. It is beautifully written up and well displayed. The collection is a little lacking in rarities, but many of us understand the reason for this, which is that Mr. Lagerloef while an American citizen is of Swedish birth, and extremely interested in the great Postal Museum in Stockholm, his native City, and to this he has donated many of his greatest rarities from all countries. To give some idea of the class of stamps so generously given by Mr. Lagerloef, we might mention that in his last visit to Stockholm this summer, he gave the Museum the exceedingly rare Mauritius 1d and 2d Post Office, and here we might take the

opportunity of saying that the stability or great rarities of this class, is being more and more established by rich and generous collectors who are leaving their treasures to Museums.

In the case of the 27 known copies of the Post Office, the British Museum, has two copies, Berlin Museum, has two copies, and the Stockholm Museum, has two copies. These six out of the 27 known are forever out of commerce.

In the stamps shown by Mr. Lagerloef, we are glad to say that the papers and printings have been carefully worked out. For instance, in the dull rose stamps, we have the sets on thick, medium and thin paper, some of these in entire sheets, and a number of used as well as many unused copies. All through the collection attention has been paid to stamps on cover, rare cancellations and well centered copies and the display was much appreciated.

surrounded pairs of this stamp, horizontal or vertical alike, but I am inclined to believe that condition, or rather lack of it, has played its part well, for considerably over one-half of the pieces known are inferior in some particular. For this reason the really superb pair is probably worth \$35. rather than thirty, but the ordinary good ones average about \$22.50. A horizontal block of six from the Lapam collection is the only block known and must therefore rank with the 10c Inland Exchange at \$150.

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The next grouping which I have seen to make is the eight pairs which sell at present from \$20.00 to \$25.00 each, at there is almost no floating supply of most of these and two more active collectors of multiples, especially of men insistent upon fine condition would make quotations jump. The deterrent to most specialists in Imperf. multiples is the time and patience required to form a collection, the real enthusiast looking for instant action and these stamps are too scarce to fulfill that requirement.

| Value and Title | Price (Hor. Pair) |
|---|-------------------|
| \$3.00 Charter Party, | \$25.00 |
| \$3.00 Manifest, | 25.00 |
| \$5.00 Mortgage, | 25.00 |
| .30 For. Exchange, | 25.00 |
| \$5.00 Manifest, | 22.50 |
| .00 Conveyance, | 22.50 |
| .25 Bond, | 22.50 |
| \$0.00 U. S. I. R., | 22.50 |
| Blocks are not well represented in the above list being distributed as follows: | |
| \$3.00 C.P. (block of six), | \$200.00 |
| \$0.00 Conveyance (block of four), | 125.00 |

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| Horiz. block of eight. | |
| Vert. block of eight. | |
| \$0.00 U.S.I.R. At least five blocks of four, | \$80.00 ea. |
| One block of twelve. | |

Next for consideration we have the pairs that sell from \$10.00 to \$20.00, and should rate them in the following order of general desirability:

| Value and Title | Price Hor. Pair | Price Block Four. |
|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 50c Passage Ticket, | \$17.50 | |
| 50c Inland Exchange, | 17.50 | \$50.00 |
| .00 Conveyance, | 16.00 | 60.00 |
| .00 Mortgage, | 14.00 | 60.00 |
| 50c Life Insurance, | 12.50 | 50.00 |
| 50c Probate of Will, | 12.50 | 50.00 |
| .00 Probate of Will, | 12.00 | 50.00 |
| 50c Lease, | 10.00 | 50.00 |
| .00 Lease, | 10.00 | 50.00 |

The remaining thirty odd multiples in the list are worth from ten dollars down to a pair, although there are some rather hard to get pieces in fine condition, and the catalog rating of the single is no index of the scarcity of pairs or larger.

Blocks of varying numbers and dimensions exist of all these cheaper stamps with the exception of the 25c Life Insurance, which for my part at least I have never seen in this form. It probably exists, however. Collectively blocks are not numerous and thus are always sought for by the specialist, but at the

same time there is a great difference in the relative desirability of certain ones and the vast majority of collectors are uninformed concerning them. For instance, the 2c Express and 3c Telegraph blocks are real prizes, likewise, as probably would be suspected, the 60c Inland Exchange, while on the other hand the \$1.00 Mortgage is four times as common as the \$1.00 Power of Attorney or \$1.00 Foreign Exchange, which catalog half to one-third as much singly. It would not be feasible, however, to price these blocks altogether on the basis of numbers, which may be generally known, for the tyro will purchase the cheaper ones when available at probably more than they are worth and the experienced pick off the better ones at less.

As an example, take the conditions existing between the 50c Conveyance and 50c Original Process blocks where there are several of the former up to one of thirty-two subjects against but two of the latter known to me in perfect condition in the large collections. Now the Conveyance block of four will readily bring \$27.50. But I know of only two men who would rate O. P. as high as that.

These lower priced items are decidedly interesting, but space limitations seem to warrant passing them in the present article although if from comments received there seems to be a general desire for amplification it can be attended to somewhat later on. Meanwhile the writer cannot but feel that in the numberless accumulations and collections throughout the country there certainly repose many items coming within the scope of the current discussion and it will be extremely helpful to be informed concerning these, or to see them in order that the data already gathered can be extended and made more authoritative. Thanks are also extended to those kindly souls who have submitted material in the past their interest and courtesy prompting me to now release the information which various interests have sought, but which I felt should be generally distributed.

CHINA'S STAMPS

By HOWARD E. WONG.

First of all let me express my indebtedness to Mr. E. Busch, Chairman of Shanghai Philatelic Society, for his wonderful little work on the album recently printed for the Chinese postage stamps with Chinese and English explanation compiled by the able philatelist, Mr. Church Chu. It contains wealth of information of all kinds on the straight issues, including the stamps of the Treaty Port of China and of Formosa.

The history of the various issues of Chinese stamps is very interesting. There is charm about the quaint designs of these attractive stamps that adds greatly to the interest of stamp collections.

Two interesting sets of stamps in collecting Chinese stamps are the 1913 and 1915 issues of the Republic of China. These require special attention and careful study. In Mr. Church Chu's explanation,



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| IVORY COAST | 1925, #67, 68* | .25 |
| IVORY COAST | #69 to 74* | .38 |
| IVORY COAST | 1926, 1.25fr on 1fr* | .15 |
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| LEBANON | #37 to 40* | 1.50 |
| LEBANON | #41* | 1.25 |
| LEBANON | #42 to 44* | .45 |
| LEBANON | #45 to 49* | 2.25 |
| LEBANON | 1926, #63 to 71* | 2.00 |
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| LEBANON | #311 to 315* | .30 |
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| MARTINIQUE | 50c* | .45 |
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| MARTINIQUE | 1922, #85 to 80* | .50 |
| MARTINIQUE | #90-93* | .08 |
| MARTINIQUE | 1923, 60 on 75c* | .09 |
| MARTINIQUE | 1924, #95 | .75 |
| MARTINIQUE | #96* | .65 |
| MARTINIQUE | #100* | .80 |
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nation, he has clearly shown the way to define the difference that exist between the two sets, and I hope the following information will enlighten the collectors who are having difficulties with their Chinese collection.

The two sets of stamps are of the same design. First set in 19 denominations (1/2 cent to \$10). Second set in 20 denominations (1/2 cent to \$20). Design: 1/2-10 cents, junk and railway train, representing "Communication," 15-50 cents, design: Reaper, representing "Agriculture," \$1-\$10 and \$20, Design: Arch, (Pai-lou) in the enclosure of the Hall of Classic in Peking, representing, "Literature."

Each stamp of the first set measures 22 x 26mm, unwatermarked, perforation 14. Engraved and printed by Messrs. Waterlow and Sons, London, on thick white wove paper.

The second set, each stamp measures 22 1/2 x 25 1/2mm, unwatermarked, perforations 14, 14 1/2. Re-engraved and printed

by the Chinese Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Peking, on white wove paper.

The difference between the two sets can easily be distinguished. London Printing (1913 issue) 1/2-10 cents, the three waves in front of the junk appear as almost regular dots, while in the Peking Printing (1915 issue) the three waves are composed of two thin lines and one dot. London Printing, 15-50 cents, the instrument in the reaper's hands has an outer line ending in a sharp point, while the Peking Printing, does not show this point. London Printing, \$1-\$10, the middle window on the top of the arch appears as a rectangular, in the Peking Printing, \$1-\$20, it appears as an ovaliform.

In the 1915 issue a complete sheet (\$2) consisting of 50 copies shows the "arch" center inverted. They were issued by the Post Office of Tai-yueu-fu. It is known that one of them was used on a Postal Money Order so that only 49 copies are now in existence.

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Mr. Walter N. Emerson, Evanston, Illinois, whose recent philatelic hegira was the subject of a notice by the Associated Press, which in admiring accents told of his stamp travels, has now become house-broke again; and he sends in a little article "from the pen of my friend William Feather of Cleveland. He was once my editor-in-chief, and even yet he continues to publish the world's best house magazine." Here is the way in which the little study begins: "I look out and see the windows of a dozen large buildings. Behind each window someone is earning a living, pounding a typewriter, pulling teeth, polishing finger nails or trading in postage stamps" and the closing sentence reads: "Nor does it matter what one does, as long as one likes to do it." We shall not inveigh against the juxtaposition of stamps with epidermis as he merely wishes to give a professional variety to his list of occupations.

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From Mr. Donald E. Dickason, Wooster, Ohio, the following observations have been received: "In view of the recent discussion on the financial side of collecting, I believe that you might find the following information of interest. I have a general collection of stamps of the twentieth century since 1910, including all countries. At the present time, this collection numbers around twenty thousand varieties. For the past two years, I have definite figures of the changes in prices in each of the new catalogs. I find that the increase one year ago amounted to just a fraction less than seven per cent. over the value of the previous year. The increase shown by the current catalog over last year totals seventeen and one-half per cent. of last year's value. While these figures may be said to approach the question from a somewhat different angle than I have seen mentioned, I believe that they are significant." Precise information of the kind given by Mr. Dickason is of interest and is not without value. It is safe to say that each year the cataloguers become more critical in price adjustment and are prone to give more serious attention to this important factor. The necessity for market wisdom in this particular is granted and the hand of the apprentice has no place in this delicate operation of weighing current values of stamps. Those who will preach philately as an investment primarily have



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arguments colored with reason, but at the same time, blanket claims of great increases in value of stamps generally should be based on statistics of the kind that have been given by our correspondent. Until the collector has some experience in actual collecting, he will not be able to exercise his "stamp sense" to best advantage.

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Mr. Stanley B. Ashbrook, Cincinnati, Ohio, was one of the first intensive collectors of prisoner-of-war letters of the civil war period; and it was through his inquiries that fuller details of the postal operations of Camp Douglas, Chicago, were ascertained. We regret to hear that the mother of Mr. Ashbrook recently passed away, but his father is still living at the age of 89. Last May, husband and wife celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary. The father was in the Confederate army and was one of Morgan's famous cavalymen, who penetrated farthest north. They crossed the Ohio River from Kentucky into Indiana, and made a raid through the southern part of Indiana and Ohio, having been in the saddle for twenty-two days. They were constantly pursued and finally captured by the federal soldiers and sent to Camp Douglas, the war prison at Chicago, where they were confined until the end of the war. It is not difficult to understand why Stanley B. Ashbrook has a fondness for prisoner-of-war letters; sentiment points his way to them with a large finger. In this connection, occasion is taken to correct mis-statements that were a consequence of the sale early in the year by Mr. Edward S. Knapp, New York City, of his specialized collection of the 3c New Orleans Confederate local. A report was started that Mr. Knapp had sold his entire collection of Confederate stamps, and as a result he was under the necessity of writing to those who addressed him on the subject to spike the rumor. Mr. Knapp is still devoted to his Confederates and recently, he had the satisfaction of acquiring from its owner in Macon, Georgia, a strip of six and a single, outer line 10c, all used.

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A letter has been received from Mr. Henry C. Needham, New York, correcting a note concerning an early date express company envelope that appeared in the issue of November 7th. He writes: "The interesting cover owned by Mr. Stuart did not go over the Trans-Continental Pony Express Line. It went over the Stage Route of the old Leavenworth and Pike's Peak Express Company between Denver and St. Joseph, which company had been absorbed by the Cen-

tral Overland, California and Pike's Peak Express Company in February of 1860. As you probably know, Mr. Russell, one of the organizers of the Stage Route was an incorporator of the Denver Town Company; associated with him was William Larimer of Leavenworth, and through the influence of these gentlemen, Denver City and Auraria were incorporated under the former name by Act of the Legislature of the Territory of Jefferson (now State of Colorado) December 19, 1859. I am taking the liberty of sending you a pamphlet, being the reprint of the article written by Dr. Berthold and me, which appeared in the *Collectors Club Philatelist*. We have read much history of the Pony Express and its origin, and at times thought that the subject was fairly well in mind, but evidently some of the ramifications of it were lost sight of. With this pamphlet at hand, there will be no excuse for any inaccuracies in the presentation of phases of this romantic episode of our history. The book gives in compact form all the data available on "Handstamped Franks Used as Cancellations on Pony Express Letters, 1860 and 1861, and the Pony Express Stamps and Their Use," and while the text and illustrations are reprinted from the admirable *Collectors Club Philatelist*, it is comforting to have the work in pamphlet form.

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While on the ocean, returning from France, Mr. H. Bedford-Jones sent us a balloon post cover, a "Lettre-Journal de Paris" of October 29, 1870, conveying his greetings. The text of the "Gazette des Absents" is an interesting reflection of the troubled times when French enterprise developed the balloon post, which has been the theme of so many articles, philatelic and otherwise. Mr. Bedford-Jones has given particular study to "Par Ballon Monte" covers and he has a fund of information that makes him an authority on them; and our readers have had the privilege of sharing some of his knowledge. Too, Mr. Bedford-Jones was a caller recently at the Chicago office where he discoursed on balloon post and other issues of France, his stay in that country having afforded him exceptional opportunities for gaining specialistic lore on the spot. Mr. Bedford-Jones is a writer whose name is familiar to readers generally, and his career in the world of letters is followed by many philatelic well-wishers.

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In the morning mail of Wednesday, Nov. 23, two letters were opened in succession, each of which contained a remittance of \$5.00 for membership in the Honor Club. They were from two old friends of the WEEKLY, Marcus W. White of Worcester, Mass., and Fredrick D. Markee of Needham, Mass. Both of these names will be very familiar to many of our readers and we enter them upon the membership list of the Honor Club with pleasure.

In completing our list of applications this week, which shows a total of seven, we must include W. E. Hawkins of Islip, N. Y., Harry R. Zuckerman of N. Y. City and S. M. Frechie of Woodside, N. Y. This is the finest showing we have made for many weeks, and is very gratifying.

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| 1922, 2sh 6p dark green & black, No. 113 | .90 |
| 3sh violet & black, No. 114 | 1.10 |
| 4sh brown & black, No. 115 | 1.45 |
| 1924-27, 5s dark grn. & blk., yel., No. 124 | 1.85 |
| 4p carm. & black, orange, No. 121 | .12 |
| 1sh violet & black, orange, No. 123 | .35 |

GIBRALTAR

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| 1922, 6p dull violet & red violet, No. 82 | .18 |
| 3p ultramarine, No. 81 | .08 |
| 1½p red brown, No. 80 | .04 |
| 1921, 1p rose red, No. 77 | .03 |
| 2p gray, No. 78 | .06 |
| 1924, 1sh emerald green, No. 83 | .35 |
| 1925, 2sh 6p green & black, No. 87 | .90 |
| 5sh carmine & black, No. 88 | 1.85 |
| 10sh ultramarine & black, No. 89 | 3.50 |

GILBERT & ELLICE IS.

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| 1912-19, 3p violet, yellow, No. 18 | .08 |
| 4p black & red, yellow, No. 19 | .18 |
| 5p violet & olive green, No. 20 | .15 |
| 6p violet & red violet, No. 21 | .16 |
| 1sh green, No. 22 | .35 |
| 2sh 6p black & red, blue, No. 24 | .90 |
| 2sh violet & ultram., blue, No. 23 | .75 |
| 5sh green & red, yellow, No. 25 | 1.85 |
| 1924, 10sh grn. & red, emerald grn., #30 | 3.50 |
| £1 violet & black, red, No. 31 | 6.50 |

GOLD COAST

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| 1913-16, 10sh green & red, green, No. 79 | 5.75 |
| 20sh violet & black, red, No. 80 | 6.50 |
| 1921-25, 6p dull violet & red vio., No. 89 | .16 |
| 1sh emerald green, No. 90 | .35 |
| 2sh violet & blue, blue, No. 91 | .75 |
| 5sh green & red, yellow, No. 93 | 1.85 |
| 15sh dull violet & green, No. 95 | 5.75 |
| 2sh 6p black & red, blue, No. 92 | .90 |

GUERNSEY

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| 1921, 2½p ultramarine, No. 94 | .07 |
| 1922-23, 1½p rose red, No. 98 | .08 |
| 1925-26, 2p gray, No. 108 | .05 |

GT. BRITAIN OFFICES IN MOROCCO

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|-------------------------------------|-----|
| 1917-21, 1p scarlet, No. 85 | .15 |
| 1925-27, 2½p ultramarine, No. 108 | .08 |
| 1917-21, 1½p red brown, No. 86 | .06 |
| 3p violet, No. 88 | .10 |
| 4p slate, green, No. 89 | .12 |
| 6p dull violet, No. 90 | .17 |
| 1sh bistre, No. 91 | .75 |
| 1925-27, 2sh 6p gray brown, No. 113 | .90 |

Surcharged (Tangier)

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| 1927, ½p green, No. 133 | .02 |
| 1p scarlet, No. 134 | .03 |
| 1½p red brown, No. 135 | .04 |
| 2p orange, No. 136 | .06 |

IRELAND

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| 1922-23, 2sh 6p light brown, No. 42 | .90 |
| 5sh carmine rose, No. 43 | 1.85 |
| 10sh gray blue, No. 44 | 3.50 |
| 1925, 6p plum, No. 307 | .25 |

JAMAICA

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| 1921-23, 2sh brown & blue, No. 97 | .75 |
| 3sh orange & violet, No. 98 | 1.10 |

KENYA & UGANDA

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| 1922, 30c ultramarine, No. 24 | .10 |
| 50c gray, No. 25 | .16 |
| 75c olive bistre, No. 26 | .25 |
| 1sh green, No. 27 | .35 |
| 2sh gray lilac, No. 28 | .75 |
| 3sh gray black, No. 29 | 1.10 |
| 5sh carmine, No. 30 | 1.85 |
| 10sh ultramarine, No. 31 | 3.50 |
| £1 orange & black, No. 32 | 6.50 |

LEEWARD IS.

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| 1921-22, ½p green, No. 62 | .02 |
| 5p violet & olive, green, No. 63 | .15 |
| 2sh violet & ultram., blue, No. 71 | .75 |
| 3sh green & violet, No. 72 | 1.10 |
| 4sh black & scarlet, No. 73 | 1.45 |
| 1922-23, 6p violet & red violet, No. 79 | .17 |
| 1sh emerald green, No. 80 | .35 |
| 2sh 6p black & red, blue, No. 81 | .90 |
| 5sh green & red, yellow, No. 82 | 1.85 |
| 1926-27, 3p violet, yellow, No. 85 | .08 |

MALTA

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| 1922, 4p yellow & ultramarine, No. 103 | .90 |
| 1923-24, 1p violet, No. 111 | .10 |
| 1½p orange brown, No. 112 | .12 |
| 1925, 2½p on 3p deep ultram., No. 113 | .18 |
| 1926, 2½p ultramarine, No. 114 | .60 |
| 3p yellow, No. 115 | .65 |
| ½p brown, No. 116 | .15 |
| ½p green, No. 117 | .12 |
| 1p violet, No. 118 | .18 |
| 1½p orange brown, No. 119 | .12 |
| 2p olive brn. & turquoise blue, #120 | .18 |
| 2½p ultramarine, No. 121 | .15 |
| 3p yellow, No. 122 | .18 |
| 4p yellow & ultramarine, No. 123 | 1.50 |
| 6p olive green & violet, No. 124 | .35 |
| 1sh olive brown & blue, No. 125 | 1.10 |
| 2sh ultram. & olive brown, No. 126 | 7.50 |
| 2sh 6p black & red violet, No. 127 | 7.50 |
| 5sh ultramarine & orange, No. 128 | 3.50 |
| 10sh olive brown & gray, No. 129 | 7.50 |

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| 1926-27, 1sh black, No. 141 | .35 |
| 2sh 6p vermilion & black, No. 144 | .90 |
| 3sh blue & black, No. 145 | 1.10 |
| 5sh green & black, No. 146 | 1.85 |
| 1925, 1½p yellow, brown, No. 413 | .04 |
| 2p gray, No. 414 | .06 |
| 4p olive green, No. 417 | .12 |
| 6p claret, No. 418 | .17 |
| 1sh gray black, No. 419 | .35 |
| 1sh 6p deep rose, No. 420 | .60 |

MAURITIUS

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| 1921-22, 2r 50c black & red, blue, No. 168 | 1.45 |
| 1922-24, 5r green & red, yellow, No. 180 | 3.50 |
| 1926-27, 10c rose red, No. 206 | .08 |

MONTERRAT

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| 1923, ½p green, No. 62 | .02 |
| 1p deep violet, No. 63 | .03 |
| 2p gray, No. 55 | .06 |
| 2½p ultramarine, No. 56 | .08 |
| 4p black & red, yellow, No. 67 | .12 |
| 6p dull violet & red violet, No. 68 | .17 |
| 1sh emerald green, No. 69 | .35 |
| 1922, 3sh green & violet, No. 59 | 1.10 |
| 4sh black & scarlet, No. 60 | 1.45 |
| 1923, 5sh green & red, yellow, No. 71 | 1.85 |
| 1922, ½p brown, No. 53 | .07 |

NAURU

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| 1924, 1p green, No. 18 | .03 |
| 1½p red, No. 19 | .04 |
| 2p orange, No. 20 | .08 |
| 3p pale blue, No. 21 | .08 |
| 4p olive green, No. 22 | .12 |
| 6p dark violet, No. 23 | .17 |
| 1sh brown red, No. 27 | .35 |
| 2sh 6p slate green, No. 28 | .90 |

NEWFOUNDLAND

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| 1923-24, 4c brown violet, No. 134 | .06 |
| 5c ultramarine, No. 135 | .03 |
| 6c gray black, No. 136 | .10 |
| 8c dull violet, No. 137 | .12 |
| 10c dark violet, No. 139 | .15 |
| 11c olive green, No. 140 | .16 |
| 12c lake, No. 141 | .17 |
| 15c deep blue, No. 142 | .20 |
| 20c red brown, No. 143 | .30 |
| 24c black brown, No. 144 | .35 |

NEW ZEALAND

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| 1903, 6p purple & red, No. 191 | .25 |
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NIGERIA

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| 1914-15, £1 violet & black, red, No. 12 | 8.75 |
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NIUE

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| 1920, 3p pale blue & black, No. 34 | .12 |
| 6p deep green & red brown, No. 35 | .25 |
| 1sh black brown & black, No. 36 | .45 |

NORTH BORNEO

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| 1909, 2c green & black, No. 137 | .02 |
| 3c deep rose & black, No. 138 | .05 |
| 4c dull red & black, No. 139 | .05 |
| 8c rose & black, No. 142 | .08 |
| 24c violet & black, No. 148 | .25 |
| 1911, 25c yellow green & black, No. 151 | .35 |
| 50c slate blue & black, No. 152 | .60 |

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| \$1 brown & black, No. 153 | .90 |
| \$2 dark violet & black, No. 154 | 1.85 |
| \$5 claret & black, No. 155 | 5.25 |

NORTHERN RHODESIA

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|---------------------------------------|------|
| 1925, 2sh ultramarine & brown, No. 11 | .75 |
| 5sh dark violet & gray, No. 13 | 1.85 |
| 7sh 6p black & lilac rose, No. 14 | 2.65 |

NYASALAND PROTECTORATE

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| 1921-26, 2sh 6p red & black, blue, No. 33 | .90 |
| 1913-15, £1 black & violet, red, No. 23 | 6.50 |

PAPUA

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| 1916, 3p emerald green & black, No. 64 | .15 |
| 1919-21, 4p orange & light brown, No. 80 | .13 |

PENRHYN ISL.

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| 1920, 3p red orange & black, No. 28 | .12 |
| 6p dark brown & red brn., No. 29 | .25 |
| 1sh deep blue & black, No. 30 | .45 |

ST. HELENA

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| 1922-23, 3p ultramarine, No. 83 | .10 |
| 6p red violet & black, No. 84 | .17 |
| 8p violet & black, No. 85 | .27 |
| 1sh dark brown & black, No. 83 | .35 |
| 7sh 6p orange & black, No. 87 | 2.50 |
| 10sh olive green & black, No. 88 | 3.50 |
| 15sh violet & black, blue, No. 89 | 5.75 |
| 4p yellow, No. 90 | .18 |
| 1927, 1sh 6p green & black, green, No. 96 | .60 |
| 2sh 6p carm. & black, yellow, No. 97 | .90 |
| 5sh green & black, yellow, No. 98 | 1.85 |

ST. KITTS-NEVIS

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| 1920-22, 2sh 6p red & black, blue, No. 33 | 1.50 |
| 5sh red & green, yellow, No. 34 | 2.50 |
| 10sh red & green, green, No. 35 | 5.50 |
| £1 black & violet, red, No. 36 | 7.50 |
| 1924-26, 3p vio. & dull vio., yel., No. 65 | .10 |
| 1920-22, 1sh gray green, No. 31 | .35 |

ST. LUCIA

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| 1921, 2½p ultramarine, No. 79 | .08 |
| 6p violet & red violet, No. 80 | .22 |
| 1sh terra cotta, No. 81 | .36 |
| 1922-23, 1p dark brown, No. 82 | .03 |
| 1½p rose red, No. 83 | .06 |
| 2p gray, No. 84 | .06 |
| 1924, 4p scarlet & black, yellow, No. 88 | .12 |
| 1926, 3p violet, yellow, No. 90 | .10 |

ST. VINCENT

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| 1913, 4p red, yellow, No. 109 | .15 |
| 6p claret, No. 111 | .17 |
| £1 black & violet, No. 115 | 6.50 |
| 1921-25, ½p green, No. 118 | .02 |

SAMOA

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| 1921, 6p carmine rose, No. 150 | .17 |
| 8p red brown, No. 151 | .27 |
| 9p olive green, No. 152 | .28 |
| 1sh vermilion, No. 153 | .35 |

SEYCHELLES

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| 1922-24, 4c green, No. 105 | .03 |
| 1921, 5c dark brown, No. 93 | .08 |
| 1922-24, 6c violet, No. 106 | .04 |
| 1927, 9c rose red, No. 114 | .08 |
| 1922-24, 12c carmine, No. 107 | .08 |
| 15c yellow, No. 108 | .12 |
| 20c ultramarine, No. 110 | .15 |
| 1921, 30c dull violet & olive green, No. 97 | .25 |
| 45c dull violet & orange, No. 98 | .28 |
| 50c dull violet & black, No. 99 | .35 |
| 1922-24, 75c emerald green, No. 112 | .45 |
| 1921, 1r dull violet & red, No. 100 | .60 |
| 1922-24, 1.50r violet & blue, blue, No. 113 | .95 |
| 1921, 2.25r green & violet, No. 101 | 1.10 |
| 5r green & ultramarine, No. 102 | 2.75 |

SIERRA LEONE

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|---------------------------------------|------|
| 1912, £1 violet & black, red, No. 119 | 6.50 |
| 1921, 2½p ultramarine, No. 123 | .12 |
| 5p violet & olive green, No. 124 | .15 |
| 6p violet & red violet, No. 125 | .17 |
| 2sh violet & ultram., blue, No. 126 | .75 |
| 7p gray, No. 127 | .06 |
| 1924-26, 10p violet & red, No. 135 | .28 |
| 1sh emerald green, No. 136 | .35 |

SOUTHERN RHODESIA

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| 1924, ½p dark green, No. 1 | .02 |
| 1p scarlet, No. 2 | .03 |
| 1½p bistre brown, No. 3 | .04 |
| 2p violet black & black, No. 4 | .06 |
| 3p deep blue, No. 5 | .10 |
| 4p orange red & black, No. 6 | .12 |
| 6p lilac & black, No. 7 | .17 |
| 8p gray green & violet, No. 8 | .26 |
| 10p rose red & blue, No. 9 | .28 |
| 1sh turquoise blue & black, No. 10 | .35 |
| 1sh 6p yellow & black, No. 11 | .60 |
| 2sh brown & black, No. 12 | .75 |

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| 2sh 6p black brown & blue, No. 13 | .90 |
| 5sh blue green & blue, No. 14 | 1.85 |

SOUTH WEST AFRICA

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| 1926-27, 4p blue gray, No. 82 | .15 |
| 1925-26, 3p ultramarine & black, No. 365 | .15 |
| 3p ultramarine & black, No. 366 | .15 |
| 5p violet & black, No. 371 | .25 |
| 5p violet & black, No. 372 | .25 |
| 6p gray & black, No. 367 | .17 |
| 6p gray & black, No. 368 | .17 |

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS

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|---|------|
| 1921, 40c red violet & black, No. 38 | .45 |
| \$2 brown & green, No. 41 | 1.85 |
| 1922, 30c red & black, No. 47 | .32 |
| 1924, \$1 scarlet & black, yellow, No. 49 | .90 |

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS

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| 1920-22, 5c violet, yellow, No. 54 | .05 |
| 6c orange, No. 55 | .10 |
| 20c black & violet, No. 57 | .25 |
| 1922, 12c ultramarine, No. 62 | .12 |
| 35c red, yellow, No. 63 | .35 |
| 1923-26, 10c ultramarine & black, No. 69 | .15 |
| 50c orange & black, No. 71 | .50 |
| 1926-27, 2c green, No. 75 | .02 |
| 1906-10, \$2 green & carmine, rose, No. 35 | 2.25 |
| 1923-26, 50c orange & black, No. 71 | .45 |
| \$1 gray green & yel. green, No. 72 | .75 |
| \$5 green & ultramarine, No. 74 | 4.50 |
| 1926-27, 4c orange, No. 77 | .04 |

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS

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| 1921, \$1 ultramar. & violet, blue, No. 35 | .90 |
| 1926, \$3 red & green, emerald green, #44 | 3.25 |

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS

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| 1923-26, 50c orange & black, No. 71 ... | .45 |
| \$1 gray green & yel. green, No. 72 .. | .75 |
| \$5 green & ultramarine, No. 74 .. | 4.50 |
| 1926-27, 4c orange, No. 77 | .04 |

STAMPS WITH PLATE NUMBERS

By R. W. BECKER, Treas. of the Philatelic Plate No. Assn.

Like most stamp collectors, I started as a boy to accumulate a general collection, and my father added his collection early, to give me a good start. It grew steadily until at the end of the late war the increase became unmanageable. Two foreign agencies were sending the new issues in ever increasing packages and my limited time did not permit the sorting and mounting of the vast accumulation. It was then I decided to limit my collection.

I continued to receive the British "Colonials" from a new issue agency and to collect the old issues of U. S. and the British Empire. But to get these all complete, including the pound values and the early issues, required a larger expenditure than my limited banking account permitted. Again I had to call a halt and this time I limited my activities to U. S. stamps only.

I love to accumulate large lots of stamps. I also want to feel that should it be necessary to sell my collection at any time I could recover my investment. A careful selection of U. S. stamps has met my requirements, and as I have the major varieties of all issues, I turned to the stamps with the Plate Numbers attached.

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practically every collector. A collection can be started at any number. I know collectors who are starting with numbers 5,000, 10,000, 12,000 and 14,000 respectively. You can start today with Number 18,000 and keep up to date without paying premiums.

Our Government started to print its own stamps about 1894 and has numbered every plate used for printing consecutively from number 1 up. Plate number 19,000 was recently used to print the 10 cent "Lindbergh" stamps. While there are a number of these 19,000 plates which were never used, there are more than 19,000 varieties of Plate Numbers, because the same numbers appear on two or more issues in some cases. The result is that the same number appears on paper with and without watermarks, with different watermarks, or with different perforations. On our present rotary prints, the same Plate Number may appear on stamps perforated 10 x 10, or 11 x 10½.

The Plate Number always appears on the margin attached to the stamps. On the flat die printed stamps, they may appear on the margin of either side, top or bottom. For convenience of mounting most collectors save only the top and bottom numbers. On the rotary stamps the number appears on the margin near the corner on the left or right of the stamp only. These are collected in all positions.

I receive a considerable "kick" out of this hobby in trying to get all the numbers. I collect all numbers on single stamps in top or bottom position and the commemorative and airmail issues in bloc of six with the plate number on the margin of the middle stamp of the block. I have no more desire to collect "Foreign Labels."

My next article will be "How Collect Plate Number Stamps."

JAMAICA 1927

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and the other script CA. These "Specimen" stamps were sent to the Universal Postal Union Bureau at Berne, and distributed from there, before steps were taken to suppress the issue.

New Slogan Cancellation.

During October, 1927, a new slogan die was inserted in the electric cancelling machine at the Kingston G.P.O. superseding the pictorial "Spend your vacation in Summerland—Jamaica," which has been in use for somewhat over a year. In the new die, the slogan reads "BUY—BRITISH GOODS," enclosed in a single lined frame, 55 x 20mm. The vertical lines at the left and right are not connected with the horizontal top and bottom lines, and consist of two short, rather than one continuous bar. The postmarking circle portion is as before, a single lined circle, 20mm, with "Kingston, Jamaica" conforming to it, at the top and bottom, with the date in the center in three lines, "9.30 A.M.—Oct. 26—1927."

Report of the Postmaster for Jamaica, for 1926.

The report of the Postmaster for Jamaica (R. H. Fletcher) for the year ended December 31, 1926, discloses that the revenue of the Post and Telegraph Dept. was £93442.12.11½, and the expenditure £93692.12.7¼. In the figure of postal revenue (£75435.4.1¼d—telegraphs accounting for the remaining £18007.8.9½), £64256.4.11¼ represents the value of stamps sold, during the year, as compared with £63377.6.3¼ in the preceding year.

The cost of mail conveyance abroad was £4067 and within the island, £22415.

Since 24th March, 1926, magazines printed and published in Jamaica, at intervals of not less than 30 days, pass through the inland post at ½d, each, regardless of weight, providing they are registered at the G.P.O. by the publishers.

In addition to the G.P.O. at Kingston, there are 231 District Post Offices, of

which the Postmaster for Jamaica says, "A number of the buildings in which Post Offices are conducted throughout the Colony are not what might be regarded as very desirable, but for various reasons, the Department must continue to conduct its business in these buildings and live in the expectation that the finances of the Colony will permit at an early date of a building programme for Post Offices."

SMALL PEANUTS

By A. C. LEDUC.

One day recently a letter came in, asking for one of my premiums and some stamps on approval. In due course of time the selection was returned, but there was no purchase. The customer requested much better quality stamps. I immediately thought that here was someone who knew what he wanted, and acting on that assumption, I fixed up a selection along the line of his wants. I sent the letter by registered mail. In the course of a week or so along came a postal card asking for return postage. I sent him a 2c stamp and made an inquiry as to what seemed to be the trouble with the stamps.

But this wasn't enough. Next he wrote for a stamped return envelope

with sufficient postage for registration. He did state that the stamps in the selection were satisfactory. The affair was getting quite interesting by now. However, I felt that I had already spent enough time and energy on the case and that in order to partly repay myself I would send stamps of philatelic value, when used on the return envelope. I therefore, fixed up an envelope and decorated it with various denominations, plate numbers, etc.

In about another week this valued (?) customer sent in a letter by registered mail returning the selection without any purchase. The stamps on the return envelope did not have the appearance of the ones sent originally. This customer had taken off all the stamps but one, and replaced them with 1c and 2c stamps of the current issue! Luckily there was no one nearby to talk to, or the air would have been blue. Instead, I sat down and wrote this "bird" a little note asking him why he didn't take all the stamps that were on the letter in the first place. So I used another 2c stamp and sent him the cover. I hope he keeps it in his album as a lasting reminder of his business dealings with me. Is it any wonder stamp dealers get gray? They would get gray quicker if they couldn't see the ironical humor in such happenings as the above.

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Stamp News for the Juniors

This page is primarily for you, the Junior collector. We are interested in what interests you and we want you to take possession of it, if in any way it can serve you. We also invite the Senior collector to extend words of advice, encouragement and stimulation and thus develop in the Junior a real passion for Philately. Bear in mind that two short articles of from 50 to 75 words read better than one long one. Address the Beverly office.



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JUNIOR STAMP STUDIES

WEDDING STAMP

Japan A30
1900 3 sen Carmine



At the corners of the table are branches of pine, and the sides are decorated with bamboo. Both of these being evergreen stand for unchangeableness, and express the wish of long life to the couple. The cranes pictured on the sides and top of the table are symbolic of a thousand years and express the same idea.

The box in the foreground is said to contain chopsticks; they must be very large chopsticks, or very much out of proportion to the picture.

Above is the conventional chrysanthemum, the national flower of Japan; below are a pair of house-swallows, probably expressing domesticity.

The inscription on the left side means "Imperial Japanese Post"; on the right, "their apparent's honorable marriage ceremony celebration"; below, the value, three sen. The stamp is noteworthy in that it is one of the few Japanese stamps that have not had the value expressed in English.

Death Mask Stamps

The name by which the para values of the 1904 stamps of Serbia are popularly known. The name arose owing to the fact that if the stamps are placed upside down a third face can be distinctly traced out of the features of the two portraits shown. It is, of course, nothing but a freak of engraving though at



the time the stamps were issued a legend was circulated to the effect that this face is a reproduction of the "death-mask" of the murdered King Alexander and that it was introduced into the design on purpose. The cut is inserted wrong side up to show the mask. It can be plainly seen by covering with the end of the finger all of the head except the nose.

Eendragt Maakt Magt

This motto appears under the arms of all the postage stamps of the now de-



funct South African Republic and means "Union makes Strength."

Perplexing Surcharges

O. P. S. O.—On Public Service Only. An overprint found on certain stamps of New Zealand used between 1892 and 1907 by the Post Office Department for official correspondence between that department and places abroad.

O. S.—On Service. A surcharge found on many stamps of New South Wales and other Australian colonies intended for use on official correspondence.

O. S. G. S.—On Sudan Government Service. Stamps of the Sudan so surcharged are for use on official communications.

O. W.—Office of Works. Certain British stamps used to be overprinted with these letters and the word "Official" for use on correspondence emanating from this department.

P.—Police. A surcharge found on many early South Australian stamps.

This stamp was issued in 1900 in honor of the wedding of the heir apparent to the throne. The design is full of Japanese symbolism. In the oval frame is pictured a large table, the place where all Japanese weddings are solemnized. On the table are several dishes of rice cakes, such as are partaken of by royal pairs on the first three evenings of their wedded life.

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Holcomb York of the Berkshire Exchange, Cummington, Mass., informs us that the flood which devastated a large section of Vermont and was seriously felt in Western Massachusetts wrecked one of his apple storehouses and caused a damage of \$1500. Mr. York has a large stock of airposts and states that a new edition of his catalog will be out in January.

We have received from Raymond V. Bahr of Springfield, Ill., a clipping from the Illinois "State Register" giving the particulars of the organizing of a flying club in that city. Mr. Bahr is vice-president of the new organization, which "hops off" with a big passenger list and at the opening meeting voted to include the "Ruth Elders" of the city. Its purpose is to bring to the front the value of Springfield activity in promoting aviation.

N. H. Bikhor, who in recent issues has advertised from Iraq, is now located in N. Y. City at 2880 Broadway. His advertising will be found in future issues as he has taken out a "3-in-1" contract. He is A.P.S. 9570. Mr. Bikhor has just issued a pricelist of India, Iraq and Mesopotamia stamps which will be sent upon request.

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We shall no doubt run 16 pages from now on. Our columns are teeming with offers and our dealers are considered reliable. If not, something happens.

We cannot mention individually all the transients who use our paper. Their number is legion.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

A Local Stamp Club

Much stress is placed at the present time on propaganda to interest the boy and girl in stamp collecting. This agitation leans toward the organization of local clubs and indeed every philatelist should make it his duty to see that adequate local organizations are available for the young collectors. We all know that for every advanced collector there are dozens of juvenile collectors.

These local clubs could be fostered by local societies (auxiliaries), by Y. M. C. A's, schools, etc., and are the best mediums for educating and guiding these younger collectors in the right direction. Of course, we confront the problem that has bothered all clubs, and that is: How shall such a club be organized and run? Take a school club, for instance. It should not be run like a class room. A collector of that age does not want to listen to his own companion's speech on some phase on which he is probably better informed than his teacher. He wants to see stamps, to buy stamps at reasonable prices, to exchange stamps and to see current magazines, and catalogues, beyond what the average boy or girl can afford.

Trading and selling stamps in an unofficial way, a dry business meeting at every meeting, and a meeting that is strict or disciplinary, is not conducive to a successful club.

With such a club we had to deal at Central High School, Saint Paul, Minn. It meant either to discontinue the club or re-organize. A research was made into other clubs, and a study of the different philatelic societies, A.P.S., etc., was made. Why were they successful? What details could be used in re-organizing a good juvenile club?

As a result of a combination of ideas a new set of rules and regulations was drawn up and adopted. Success was immediate. Memberships increased the first year 300%. The club was self-supporting and the benefits derived by the members of real value. General interest by

The Junior Dictionary

Postal Commission.—An overprint in conjunction with a new value—3 cents—found upon the 4c Ceylon stamps of 1883-84. These stamps were used to denote the extra commission charged by the Post Office on money orders which had not been cashed within three months of the date of issue, so that the overprint has no philatelic significance. For a short time the Post office did not object to the use of these stamps on letters.

Postal Guides.—These are official guide books issued by the Post Office departments in many countries for disseminating postal information.

Postal Service.—An overprint found upon certain Indian postage stamps which were not, however, used for postage. These stamps served to indicate the amount of duty to be paid on parcels received from abroad, and their use was thus purely fiscal.

Postal Fiscals.—Stamps originally issued for revenue purposes only, temporarily, or indefinitely, allowed to be used for the prepayment of postal charges with official sanction.

Postally Used.—A philatelic expression distinguishing stamps used for postal purposes from similar varieties used fiscally or on telegraph forms.

Postat E Qeverries Se Perkoheime Te Shqipenies.—Found on the Albanian stamps issued in October, 1913. It means "Post of the Government of the New Nation of Albania."

Poste Aerieenne.—This inscription is found on a Tunis stamp issued May 5, 1919, for air post use. The 35c pictorial stamps of 1906 was thus overprinted, and used in connection with aerial service between Gabes—Djerba—Zarzis—Ben Gardane.

Poste Italiane.—Found on most of the stamps of Italy, and meaning of course "Italian Post."

Greek Crown and E. T.

These letters, surmounted by a crown, form a watermark found in most of the stamps of Greece issued during the period 1901-06. They are apparently in-



tended to represent the first two characters of the Greek words, "Hellenikon Takudromeion," signifying "Greek Letter stamp."

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| 12..... | 2.69 | 38..... | .16 |
| 13..... | 3.52 | 39..... | .48 |
| 14..... | 3.52 | 40..... | .35 |
| 15..... | 7.76 | 41..... | .37 |
| 16..... | 16.98 | 42..... | 1.02 |
| 17..... | .61 | 43..... | 1.02 |
| 18..... | .24 | 44..... | 2.04 |
| 19..... | .48 | 45..... | 4.38 |
| 20..... | .04 | 46..... | .02 |
| 21..... | .06 | 47..... | .02 |
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| 23..... | .41 | 49..... | .06 |
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| 25..... | .41 | 51..... | .16 |
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THE PHILATELIC PEPPY'S

November 30th. To office to my work, where I did find little to do and bethought myself to journey to New York for the furtherance of my own business and for the enjoyment of visiting the stamp dealers and collectors.

December 1st. In New York and to the Bronx on business after which I did go to Nassau Street, having left most of my money at the hostelry. First, to M. Ohlman's to see his latest auction catalog and marvel at the abbreviations therein. By this means I understand he makes a saving of 3s 8d the year, which is not to be ignored. Mr. Ohlman did show me a contrivance for pressing stamps like unto a wine-press, which did intrigue me greatly. To lunch with Sir Sydney Barrett and thence to call upon George Sloane to ask him to dinner with

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me, which he could not do as he is still eating at home. Again to the Economist to see Sir Sydney, who had picked out some items especially for me and which I could not refuse. To Percy Doane's, but did tarry on the way at two other shops where they did ask what I wanted, and I said, "Used Nineteenth Century." After much free discourse they did also ask, "What Country?" to which I replied, "Hayti"; then "What issue?" But I did beat then to it and replied quickly, "The 20 centimes brown of the First issue" whereupon in each case did they bring forth one copy for my inspection, but I did not buy as what these stamps lacked as to margins was offset by creases and tears. Then to Mr. Doane's where I did open the door and fall over a large package, which did cause me much pain and confusion, and necessitated my return to my tavern. To dinner alone and later to bed.

December 2nd. The day devoted to my business, which took me to Brooklyn: indeed a strange country. To the Collectors Club in the evening where my Lord Charles did greet me by asking that I save precancels for him as he intends to interest serious collectors in this branch of philately. We can expect another hand-book this twelve-month. The meeting called to order and the secretary's report appreciated by all. After the meeting and an enjoyable exhibit I did join with the members of the Hot Stove League. Soon after did appear Dr. Chittenden amongst us for a short while, I think with the desire to acquaint himself somewhat of the discourses within the Mystic Shrine of Philately, but he did stay but two hours while the International Favorite did unfold the latest tales assembled from the Philatelic Centres of the World. Later to our secret, but not secretive session at which many problems were wisely and loudly discussed. Adjournment, and to the Automat where I was fined one jit for not drinking coffee, which I would not do as it was my intention to lay two or three hours before breakfast. To bed at a very late hour.

December 3rd. Up with a very tired feeling, and betimes to my work. To the Excelsior Shop to pass an hour before entraining for home at Grand Central. Mr. J. Trauner did show me a bound album for my choice, but I did see that it had been well plucked, and after further inquiry small books with good stuff were brought forth from the large strong box, which he did know I wanted to see in the first place. Very good time I had and departed sooner than the leaving of the train necessitated as it was necessary for me so to do to leave on the train.—*Philatelic Smoke.*

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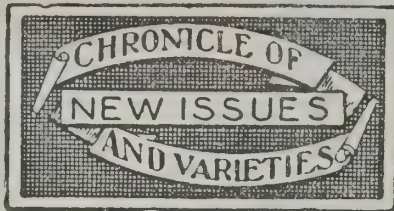
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United States**Washington Notes**

In getting out stamp supplies for the Christmas Holidays, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing filled a number of requisitions with the new 10c Special Delivery stamp, printed from the rotary press. We are unable to state what post offices will receive these, and where they will first be placed on sale. At this writing the Philatelic Agency has not, as yet, received a supply, but will have them by the time these notes will appear.

The stamp was first sent out during the week of November 14th, so that we may consider them as having been issued during the middle of November. Copies have not as yet been inspected, but it is thought that they will be perforated 11x10½. A special perforating machine for this size of stamp was installed in the Bureau some weeks back.

The new 1c Booklet, printed from the rotary press, and perforated 11x10½, has also been issued. The demand for the 1c value is exceedingly small, so that the issue will not be large, unless the new Congress revises the postal rates, and places a rate of 1c on private postal cards.

The Department at the present time is not considering any, new variety, and the next item coming up for their consideration and action, will be a 2c stamp to commemorate the Encampment at Valley Forge. It is hoped that they will act favorably upon the request of Senators Reed and Vare of Pennsylvania.

Bureau Plates

Through the courtesy of Mr. A. W. Hall, Director of the Bureau of En-

graving and Printing, we are enabled to bring our list of plate numbers up to and including those issued to November 18th. In this lot, we have the first of the Vermont Sesquicentennial and Burgoyne commemorative varieties. It will further be noted that practically all of the plates being made are now of the rotary type. With the new perforations, and new gum, the stamps seem to be sticking better, and there is not the numerous complaints that were prevalent a few months back. It would not be surprising to find the 10c Air Mail stamp produced by the rotary method, followed by some of the higher denominations of the current series.

| New Plate Nos.—Class Ordinary. | | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|---------|------------|
| Plate No. | Denomination. | Series. | Subjs. |
| 19017-034 | 2c | 1922 | 400 Curved |
| 19035-042 | 2c Vt. Sesq. | 1927 | 400 |
| 19043-046 | 2c | 1922 | 400 " |
| 19047-048 | 1½c | 1925 | 400 " |
| 19049-052 | 2c | 1922 | 170 " |
| 19053-056 | 2c | 1922 | 400 " |
| 19057-058 | 1½c | 1925 | 400 " |
| 19059-060 | 2c | 1922 | 400 " |
| 19061-069 | 2c Burg. Camp. | 1927 | 200 |
| 19070-071 | 2c | 1922 | 400 " |
| 19072-073 | 1½c | 1925 | 400 " |
| 19074-075 | 2c | 1922 | 400 " |
| 19076-079 | 2c Post. Due | 1894 | 400 |
| 19080-081 | 2c | 1922 | 400 " |
| 19082-085 | 2c Post. Due | 1894 | 400 |
| 19086-087 | 2c | 1922 | 400 " |
| 19088-089 | 5c | 1922 | 400 " |
| 19090-093 | 2c | 1922 | 170 |
| 19094-095 | 2c | 1922 | 400 " |
| 19096-099 | 3c | 1922 | 400 " |
| 19100-101 | 5c | 1922 | 400 " |
| 19102-103 | 2c | 1922 | 170 |
| 19104-105 | 13c | 1925 | 400 |
| 19106 | 2c Burg. Camp. | 1927 | 200 |
| 19107-110 | 2c | 1922 | 400 " |
| 19111-112 | 3c | 1922 | 400 " |
| 19113-114 | 5c | 1922 | 400 " |
| 19115-116 | 2c | 1922 | 400 " |
| 19117-118 | 2c | 1922 | 400 " |
| 19119-122 | 13c | 1925 | 400 |
| 19123-124 | 2c | 1922 | 400 " |
| 19125-126 | 1½c | 1925 | 400 " |
| 19127-130 | 17c | 1925 | 400 |
| 19131-134 | 20c | 1922 | 400 |
| 19135-138 | 11c | 1922 | 400 |
| 19139-142 | 15c | 1922 | 400 |
| 19143-146 | 50c | 1922 | 400 |
| 19147-148 | 4c | 1922 | 400 " |

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| 19149-154 | 2c | 1922 | 400 " |
| 19155-156 | 4c | 1922 | 400 " |
| 19157-160 | 2c | 1922 | 400 " |
| 19161-164 | 12c | 1922 | 400 " |
| 19165-168 | 2c | 1922 | 400 " |
| 19169-170 | 4c | 1922 | 400 " |
| 19171-176 | 2c | 1922 | 400 " |
| 19177-180 | 2c | 1922 | 170 " |
| 19181-182 | 1½c | 1925 | 400 " |
| 19183-184 | 2c Book | 1922 | 360 " |
| 19185-190 | 2c | 1922 | 400 " |
| 19191-192 | 1½c | 1925 | 400 " |
| 19193-194 | 2c Book | 1922 | 360 " |
| 19195-198 | 2c | 1922 | 400 " |
| 19199-200 | 2c Book | 1922 | 360 " |
| 19201-202 | 1½c | 1925 | 400 " |
| 19203-206 | 2c | 1922 | 400 " |
| 19207-208 | 5c | 1922 | 400 " |
| 19209-212 | 2c | 1922 | 400 " |
| 19213-214 | 1½c | 1925 | 400 " |
| 19215-218 | 1c | 1922 | 400 " |
| 19219-220 | 2c | 1922 | 170 " |
| 19221-222 | 2c | 1922 | 400 " |
| 19223-224 | 2c | 1922 | 170 " |
| 19225-226 | 5c | 1922 | 400 " |
| 19227-228 | 2c | 1922 | 400 " |
| 19229-231 | 2c | 1922 | 170 " |
| 19232-233 | 2c | 1922 | 400 " |
| 19234-235 | 10c | 1922 | 400 " |
| 19236-239 | 7c | 1922 | 400 " |
| 19240-245 | 2c | 1922 | 400 " |
| 19246-247 | 8c | 1922 | 400 " |
| 19248-249 | 10c Spec. Del | 1922 | 200 |
| 19250-253 | 2c | 1922 | 400 |
| 19254-257 | 10c | 1922 | 400 |
| 19258-259 | 2c | 1922 | 400 |
| 19260-261 | 10c Spec. Del | 1922 | 200 |
| 19262-263 | 8c | 1922 | 400 |

1857, 3c, Imperforate Vertically

Mr. J. M. Bartels has submitted for inspection a most interesting item—namely, an unused horizontal pair of the 1857—3c dull red, Type II, imperforate vertically, Scott's No. 44B. This unusual item was recently found in an old correspondence, upon an unmailed cover addressed to R. G. Dunn & Company at Pittsburg. Mr. Bartels was enabled to move it from the envelope in such a way that a part of the gum has been preserved. Dr. Chase has advised Mr. Bartels, that other than single copies, only one used strip of three of this variety is known.

Philippines

Mr. Walter Bruggmann has kindly sent me photographs of the thirty different air mail postmarks, which have been used in the Philippines in connection with air mail events.

The first is the triangular postmark used in behalf of the Exhibition Flight of Miss Ruth Law on April 5, 1919. This was applied in red-violet. The second to eighth types were used on several flights made in and around Manila by De Pinedo, who later was responsible for the Newfoundland variety. The ninth to eleventh were the result of the Madrid-Manila flight, while the twelfth to fourteenth were U. S. Army flights. The balance were local flights made from Manila to other islands.

Bolivia.—*L'Echo* states that, pending the arrival of the new set from London, it has been necessary to issue 50,000 of each of two provisionals. The 1919 series were used for these, the surcharge consisting of "1927" value "CENTAVOS" in three lines: 5c on 1c carmine (blue o/p.), and 10c on 24c violet.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

British Guiana.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown us the 96c carmine and black on yellow as before, but on script watermark paper.

Egypt.—Mr. R. Roberts and Whitfield King & Co. call our attention to a new type stamp of large format, 50m deep sea green.

France.—*L'Echo* states that the current 1fr 50 "Pasteur" will be replaced

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Germany.—Mr. J. L. Riedel calls our attention to the 8pf green, 15pf vermilion and 25pf blue of the 1926 types which are now being issued with the surcharge "I.A.A. 10.—15.10.1927" in two lines in black. Our correspondent describes them as issued for the fall session of the International Labor Bureau in Berlin, from October 10th to 15th. Only three thousand sheets have been surcharged, and the sale of these stamps has been stopped and they are no longer valid for postage. The issue has been a great surprise for German philatelists as they were prepared in secret and nobody had any advance knowledge of them. They could be had at only the German Philatelic Bureau in Berlin and in small quantities only.

Two new official stamps are also submitted. They are 8pf green and 15pf vermilion, both of the same design and more values are expected shortly.

Honduras.—Yvert chronicles the first two values of the long promised permanent set. 1c blue (Colquapa River Bridge) (500,000), 2c carmine (Copau ruins) (500,000).—Philatelic Magazine.

Jamaica.—Copies of the 1/2p green, King's head type, have been received from Mr. R. Roberts. The stamp is script watermarked and it is the first appearance of this value on this type.

Madagascar.—South African Philatelist understands that this colony is about to issue a new set of stamps. The designs to be used are very obviously copied

from the current issue of Belgian Congo and will depict natives' heads and cattle. Some of the stamps will be of large upright format, while others will have their greatest length horizontally.

Monaco.—Mr. W. T. Wilson sends copies of the 2frs vermilion and 3frs carmine unpaid stamps, for chronicle.

Netherlands.—Mr. Frederick D. Markee informs us that a new Charity issue will be placed on sale December 15th and carry through to Jan. 14, 1928. According to a newspaper clipping sent there will be four values, each of a different design. The original values are 2c, 5c, 7 1/2c and 15c, but they will be sold at 4 cents, 8 cents, 11 cents and 18 cents respectively.

Paraguay.—Whitfield King & Co. report the issuance of the 7c lilac, design as A47, unwatermarked.

Russia.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us a new 7kop olive green and grey green, Revolution stamp. It bears the "1917" date and pictures a scene from that historic event.

St. Lucia.—The following is taken from a recent issue of *Gibbons' Stamp Monthly*: "From the *Grenada Guardian*, for which we are indebted to Mr. Geo. R. Drinkwater, we cull the following choice blossom of candour: 'The St. Lucia *Voice* suggests that as a means of raising a substantial amount towards the rebuilding of the public offices the 1 1/2d, 2 1/2d, and 4d stamps, which at present are not ready sellers, should be surcharged 'Fire Relief, 3d, 6d and 1/-,' when they would probably be disposed of in a few months. . . . It is not often that these small islands get an opportunity to exploit a world market: the present vogue for stamp collecting presents us with such an opportunity and we trust that the powers that be will give our contemporary's suggestion every consideration. We sincerely trust that the powers that be will give this and all similar suggestions their usual careful consideration, and then put their foot down heavily on such exploitation of the innocents.'

St. Vincent.—Mr. R. Roberts and Whitfield King & Co. send for chronicle the 6p. King George type stamp, reddish claret, script watermark. It is a darker shade than heretofore.

South West Africa.—Mr. R. Roberts and Whitfield King & Co. report that they have had come to hand copies of the 3p blue and 6p grey, Union of South Africa postage due stamps, Pretoria printings, no watermark, with the surcharge "South West Africa" and "Suidwes Afrika" in two lines alternately 12mm apart. Whitfield King & Co. also shows us the 5p Transvaal postage due, De La Rue, multiple CA watermark, overprinted in like manner.

Transjordan.—From Whitfield King & Co. and Mr. R. Roberts come copies of the new line engraved definite issue bearing the portrait of His Highness Amir Abdullah, script watermark. The duty labels in English and Arabic, "Transjordan" also in English and Arabic. The currency is in milliemes though this word does not appear on the stamp, merely the numerals. All values up to the 20m are small format, the 50m and above in large format. Shades and values are 2m greenish-blue, 3m pink, 4m green, 5m orange, 10m red, 15m blue, 20m olive, 50m mauve, 90m bistre, 100m cobalt-blue, 200m violet.

Turkey.—Mr. R. Amiral informs *Gibbons' Stamp Monthly* that only 8,000 sets of the Smyrna Exhibition stamps were surcharged and they are already fetching a high premium in Constantinople. We should imagine that with so small a printing they will be good.

Venezuela.—According to a Decree of August 30th, quoted in *L'Echo*, the following values will be added to the current series: 5c black-brown (2,000,000), 10c green (500,000), 15c red-brown (500,000), 25c red (2,750,000), 40c dark blue (1,750,000), 3b yellow (300,000), 5b violet (200,000).—Philatelic Magazine.

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To test whether dealers generally were putting up in advance prices of stamps rumoured to be absolescent or rising in the new catalogues, the writer went round a number of London dealers recently, enquiring for these stamps, and was struck by the number of times the stamps were either "out of stock" or else substantially above the old catalogue prices already. This tendency was far more noticeable than a few years ago, when perhaps with bigger stocks the larger dealers, at least, kept down their prices until they were absolutely compelled to raise them. The dealers, however, must be studying these notes, as it was almost impossible to obtain a single stamp recommended recently at the old rates. Two stamps in particular, both rumoured to be raised to about £10 in the new catalogue, were almost everywhere out of stock. These were the 10d Irish Thom and the Virg'n Is. 5d Script, which were to be obtainable a few months ago, when first recommended, at a very few shillings each.

Pictorials.—The new pictorials of Palestine, Australia, etc., have all come in for their share of destructive criticism, but one would like to see more favourable reports published. On the whole the Colonials of today are more attractive and better printed than has been the case for fifty years. The stereotyped design and colourings for the Crown Colonies is less in evidence. Even line engraving is being employed for an increasing number of stamps. The material turned out by the famous printers, De La Rue & Co., keeps up its very high standard of excellence, whilst the interesting pictorial series issued by some of the Colonies, should do much to popularise philately.

Unpriced Items.—The recent article on values of stamps unpriced in the catalogues was specially interesting as far as it affected Modern Colonials. The prices and Nos. issued of the 2d and 4d B. C. Africa of 1907 (Mult. CA) as given in the first article must have caused most people to open their eyes, and £50 each, given as a correction later, is more like the figure, as at auction a bit ago they fetched rather over £30. As regards the statement that only 2 or 3 were issued, does not this mean 2 or 3 sheets? At least one sheet of each (120) must have been printed, and it would be interesting to know how long they were on sale. According to a contemporary, they were used for parcel post, but the writer would like to see copies so used, if any reader has one.

The figure given for Nauru, 10sh Waterlow, is also interesting. This is one of the War stamps that have turned out very well for those who bought on the basis of the catalogue price prevailing in 1918, when it was then cat. 25sh by Gibbons. Comparatively few sheets can have been overprinted, and if it had been an Irish overprinted stamp, it would probably fetch over £50 by now. Similar remarks apply to the 5sh De La Rue of Bechuanaland, another not too popular stamp, of which only about 1,000 were overprinted, and yet it can be picked up for a £1 or £2. Again, if it was an Irish or Maltese rarity, it would probably fetch £10. These remarks show the enormous part popularity plays in determining values to-day. A stamp issued to the number of 3,000 of a very popular country will often sell for more than a stamp issued only to the number of 1,000 of a less popular country.

The chief consolation that holders of rare but unpopular stamps that they cannot sell for what they think they are worth, is that, while popularity varies from decade to decade, Nos. issued cannot change, and that their stamps may some day come into the limelight, and then sell for four times what they would sell for at present.

The prices of rare Jamaican War stamps, given in the list of uncatalogued stamps, is also very interesting, but a noteworthy omission is No. 108e. What is this stamp worth, with the inverted overprint? A few were on the market a few years ago, but now it seems almost unobtainable. Is it worth £5, £10, or

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CRISTOBAL-BARRANQUILLA

By R. S. CARTER.

An air mail and passenger service between Cristobal, Canal Zone, and Barranquilla, Colombia, will be inaugurated on January 1, 1928, or perhaps earlier. The new service will be started with the putting into service of a Donier-Wal hydroplane capable of carrying ten passengers and one ton of mail. The plane is equipped with two 600 h.p. motors and will also carry wireless receiving and sending equipment.

The chief of the personnel of the new concern, who will also pilot the plane on its first trip to Cristobal, when the service is inaugurated, will be Emmanuel Lerch, who during the War attained fame as the most successful Austrian naval flier. Mr. Lerch has also had two years' flying experience in Colombia with the Scadta Company.

The passenger rate for transportation on this air line from Cristobal to Barranquilla will be \$100, and for the mail service the same stamp that has been used heretofore in the Colombian Scadta services will be employed in the Cristobal-Barranquilla Line. The postage rates will be 30c per each 20 grammes of mail matter sent to the interior of Colombia and 20c for equal weight of letters sent to the Atlantic Coast towns of that country. These low rates, it was stated, were decided upon especially for the purpose of encouraging correspondence between the two countries.

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USED, UNUSED AND ON COVER

By PERCY A. HILL, Nuera Ecija, Phil. Ids.

TO THE EDITOR:—

Herewith is a short article on variations in price between used and unused from obscure places. While the comment is not at all authoritative, it seems to be just from the writer's point of view.

As a side issue to philately, I have some 2,600 registered covers, from some 233 different countries, all "Personally Addressed to Myself." This, of course, is a personal collection, we might say, for the stamp on genuine cover is much more difficult and elusive to collect than either used or unused items.

Very naturally—beginning this collection in 1920 and keeping it up, I have found that the prices for them approximate those quoted in the article, herewith.

I have a friend in China. Mr. Siddall, who once made a general collection of nothing but fine copies with center or very clear cancellations, and he at times paid as high as six and seven times catalog for fine postmarked copies for his collection. This is now being dispersed, I understand.

Very naturally this is a thing that catalogs cannot take up in its entirety, altho Yvert does try to vary the used and unused of several colonies and out-of-the-way places, but it is useful as a branch of philately, especially as some dealers are beginning to specialize in stamps on cover.

PERCY A. HILL.

IN reference to the rarity of used stamps with those unused, and their catalog value versus actual value, we might say that the catalogs hold good in the large majority of countries. There are, however, many obscure colonies and countries where the used stamps are in the minority, and consequently the value of these cannot be expressed by current catalogs on the basis of rarity, for use of a better word. The listing below is not at all authoritative, being merely a view of the writer and his experience in reference to the difficulty of acquiring both ordinary used, as well as those on cover.

Then again occurs the factor of being "cancelled to order" that prevails in certain countries whose stamps used and unused catalog the same. In this connection we might state that there are far more places who refuse to commit this "philatelic crime" than there are who do so. In some cases, where the normal annual needs of postal adhesives are small, it can easily be seen that if all present collectors were to patronize these obscure colonies, they would absorb their entire stock. The few lower values of such places can be obtained used as there are none to go to waste, due to demand such as Brunei or Upper Senegal for example. Take the case of Fiji. It is said that every second person is a stamp collector there. Whether or not this is true, no used values above the 2d can be obtained, being all shipped out, the lower values to 2d being plentiful and cheap.

Abyssinia.—Abyssinian used should be worth at least twice unused and double that on genuine cover. The cancelling devices at the few P. O. are similar to the type used in Switzerland.

Afghanistan.—Owing to limited use and rigid censorship, good values on cover from Afghanistan are three times as rare as unused. This does not obtain with a few low values. Nearly all mail comes via India.

Ascension.—There is one postoffice on Ascension, an extinct volcano with a coal pile for the navy, a cable station and a hospital. The first issues have a good future and used are worth three times catalog. Inasmuch as the total transient population does not exceed 130, and the postmaster, a cable-employee, is as he says "Grand admiral and chief factotum" it is reasonable to believe that used stamps of Ascension are twenty times as scarce as unused. The pmk. is a single line circle with name above and date in center.

Aitutaki.—Niue and Rarotonga.—The same remarks as above can be applied generally to issues of these islets. Stamps on cover should be worth three to four times catalog. The pmks. of Aitutaki and Niue are apt to be grease stained. This may be due to coconut oil or copra, which are the islands' chief industries.

Barbuda.—Genuine used Barbuda on cover pmkd Codrington should be worth at least seven times catalog, as the number and life of this issue was extremely limited. With one white man in the colony this is not unreasonable for Barbuda on cover, above the penny value.

Brunei.—Used ought to be worth at least twice. The pmk. is the same for the few P. O. doing business, a simple circle with name, and center dated. Sarawak does almost ten times the postal business of Brunei. Those on cover might register a slight advance over unused.

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times catalog if used, as these are extremely rare on good covers, the post-offices being military with the exception of Berbera, the capital. Ordinary pmk.

Br. Solomons.—Used should be worth from twice to three times catalog according to value. The few scattered planters have little philatelic urge and mail deliveries are not conducive to copious correspondence. The pmks. are a large single circle with name of P. O. colony and center dated. The same holds good for New Guinea, except that the pmks. are well executed and clear.

British West Indies, such as the Cayman and Virgin Is., British Honduras, Turk & Caicos and Monserrat ought to be worth twice catalog used, considering the few postoffices each colony contains. The same can be said of the Dutch colonies of Curacao and Suriname with the exception of the lower values. On cover any of the above are worth twice catalog for values over 2d.

Falkland Islands.—These used to be the most difficult to obtain on cover of any British Colony. However, there appears to be more used at present, nevertheless, three times catalog is not unreasonable for values on cover over 2d. The pmks. are clear. That of the South Shetlands is the rarest.

French Colonies.—Nearly all obscure French colonies are worth more used than unused for obvious reasons, ranging from such places as Fr. India, Togo and Cameroons from two to three times catalog, to Mauritania, Miquelon, Upper Senegal and Wallis & Futuna from five to six times catalog for genuine used covers. Nearly all the pmks. are fine clear cancellations. That of the latter colony, however, is a coarse circle with "Prat Francais—Wallis" center dated.

Far Eastern Republic on cover are usually pmkd. Vladivostok in a coarse double circle, center-dated. Genuine covers are worth at least three times unused pmkd. Vladivostok and slightly more for other postoffices.

Gilbert & Ellice.—This is one of the hardest colonies to obtain used on cover and should be worth at least four times unused. The pmk. is a fine large double circle reading "Gilbert & Ellice Islands—Colony" center-dated. The same applies to Gambia as to rarity of used over unused. The pmks. are similar to St. Helena, a small circle with name and date.

Guam.—U. S. stamps used on cover should be worth twice catalog. Pmk. a plain circle center-dated with "Guam—

Guam." American Samoa are pmkd. "Pago-Pago Samoa" in double circle, center-dated and ought to be worth three times catalog on genuine cover, as most of the foreign mail carries N. Z. stamps of Samoa dispatched via Apia.

Italian Colonies of Cyrenaica, Libya, Oltre-Guiba and Somaliland are easily worth double catalog on cover, altho there is an urge to cancel to order in most Italian colonies. Italians surcharged used in Albania, however, should be worth more than above on genuine cover.

Japanese Mandates in the Pacific use current Japanese issues pmkd. Jaluit, Ponape, etc., in Japanese and dated similar to that Empires pmks. These should be worth at least four times unused catalog value, as they are far from common.

New Hebrides.—In spite of the "surcharge" scandals, genuine used covers of this colony are not common. The pmk. is very pleasing, a fine double circle with name of P. O., center-dated and inscribed "Neue Hebrides Postes—Condominium." They should be worth three times catalog.

North West Pacific Islands are worth three times catalog on cover for values over 2d. There are a great many used stamps cancelled for radiograms, and of course worth less than unused.

Nauru & Cook Is. are worth three times unused. Nauru has a fine clear pmk. reading "Nauru-Central Pacific" and dated below in a single line.

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| 3. | 2c 1887 | Yonkers, N. Y. | " | J. H. Preston |
| 4. | 3c 1861 | Fort Ross, Calif. | " | H. P. A. |
| 5. | 3c 1861 | Oyster Bay, N. Y. | Purple | E. R. Ryder |
| 6. | 3c Amer. | Hooper, N. Y. | Black | W. M. Lester |
| 7. | 3c 1887 | | " | D. H. Stafford |
| 8. | 1c 1882 | | " | E. H. Ryder |
| 9. | 3c 1861 | | " | D. H. Stafford |
| 10. | 3c 1861 | | " | M. C. Howe |

STARS—There are a great many types of stars used for obliterations, by types, meaning entirely different designs. There are stars ranging from four points up to as many as fifteen, or sixteen, and probably others with even more points which have not been called to my attention. Many are in solid color.

Then there are stars with openings cut into them, double lined stars, stars with circles around them, and many stars with ornate forms surrounding them, as our No. 8 in this group. Then there are some cancellations made up with groups of small stars of solid color surrounding a design, as the fox, etc., etc.

In this group we start with an unusual star, for those with six points are far less common than the regular five point star. You will note that the six point star is made by simply laying one triangle over another symmetrically, as you can see by a glance at our No. 10; the Chicopee star on the 3c 1851 is a fine example of the six point star.

Our No. 1 with the colorless "C" inside is unusual. The "C" is probably the initial of the clerk in the P. O. at

the time, for this frequently is the case. No. 2 is possibly used from several P. O.'s; but this is the sole copy coming on cover so that the town could be listed on this 1861 stamp. No. 3 is a very neat bit of cutting, and is not so very common. I think it comes with other letters in the center.

No. 4 is often found, and had a long life in Yonkers, as you will find it on a cover from this town if you are fortunate enough to have some of these come in your accumulations of Civil War covers. No. 5 is generally found with the peculiar form of star as shown. It is doubtless a broken star, yet the small broken part appears so much like a figure five that it is called a five by many collectors.

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"Letters from the Postmaster General transmitting a statement of the nett amount of postage accruing at each Postoffice in each State and Territory for one year ending March 31, 1826."

Then follows a letter from the P. O. Dept. as above addressed to the Hon. John M. Taylor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and signed by John McLean. At this period we find 24 states, 3 territories, and District of Columbia. The recapitulation shows that the postage from all, amounted to \$912,893.08 for the year ending March 31, 1826.

New York State led with postage sold to the amount of \$212,536.15; Pennsylvania next, \$118,066.58. Illinois had \$2,446.64, and Michigan Territory \$1,732.51. New York State had slightly over 1,000 postoffices. Arkansas had 17, and Florida got along with 7 offices, these handling a total postage of \$1,579.99, Pensacola and St. Augustine having over \$1,300.00 of this amount.

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There was no use for a state like Oklahoma, for whale oil sales far exceeded the petroleum products, and those Indians had little correspondence with the folks of the East, tho they always greeted

hardy tourists from the East with the utmost enthusiasm.

If you like the odd old postmarks on early covers, I have been so curious as to run through some of the States, and record a few of the odd names of towns, and villages of that period. The list is made up of those which do not appear today for the most part—many may have changed these names to more promising ones (though some seem to be quite promising as they are here listed), and some have gone out of existence entirely.

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Luxembourg, 25c, 30c, 75c, 90c, 1 1/2fr, 5 var., 25; Same overprinted Official 25
Martinique, Provisional Dues Issued Oct. 10th, 5c to 3fr, 11 varieties 60
Monaco Dues, 2fr, 3fr, pair, 35; Nigeria, 2d red brown 06
Roumania 1926, King Ferdinand, 10b to 10L complete, 10 var. 1.25
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STAMPS AND MILITARISM

By JOSEPH A. LANAHAN, M.D.

(The WEEKLY is very willing to print this article by Dr. Lanahan. We believe that it is the duty of our publication to make an open forum of its columns in mat-
ters of this kind. Even as we gave Mr. Brightman the opportunity of expressing
his views in regard to the designs upon our U. S. stamps, so we open our columns
to the writer of the following article.—Ed.)

In your issue of October 31 is an arti-
cle by Mr. Brightman, from *Zion's Her-
ald*, the gist of which is that the recent
U. S. stamps "mean the glorification of
the force-complex" instead of showing
something that would "mean devotion to
civilized love."

In the August number of *Scott's Jour-
nal*, Mr. Stiles quotes a British contem-
porary as declaring, "A mania for mil-
itaristic stamps seems to have seized the
United States Government," and as the
United States "purports to be anxious to
abolish war and to keep peace for all
time, why choose battle scenes for its
postage stamps?"

In October, *Scott's Journal*, Mr. Em-
erson expresses the opinion that the British
criticism is justified. He questions the
propriety of battles of the Revolution,
"when so many vital points in American
history have not yet even been hinted at
in any postage stamps," and asks, "why
not honor some of our great men in
science, art, literature, invention and
industry?"

The suggestion to honor men great in
peaceful pursuits is a specious one, for a
little reflection on the experience of "The
Hall of Fame" will show what a tremen-
dous task would be thrown on the
Postmaster General. To adopt the pat-
ter of "psychologists," who find "com-
plexes" in everything, this outcry against
a "force-complex" is a "resistance-com-
plex" which covers a phobia that the old
moralists called human respect—when it
is not an "intention tremor."

If it were only the aftermath of the
war, the reaction against war hysteria,
we might expect "the popular mind"
eventually to regain its equilibrium, but,
whether intentionally or not, these arti-
cles are a manifestation of a spirit of
minimizing the importance and necessity
of the American Revolution, and of
glossing over the relations of Great Brit-
ain to the United States, to save the
feelings of our British cousins. The
British made no objection to the Lexing-
ton-Concord issue two years ago, which
are soldier stamps. The Lexington stamp
shows a British victory and the Cam-
bridge stamp is not a battle. Our latest
stamps commemorate American victories
over the British army. Does that fact
influence the comments?

If one will look over Scott's Cata-
logue he will find that the Post Office
Department has been portraying the his-
tory of the country, not in consecutive
chapters, but as occasion warrants. Our
history can be divided into several peri-
ods: Discovery and Colonization, Found-
ing of the Nation, Development of Con-
stitutional Government, Territorial
Expansion, Civil War, Industry and

Commerce, Internationalism, World War,
The Nation To-Day.

The Discovery and Colonization peri-
od is commemorated by 32 stamps; the
Columbian stamp of 1893 (117), and the
Columbian issue of 1893 (230-245),
Father Marquette, 1898 (285), the James-
towns, 1907 (328-330), Hudson-Fulton,
1909 (371), San Francisco Bay, 1912
(404), Balboa, 1913 (397), Pilgrims,
1920 (548-550), Huguenots, 1924 (614-
616), Norse-Americans (622-623), and
in the Philippine series, Magellan, 1906
(243). They also suggest several chap-
ters in our religious history.

The Founding of the Nation shows
eight stamps: Declaration of Indepen-
dence, 1869 (120), and the seven issued
during the sesquicentenaries. If we add
the portraits of those who took part in
its foundation we may include Washing-
ton, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Frank-
lin, Hamilton, Nathan Hale and Martha
Washington. The period of Develop-
ment of Constitutional Government is
represented by five portraits, John
Quincy Adams, on the tobacco stamp,
Livingston 1904 (323), Marshall 1894
(263), Webster 1890 (226), Clay 1890
(227). To them may be added Perry
(146), Scott (142), Jackson (77), Tay-
lor (279), and the Indian chief on the
present 14 cent stamp, as reminders of
the wars of that period. Territorial ex-
pansion is pictured in 14 stamps: The
Trans-Mississippi, 1898 (286-293), Lou-
isiana Purchase, 1904 (323-327), Alas-
ka-Yukon, 1905 (370).

The Civil War period is represented
by six portraits: Admiral Farragut,
Navy (143), General Sherman, Army
(143), Secretary Stanton, Cabinet (138),
Ericsson, Inventor (627), Lincoln and
Grant. We may soon portray that pe-
riod dispassionately. Progress of Indus-
try and Commerce is shown in the Pan-
Americans, 1901 (294-299), Hudson-Ful-
ton, 1909 (371), Panama-Pacific, 1912
(398-399), and De Witt Clinton, of Erie
Canal fame, on the cigarette stamp. To
these may be added the Parcel Posts
(1450-1461), the Special Deliveries
(1890-1903), and the Aeroplanes. From
the Civil War to the Spanish-American
War all the presidents are pictured ex-
cept Johnson and Arthur.

For the period of Internationalism, un-
der McKinley, Roosevelt, Taft and Wil-
son, three presidents are pictured, and in
the Philippine series we have Admirals
Dewey and Sampson, General Lawton,
and three Philippine patriots. The World
War is aptly symbolized by Wilson, and
for the post-war period we have Hard-
ing and Lindbergh's flight. From the
coming of Eric and Columbus to the re-
turn of Lindbergh "the vital points in

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whom eleven were soldiers, nine states-

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This collection has been over thirty years in formation, and the owner (who for personal reasons does not wish his name printed, although we all know and respect him highly) has bought and amalgamated with his collection many other well known collections of these stamps, among them being those of Messrs. L. B. Mason, Stevenson, and W. W. Mann.

The collection of Imperf. stamps is in six large volumes and is specially strong in blocks, strips, and stamps on covers, in rare combinations, in cancellations, and above all for the fine condition of the stamps.

I list a few of the more important pieces so that my clients may have some idea of what this collection contained. Collectors must not expect all these fine pieces are still on hand, as at the moment of writing, although only three collectors have had their choice, yet well over ten thousand dollars' worth of the rarer pieces have been sold.

I shall be happy to send selections to serious collectors who wish for fine items at market prices. Please indicate what is wanted, of unused or used, if singles, cancellations, stamps on covers, pairs, strips or blocks are requested.

1 cent, blue, Unused

- Plate I. Types II and IV in many mint blocks of 4, 6 and 8.
A block of 4 plate I with right side margin, Imprint and Plate No. 1.
A block of 6 of Type IV, two stamps recut at top only, other four recut at top and bottom.
A number of shifted transfers.

- Plate II. Block of 4, and also pair with left hand imprint.
Superb left upper corner pair with full margins, and with the big crack right down the second stamp.

- Plate III. Horizontal pair of type 3A with right hand Imprint. Exceedingly rare.

1 cent, blue, Used

About 40 pages of these on and off covers.
Many pairs, strips and blocks. I can only note a few of the "high spots".

- Plate I. Early state. No recutting. Ten strips of 3.
Plate II. Second state. Recut. 15 strips of 3. Many pairs and singles.
Type IA, full scrolls, 2 fine copies, 1 with bottom margin of sheet.
Type III. Two fine copies, one with red Carrier cancellation.
Plate I. Late state. Strip of 9 on cover (one damaged) with bottom margin of sheet. Nos. 91-99 on right pane.
Another strip of 9 from left pane of plate I. All recut at top and Nos. 91, 97 and 98 shifts.
Type 4. Block of 9 and single on cover.
Type 2. Block of 4 and strip of 6 on cover.
Plate IV. Perfect type Ia, on cover.
Perfect type III on cover, and very many others.

3 cents, dull red, Unused

- Plate I. 2nd State. Two blocks of 4.
Plate II. Several blocks of 4.
Plate III. Unique sheet of 100 stamps, full margins, imprint and plate No. 3 and several blocks of 4.
Plate IV. Blocks of 4, 9 and 15.

Used stamps. Four books full, pairs, strips, blocks and covers.

5 cents, red brown

- Fine unused with full margins all round.
2 pairs on one cover, absolutely superb.
2 pairs on cover with 1c and 3c and all tied on with a fine cancellation, "Colonial Express Mail. St. John, N. B."
2 envelopes, one to Paris and one to Mexico, each with a superb horizontal pair of 5c.
3 covers franked with strips of three.
Several singles on covers and singles used in combination with other values. The 5c not on cover, include seven singles, a pair and strip of 3.
This collection contains the finest lot of 5 cents I have ever seen.

10 cents, green, Unused

These rare stamps are represented by two singles, a mint strip of three and an exceedingly rare block of four.

10 cents, green, Used

The outstanding item here is a perfect block of 12 (in two horizontal rows of 6) with large margins all round. There is also a block of four, several strips of fours and threes and many pairs. The "Recuts" and "Full Shells" are well represented in singles and pairs.

On covers, are very strong in singles, pairs and combinations.

12 cents, black

The outstanding piece is a block of 10 in two rows of 5.
There are many strips of 5, 4 and 3 and pairs, and a number on covers with many combinations.

Bisected 12c

There are six covers franked with half of 12c used for 6c.
One is cancelled in blue, another has "STEAM-SHIP" across the bisection and all are well tied on. A rare cover is half 12c used with a 1c plus 3c on letter to St. John, N. B.

The great rarity of the collection is a quarter of the 12c used on a 3c envelope as 3 cents to make up the 6c rate. This was found in the famous Buchanan, Carroll & Co.'s correspondence (afterwards better known as Carroll, Hoy & Co.) in New Orleans and was used by the postmaster of Canton, Miss., who ran out of 3c stamps.

Dr. Carroll Chase has written this up fully and his article goes with the stamp. He says, "In closing it may be mentioned that these varieties are absolutely authentic".

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men, of whom one (Hamilton) was a soldier, a patriot and a colonizer, both soldiers, an inventor of a war vessel, an Indian chief, who was a warrior, two discoverers and three women. Of the 73 scenes, eight show soldiers. In the Philippines series we have three revolutionary patriots, two admirals, a general, besides presidents Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and McKinley, three of whom were soldiers.

As the Editor of *The Commonwealth* (Nov. 9) says, "Patriotism, self-sacrifice for country, and heroism, are the lessons history has to teach the young" (and the elders too). "From no national record do they shine forth with more inspiring plenitude than from the annals of our Revolution." This period had been neglected until 1925, only one stamp relating directly to it having been issued (120). We are now commemorating the Revolution for the simple reasons that it was our most important epoch, and now, the sesquicentenary, is the opportune time. The reason "battle scenes" are proper is that three factors achieved independence, diplomacy, constitutional measures and war. Diplomacy is represented by Franklin, Congress by the Declaration and Liberty Bell. We now commemorate the most important factor, and in proper sequence: The Minute Man ("The shot heard 'round the world"), The Birth of Liberty, Washington Takes Command (the most important act that unified colonial effort), The Sacrifice of Hale, White Plains (the beginning of American success that saved New York), Saratoga (the turning point of the war—one of the Seven Great Battles of History—which won us the support of France and Spain), Bennington (which prevented the conquest of New England). Mr. Emerson's criticism of the word "Burgoyne" is right. We are not celebrating a defeat, but Schuyler's victory at Saratoga. To complete the period let me suggest "The Winter at Valley Forge" and "The Surrender at Yorktown" (in which our allies appear), and to promote international friendship, Lafayette, the Frenchman, Steuben, the German, Kosciuszko, the Lithuanian, Pulaski, the Pole, and Barry, the Irishman.

If Independence is worth having and worth preserving, it is worth showing how it was won, and there is no doubt how it was won.

NEW CHICAGO AIR MAIL CONTRACT IS AWARDED

On Nov. 15, the Embury-Riddle company of Cincinnati, Ohio, was awarded the air-mail contract between Chicago, Indianapolis and Cincinnati. It is expected that service will commence over this route within the next month. This will be the seventh air-mail route to make Chicago one of its termini. The Embury-Riddle company has for some time been operating a passenger service between Cleveland and Louisville.

The air mail route between Chicago-St. Paul-Minneapolis has been altered to include a stop at Madison, the capital of the state and seat of the University of Wisconsin.—*Chicago Commerce*.

ON THE WING:—

WE acknowledge the receipt of the new Cuban air mail stamp from Messrs. E. M. Ash, Antilla, Cuba, E. L. Fernandez and J. Martine, Havana. This handsome 5c stamp was illustrated in our issue of November 28th.

MR. GORDON C. DUDLEY, Portland, Oregon, writes to say that he wants to register a kick because the news of first flights of air routes appears in some instances too late to be of service to those who wish to avail themselves of the opportunity to patronize the mail. His complaint is driven home with the sentence: "At the rate you are popping out with air mail information, I'll be looking for a news item about George Washington being quite sick." While this is "writ playful" by Mr. Dudley, he is justified in his stand; and others have made remarks to the same effect. An effort is being made to obtain early information about new flights, but despite this, we do not always have the news in time. For instance, the Madison-Chicago flight on November 22nd was unknown to us until November 15th, or too late for use. The circulars telling of new flights are received ordinarily at a date when the information is not of practical benefit to readers. However, we are improving our service by enlisting the interest of the different traffic agents of the U. S. air mail service in our behalf as they are mindful of the value of the patronage of collectors.

THE volume of philatelic publicity in the newspapers is growing and our mail brings evidence of that fact. In the Sunday Springfield, Mass., *Republican* of September 18th, Mr. George W. Angers of that city and his superb air mail cover collection are the subject of an illustrated feature article, that about uses a page. The article is especially written and traces the history of air mail from first to last, with representations among others from Mr. Angers' collection. The inauguration of the service to Cuba was made the subject of many articles in the Cuban newspapers, which were supplied to us by Mr. E. M. Ash of Antilla, Cuba. From Australia and China, newspapers have come with postal references in their columns. In the U. S., countless clippings, ranging from a few lines to column articles, are making their appearance.

MR. JAMES ABBOTT who is remembered as one of Chicago's collectors years ago and who is now indulging in his hobbies of chess and world-traveling, broadcasts a series of travel talks every Tuesday, between 4 and 4.30 P. M., over the Chicago station, WGN.

MR. K. C. PARK of the Lansing *State Journal*, Michigan, writes: "That the house organs and trade papers are helping out the game is shown by the enclosed clipping which I came across in going through our house organ exchanges." He sends a copy of *The Firestone Non-Skid*, with a front page article, "Collecting Stamps Interesting Hobby," that is illustrated by a cut of Mr. L. C. Lovejoy, President of the

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Rubber City Stamp Club." Mr. Lovejoy is a Firestone man and an intelligent exponent of collecting who is the head of the live local society at Akron, Ohio.

THE first issue of *Philatelic Opinion*, edited by Bertram W. H. Poole, Los Angeles, California, in its improved and enlarged form, is a real stamp journal and its instructive appeal will be recognized by those who are of a discriminating turn of mind. Mr. Poole's experience is such as to make him a capable conductor and he has the best wishes of many readers in his broader endeavor.

THE first auction sale of N. B. Paulson, held in Chicago on November 16, 1927, at the Palmer House, was a decided success and introduced another philatelic convert to the red flag. Prices were in keeping with the high character of the lots offered, and record quotations were made in many cases. The U. S. on cover were a most interesting lot and had many followers, and the foreign covers likewise had their innings. The next sale will be duly announced; it is set for the middle of February.

PLANS for the International Philatelic Exhibition at Durban, South Africa, July, 1928, under the auspices of the Philatelic Society of Natal, are progressing. The English representative is Mr. Robson Lowe, Radnor House, 93-97 Regent Street, London, W. 1, England, from whom particulars may be had by intending exhibitors. The plan of the Exhibition shows that it is a pretentious one, and the advance sale of tickets is being encouraged by the award of a collection of the stamps of Cape of Good Hope to the fortunate ticket-holder.

A RECENT issue of the *Woodlawn News*, Chicago, uses a half-tone of fifteen members of the Hyde Park High School Hobby Club. This club is an active one and holds stamp exhibits of merit frequently; Melvin Guggenheim is president, and Norman Weinstein, secretary and treasurer.

MR. HERMAN W. BOERS, Detroit, Michigan, does not weary in bringing collecting to the front in the newspapers of his sector, and as a publicity agent he is above par. Many a paragraph is printed as a consequence of his effort; and a recent number of the *Mack Avenue Enterprise* tells of a meeting of the Michigan Stamp Club, with its special attractions. The invitation ends with the sentence: "Incidentally, become acquainted with the local members and see what stamp collecting has done in the last ten years."

THE Sunday New Orleans *Times-Picayune* recently carried a full-page illustrated article by Arthur Wood Van Pelt, headed: "Envelopes Reveal Quaint State History. Recall Days when Boats Carried Most of the Mail, and Tiger-ville Killed its Wild Namesake." Mr. Van Pelt is a gifted writer and his story of discontinued post offices interwoven with historical data based on postal

markings reads as if it were a romance. He covers much territory with his pen and finishes with this little gem: 'Friendship, December 25' (on an 1851 cover, 3c). Imagine a little village back in the hills of Maine, under the heavy snows of midwinter. The village postmaster evidently put his duties to his fellow man before his own opportunity for a full holiday, and went to the post office to mail letters by the outgoing stage. Picture it as you will, the record stands. Could there be a finer example of complete felicity than is implied by those words: 'Friendship—Christmas'.

THE International Stamp Co., Emporia, Kansas, calls attention to the slipshod methods of cancellation employed by some postmasters, with the resultant unnecessary disfigurement of the stamps on the envelopes. It is noticed that when the stamps are not cancelled through an oversight at the point of mailing, they are badly socked, as a rule, by the postal employee who finds them unsmirched.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN B. PERSSE

Written by CHARLES J. PHILLIPS.

With great regret I have to report the death of Mr. J. B. Persse of Winnipeg, Canada. He died in the General Hospital, where he had gone three weeks ago for a simple ailment.

The city of Winnipeg lost one of its leading citizens when our friend passed on. Mr. Persse had been a resident of Winnipeg for 46 years. He was a partner in the firm of Tees and Persse, manufacturers' agents, and had built up one of the largest distributing agencies in Western Canada.

He was very prominent in civic affairs, having been President of the Winnipeg Board of Trade, Trustee of the General Hospital, President of the Canada Fire Co., a 33rd degree Mason, etc., etc.

It is as a great stamp collector that we know him best. I had the pleasure of working with him some four years ago, during the Winnipeg Philatelic Exhibition, and only this summer he spent a day with me, en route to Europe.

Mr. Persse was a really keen student of stamps. He specialized in Canada and his work on the 5c beaver of 1859 is still to be made known, but it is certainly constructive and interesting. He also had a fine general collection. In Philatelic circles in Winnipeg he was looked upon as the Grand Old Man of Philately and the doyen of the Philatelic Club of that city. A friend of his writes me: "The last time I saw him in the hospital, he was sitting up in bed working with his stamps, and expressed the wish he would soon be out," but he had a sudden heart attack and passed away.

Philatelists of the United States as well as those of Canada tender their most sincere sympathies to Mrs. Persse and his family on the great loss they have sustained.

REMOVAL OF STAMPS FROM MAIL

(Clips from Jos. Cadek and E. J. Meehan.)

A new warning of heavy penalties for removal of stamps from mail in transit has been issued to the postal service by Third Assistant Postmaster-General Regar. It was prompted by a large number of complaints from stamp collectors who received mail minus stamps which were put in the mails for the simple purpose of adding to collections.

Notwithstanding several warnings, Mr. Regar said, the surreptitious removal of stamps while in the mails continues. The finger of suspicion points to those doing philatelic work or who sell the stamps to philatelists.

Thousands of letters are sent by air mail, particularly on first flights over new routes, merely to obtain the cancellation for historic value. The departments want to co-operate with those making such mailings as they result in profit to the service. Those who have such mail addressed to them, or addressed it to themselves are naturally indignant when they find the stamps removed somewhere along the line in the postal service.

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| MAURITANIA | 20fr on 5fr* | 1.60 | NIGER TERRITORY | #29 to 48c* | .85 |
| MAURITANIA | 1913, 1c to 5frs* | 2.50 | NIGER TERRITORY | 5frs* | .40 |
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| MAURITANIA | 5c to 50c* | .42 | | 1927, 2c-1fr* | .25 |
| MAURITANIA | 60 on 75c* | .12 | OBOCK | 1892, 15c blue, #15c* | .60 |
| MAURITANIA | 1924, 25c on 2fr* | .20 | OBOCK | 5c green, #13* | .35 |
| MAURITANIA | 1925, #42, 43* | .27 | OBOCK | 1894, #48, 51, 52*, each | .18 |
| MAURITANIA | #44 to 49* | .33 | OBOCK | 5c, #49* | .20 |
| MAURITANIA | 1926, 1.25 on 1fr* | .15 | OBOCK | 50c, #56* | .60 |
| MAURITANIA | 1927, 90c, 1.50fr* | .23 | OBOCK | 1892, 5c, #209* | .40 |
| MAURITANIA | 10fr on 5fr* | .80 | REUNION | 1885, 5c on 30c, #7* | .15 |
| MAURITANIA | 20fr on 5fr* | 1.60 | REUNION | 1901, 15 on 75c, #57* | .25 |
| MAYOTTE | 1914, Dues, 5c to 1fr* | 1.10 | REUNION | 1907, 30c brown & green* | .25 |
| MAYOTTE | 1906, 35c yellow | 1.30 | REUNION | 50c brown & blue* | .60 |
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| MIDDLE CONGO | 25c blue & grn.* | .60 | REUNION | 1922, 5c to 50c* | .35 |
| MIDDLE CONGO | 30c red & green* | .90 | REUNION | #91* | .10 |
| MIDDLE CONGO | #1 to 17*, rare | 9.00 | REUNION | 1924, 25c on 5fr* | .22 |
| MIDDLE CONGO | 1922, #18 to 22* | 1.50 | REUNION | 1925, #94 to 96* | .34 |
| MIDDLE CONGO | 1924, #23 to 39* | 1.50 | REUNION | #97 to 104* | .30 |
| MIDDLE CONGO | #40, 41* | .35 | REUNION | 1926, 1.25 on 1fr* | .15 |
| MIDDLE CONGO | 1925, #42, 43* | .30 | REUNION | 1927, #106, 107* | .23 |
| MIDDLE CONGO | 1926, 1.25 on 1fr* | .15 | REUNION | 10fr on 5fr* | .80 |
| MIDDLE CONGO | 1927, 90c, 1.50fr* | .23 | REUNION | 20fr on 5fr* | 1.60 |
| MIDDLE CONGO | 10fr on 5fr* | .80 | REUNION | 1915 Charity, #152* | .15 |
| MIDDLE CONGO | 20fr on 5fr* | 1.60 | REUNION | Dues, 1907, 1c to 1fr* | .23 |
| MIDDLE CONGO | Charity, #101* | .40 | SAAR | 1920, #21 to 28 | .85 |
| MOHELI | 1906, 35c | .45 | SAAR | #41 to 53* | .40 |
| MOHELI | 50c* | .85 | SAAR | 1921, #68 to 83* | 2.75 |
| NEW CALEDONIA | 1900, #53, 54, each* | .13 | SAAR | #85 to 98* | 1.75 |
| NEW CALEDONIA | 1903, 25c, #74* | .35 | SAAR | 5fr on 25M, #98* | .75 |
| NEW CALEDONIA | 15c gray, #72* | .25 | SAAR | 1922, #99 to 112* | 1.80 |
| NEW CALEDONIA | 1905, #88 to 98* | .95 | SAAR | 1923, #114 to 147* | .13 |
| NEW CALEDONIA | 50c orange | .25 | SAAR | 1925, 1frs brown, #119* | .80 |
| NEW CALEDONIA | 1fr green* | .18 | SAAR | 1927, 10c to 5frs* | 1.25 |
| NEW CALEDONIA | 2frs, 5frs* | .70 | SAAR | 1922, #301 to 311* | .70 |
| NEW CALEDONIA | 1918, 5 on 15c, #109* | .15 | SAAR | 1923, #312 to 315* | .13 |
| NEW CALEDONIA | 1921, 5c to 50c* | .35 | | We can furnish most of the others. | |
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| NEW CALEDONIA | 25c on 2fr, #117* | .12 | ST. PIERRE | 1892, #43* | .22 |
| NEW CALEDONIA | 25c on 5fr, #118* | .50 | ST. PIERRE | 30c brown* | .35 |
| NEW CALEDONIA | 1925, #120 to 122* | .33 | ST. PIERRE | 1900, 10c red* | .15 |
| NEW CALEDONIA | #123 to 127* | .25 | ST. PIERRE | 25c blue* | 1.50 |
| NEW CALEDONIA | 1926, 1.25 on 1fr* | .15 | ST. PIERRE | 1909, 30c orange & brown* | 1.25 |
| NEW CALEDONIA | 1927, #129, 130* | .25 | ST. PIERRE | 1, 2, 5frs* | .80 |
| NEW CALEDONIA | 10fr on 5fr* | .80 | ST. PIERRE | 1922, #106 to 110* | 1.10 |
| NEW CALEDONIA | 20fr on 5fr* | 1.60 | ST. PIERRE | 1924, #111, 112, each* | .15 |
| NEW CALEDONIA | Dues, #311 to 318* | .30 | ST. PIERRE | 1925, #113 to 115* | .30 |
| NEW CALEDONIA | 1926, 2fr on 1fr, #319* | .15 | ST. PIERRE | 50c, #119* | .25 |
| NEW CALEDONIA | #301 to 503* | .23 | ST. PIERRE | 1926, 1.25 on 1fr* | .15 |
| NEW CALEDONIA | Charity, #251* | .10 | ST. PIERRE | 1927, #122, 123* | .33 |
| NIGER TERRITORY | 1921, 1fr, 2frs* | .53 | ST. PIERRE | 10fr on 5fr* | .80 |
| NIGER TERRITORY | 5frs* | .80 | ST. PIERRE | 20fr on 5fr* | 1.60 |
| NIGER TERRITORY | 1922, 60c on 75c, #18* | .10 | SENEGAL | Dues, #310 to 319* | .50 |
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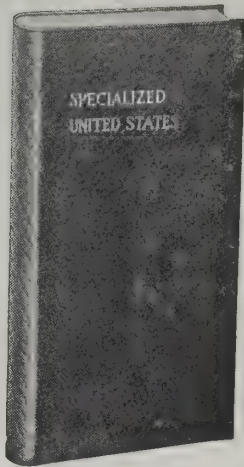
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We have been asked to advance the cause of a suggested commemorative stamp and inasmuch as this is not the first time that we have been requested to put in our oar in favor of proposed special issues, we may as well say that it is our policy to refrain from entering into campaigns that have for their objective, special or commemorative stamp issues. This stand is taken for obvious reasons, none of which is associated with the merits of the arguments that are advanced in favor of the proposals.

The following paragraph from a circular issued by the War Department, Office of the Chief of Chaplains, Washington, has been received through the kindness of the Reverend Winfred H. Ziegler, Rector of the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, Elgin, Ill.: "Chaplain Enos Hitchcock. The new two cent stamp that was placed on sale August 3, 1927, commemorating the sesquicentennial of the battles of Fort Stanwix, Oriskany (Fort Dayton), Bennington and Saratoga is of interest to chaplains of the Army. The stamp bears the picture of the 'Surrender of General Burgoyne,' the original of which hangs in the rotunda of the United States Capitol. Counting from left to right, the fifth figure in the group standing beside the cannon at the right of the picture is that of Chaplain Enos Hitchcock, Continental Army. Chaplain Hitchcock served in the Army from March, 1776, to the end of the war with the 3rd Continental Infantry, 10th Massachusetts Infantry and Patterson's Brigade, respectively." In his accompanying letter, the Reverend Ziegler says: "I must keep up to the minute on 'stamp affairs,' the boys of the Church of the Redeemer Stamp Club being so keen and so full of questions, which they direct to me every Friday evening when they meet."

We have a clipping from the South China Morning Post of Hong Kong, October 14th, that appeared on the front page under the heading, "Stamp Chatter." It tells of the discovery in 1913 of "a couple of copies from amongst some hundreds of current \$1 stamps" with inverted overprint. According to the report, the finder of the inverts kept his knowledge to himself and died without finding a further copy. Now another copy has been found of the error, "Shanghai overprint inverted" and it is accepted as genuine. Mr. Siddall writes:



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From Mr. Troy N. Huffman, Newton, N. C., we have received an interesting clipping from the Key West Times of Key West, Florida, that reviews the early postal history of that little island. Inasmuch as mail service was established in 1829, it follows that pre-stamp covers with the Key West markings are in existence, but Mr. Huffman assumes that they are scarce. The first contract for mail service was awarded in 1829 to the owners of a small sailing vessel, appropriately called the "Post Boy," which was to sail monthly between Key West and Charleston. As the years progressed, the service was improved and facilitated and "at the close of the Civil War, the regular mail to Key West came via Cedar Keys, the terminus of the Florida, Atlantic and Gulf Central Railroad at that time. For a number of years, the firm of Miller and Henderson of Tampa, had the mail contract and combined bringing the mails, with supplying the local and Havana markets with beef cattle. If a drove of cattle was late in reaching Cedar Keys, or an obstreperous steer obstructed the landing, the mails were delayed for almost a day." A cover bearing indications of the part of Miller and Henderson in this postal scheme would quicken the imagination of the sentimental collector.

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A reader submits a cover bearing the "University of Va." postmark that contains a letter from a student that is worth quoting: "There was an election here last Saturday (the letter is dated at the University, Oct. 30, 1860), which resulted as follows: Breckenridge, 245; Bell, 232 and Douglas, 26. Bell beat Breckenridge in Virginia. From this you might think that we have quite a small number of students. I think that there are as many as there were last session. I went up and threw in my vote for Bell. There was quite an exciting time. After the election, we had three speeches, one from each party, but the Bell man got the best of it." Now comes the unceasing cry of the ages: "Please send me \$50.00 as soon as possible; as I have to prepare my lectures for to-morrow, I must close."

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Mr. L. G. Gorton, Memphis, Tenn., asks a question that we have seen re-

ferred to in the past, but which has elements of interest. He writes: "I have been interested in your remarks on the desirability of U. S. private proprietary stamps and I have long been intending to write you to say that in my travels about the country among the drug trade, I find conditions much changed these later years. The finds of yesteryear are gone forever, and the old bottles have been called in; and hence the stamps are gone a-glimmering. Here is my question: how were southern manufacturers of proprietary articles enabled to get their stamps from Washington after the civil war was declared? It may be that the Boston revenue book tells all this, but I do not have it with me." Naturally, after the war no discrimination was made against the southern manufacturers and as a writer once said, they did much to reduce the debt that had been incurred by the war, by their contribution in taxes levied by these stamps. During the actual hostilities, the firms in question were not supplied with the special stamps.

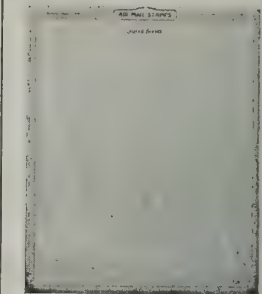
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Several readers have sent in opinions touching on the financial aspects of collecting. In the following communication from Mr. James C. Curtin, New York, a suggestion is made in line with a remark that was made in this column: "The idea that more importance be given to the correct pricing of stamps in the catalogues in the future is one that cannot be over-emphasized. When collecting was really something out of the ordinary run of things, this condition was reflected in a looseness of price making. Now when the investment demand for stamps has become noticeable and philately has emerged into the open, the question of proper price is the most important one, in my mind, that confronts us. Changes in price, particularly when they are of moment, should be adjusted so studiously that the difference between the 'bid' and 'asked' prices should not be so great as to puzzle collectors. It is never too late to begin and from now on, I wish that this doctrine would be preached widely." The huge sum of money that is invested in stamps should be an earnest of the conviction of faith that buyers have in their holdings. As collecting becomes more standardized, the price question looms up more largely; and we believe that cataloguers are aware of the delicate position that they occupy. They must keep faith with all those who put money into their collections, and not resort to free and easy methods of price approach. It is certain that the price-makers realize this necessity and that from now on, the disposition is to give more attention to this most important consideration. Sincerity of purpose

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is not given, but those who keep tabs on
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derful display at the last meeting at the
Collectors Club, New York, on Wednes-
day, November 16. The rooms were
crowded with the largest attendance of
the season, including many of the impor-
tant collectors and quite a number of
out-of-town visitors from Boston and
elsewhere.
In his opening remarks Mr. Caspary
stated that he was down to show the
early issues of Moldavia and Roumania
but that he had only arranged the stamps
of 1858 and 1859. He therefore
brought with him his collection of
the Italian States and I have no doubt
but what the one volume shown was the
most valuable single volume that has ever
been displayed to the members of the
Collectors Club. Attention should be
drawn to the fact that every stamp was
in the most perfect condition, an object

that is very difficult to attain in rarities
of this rank. In the Moldavia stamps I
noted the following:—

1858 Issue

27 para rose, superb copy unused with
very large margins. Used—a magnifi-
cent horizontal pair and four beautiful
singles, two of which were on letters.
54 para, 2 unused, 4 singles used, and
4 on letters.
81 para superb unused with large mar-
gins, very fine single used, and a unique
piece of a cover franked with a 81 para
plus a 27 para, used together and making
up the 108 para rate.
108 paras, 2 unused, 4 used and a pair
and two singles on letters.
I think beyond any doubt this is the
finest collection in the world of the rare
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"Country" Etymology

Denmark.—The mark (i.e., boundary land) of the Danes, a Gothic tribe which wandered into the archipelago about the fifth century.

Luxemburg, Lucelinburg, "small castle" at first the name of the castle, then that of the city and surrounding country.

Italy.—From the Latin vitulus meaning calf, the secondary form is italus, therefore Italy denotes "Calfland." This etymology has been borne out by inscription on coins.

San Marino.—Was named after the hermit Marinus, who settled in this place in the fourth century, and lived on top of the mountain where the capitol is also situated.

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Brain Teaser Contest

No prizes were offered in the contest, but we honor those who answered all the questions by printing their names in the WEEKLY. The list is as follows:—

Robert K. Story, Beverly, Mass.
Chas. Dolansky, Chicago, Ill.
Arthur Cowdery, New York City
Leonard Cohen, New York City
Chas. S. Dovey, Jr., Overbrook, Pa.
Richard M. Cohen, Gloversville, N. Y.
Jas. Eastman, North Conway, N. H.
Elmer Oldfield, Philada., Pa.
Emil F. Scholz, Milford, Ct.
Robt. G. Richart, Ft. Riley, Kans.
Paul Hardacre, Los Angeles, Cal.
J. M. Geary, Jr., Burlingame, Cal.
David Q. Weaver, Gardiner, Ore.
Miss E. A. Bradford, Saginaw, Mich.
Royce A. Wight, Andover, Mass.
Norman Shaw, Jr., Berkeley, Cal.
Margaret Moanan, Waseca, Minn.
Wilson Smead, Schenectady, N. Y.

We will have another contest soon, based on some further brain teasers sent in by Mr. Le Duc.

A Hunt for the Juniors

Based On the Big Special Number Issued on October 10

Look thru the issue and tell us the page and place where you can find locations for the following:—

- (1) The best advertisement and why?
- (2) Air mail stamp sold for \$1,000?
- (3) Who advertises Saar set cat. \$1.04 for 35c?
- (4) Who is Jules Slowacki?
- (5) Who offers a 10sh stamp cat., \$100 for \$65?
- (6) "Where was the Declaration of Independence Signed?"
- (7) Where is reference made to Prof. H. S. Palmer?
- (8) "Shall we take a boat to Danzig?"
- (9) "An artistic device for holding prints."
- (10) "\$1,000, No. 4288, \$100."

A large number of entries were received in this contest and the Editor is keenly appreciative of the interest shown.

Our personal interest largely centered around No. 1, and we have taken considerable time in reading the views of our Juniors. The outcome was Home of the Postage Stamp 26, Harris & Co. 6, Gibbons, Inc., 6, E. B. Power 5, J. O. Moore, Inc., 4. And the balance scattered in order between V. Mozier, Gibbons, Ltd., Hussman, Klein, Scott Co., Homan, Watson and Sterling.

The following is a complete list of contestants:—

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| Edw. H. Peterson, Jr. | Peter Smith |
| Henry Weljen | Chas. Helber |
| Roy Bowman, Jr. | Frances Smith |
| C. Richard Ruttan | Stanley Dale |
| John Boland | George Brett |
| Wm. S. Kinney, Jr. | Harry Smith |
| J. Robt. Snively | Geo. Barford |
| R. C. A. Trumbull | Francis Madden |
| James F. Abell | Bennett Boskey |
| Frances Patera | John Killian, Jr. |
| Lyndon Fletcher | K. M. Herzler |
| Geo. W. Hawse | Robt. Webb |
| H. B. Michelson | Herbert Johnson |
| Irene Baker | H. A. Rositzke |
| E. C. Lovell | Miss E. A. Bradford |
| Henry M. Faser | William McRee |
| T. Niven | Samuel Horwitz |
| Geo. C. Knoch | Curtis Perry |
| Evans Rand | Max Alexander |
| G. F. Elmendorf | M. P. Stoddard |
| A. A. Christensen | David Q. Weaver |
| Kazuo Sakane | James Eastman |
| Bartlett McKinney | Robt. E. Stetson |
| Frank Bliesener | John Saffo |
| Robt. Gelhaus | Geo. Kendall |
| Thos. Otani | Edwin Decker |
| P. H. Hardacre | Geraldine Lloyd |
| Ted H. Platt | Sumner G. Miller |
| R. D. Wagner | George Todd |
| Richard Okamura | |

To all we are sending a St. Helena War Stamp No. 202, cat. 20c. The prizes will be mailed from Beverly, at once.

\$350 Piano for Rare Stamps

T. Niven of Toronto, Canada, sends us a clipping from a Toronto newspaper which gives the particulars of the exchange of a piano for some scarce British North American stamps. The feature appeared upon the front page and was accompanied by illustrations of Mr. Hahn, the Toronto piano dealer, the piano and some of the stamps:—

Paul Hahn, Toronto piano dealer, last week accepted postage stamps in full payment for a \$350 piano, and is satisfied with his bargain.

More correctly, perhaps, the stamps were not paid for the piano, but the piano was paid for the stamps. The latter date back to 1853 and 1854 having been issued when New Brunswick and Nova Scotia were separate colonies of the British crown, and are hence of considerable value to philatelists.

Mr. Hahn obtained them from J. H. Burns of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

"I think I know stamps fairly well, and I know something about pianos, too," laughed Mr. Hahn, when telling *The Star* of the transaction, "I am satisfied with the deal, and Mr. Burns' daughter is very well pleased with the piano."

JUNIOR STAMP STUDIES

PORT LIMON
Costa Rica, A32
1901, 5c



to be correct, Port Limon is mainly an aggregation of warehouses on a low-lying beach where Yellow Jack may be expected to make periodical visits. A long pier projects out into the harbor where two vessels (one at the pier), await their cargoes of coffee and bananas for the United States. The tree in the foreground is not what one would expect to see in such a tropical scene.

With The Juniors:—

—Beverly, Mass., has organized a Junior stamp club with Stanley Pierce as Pres., Henry Kelly, Vice Pres., Herbert Brown as Sec., and Robert Story as Treas. It will be known as the Lindbergh Stamp Club and will meet Mondays.

—If you will organize a junior club, the WEEKLY will do all it can to promote its welfare. Any news, that is real news, we will gladly publish. Send in the names of your officers and time and place of meeting.

—This page is for you, Juniors, so make the best of it. When you want something in the way of information, write us. Yes, we know you like puzzles and rebuses, and we will give you more of them.

—By the way, when the Editor was a kid, he made up this enigma. How many juniors under 16 can solve it:—

I sail upon the mighty deep,
Upon the bounding billow,
In vigil long, but ne'er in sleep,
I rest upon the pillow.
In birth I am sought
And time cannot
Erease me from eternity.

Just address your replies to Beverly, and get the answer without asking any of the grown folks.

—He: "Did you get my post card from Hawaii?"

She: "You didn't fool me, my dear, I noticed the U. S. stamp right away."—from *Life*.

—Albert Broska sends us a couple of clippings that we cannot use. Thanks Albert. Better luck next time.

Greece A33, 1924, 80 lepta

By GEORGE TODD.

The portrait on this stamp is that of Lord Byron, famous English poet. Lord Byron had extremely radical views on government and politics, so that it is not surprising that he became a voluntary exile from England. He wandered through Europe, reading and hearing legends of the places he visited and writing poems with the legends as a basis.



His love of liberty led him to Greece, where he assisted the Greeks in their revolution of 1824. While he was in Greece, it is said that he swam the Hellespont, a no mean exploit, considering the fact that he was crippled.

Soon after leaving Greece, he succumbed to disease, but his memory is kept alive by his poems. The stamps commemorate the 100th anniversary of his arrival in Greece.

Of the Costa Rica 1900 set, only one, the 5c, displays anything of commercial importance. Port Limon is one of the two ports of consequence in the country, and the only one on the Atlantic side of this "rich coast," as the name Costa Rica means. The beauty of the stamp lies in the colors and engraving rather than in the scene it depicts. Assuming the picture to be correct, Port Limon is mainly an aggregation of warehouses on a low-lying beach where Yellow Jack may be expected to make periodical visits. A long pier projects out into the harbor where two vessels (one at the pier), await their cargoes of coffee and bananas for the United States. The tree in the foreground is not what one would expect to see in such a tropical scene.

Ye Connelle

A Ballad In Ye Old Style.



Ye Connelle is a famous stampe, Or oughte to be I'm sure, Since it's gained a notoriety That's likeli to endure Longer than manye kindes of fame:— Such baubles oft are but a name.

For this ye brave designer payed Six hundred pound a yeare, Or rather lost his salarie, Which meanes ye same I feare; Six hundred pound to see his fayce Posting around from place to place.

'Twas gallantrie that prompted him, As anyone might see: Such business was too servile for Her gracious Majestie: A man may rougher usage bear, Therefore he placed his visage there.

Some little minds pretend to see His vanitie quite playne; Yet who e'er hearde of such a sin Lodged in a manlie brain, Tho' true upon the stampe you see Ye looke of kind complaisance.

Collector, you should bend before That image on your booke, Just as ye miser does his gold, In hidden box or nooke, Remember that ye assayse cost Ye salarie—oh "lost! lost! lost! ! !"

Our Triangle Rebus

We are glad to report a successful contest. There were many entries and judging from letters received, another rebus must soon be forthcoming. The 16 designs are here described:—

No. 1, Portugal.—1880 issue, 25r grey and red lilac. Also on the same stamp surcharged and used in the colonies such as Azores, Maderia, etc. The design is to lower left corner and is repeated in the other corners.

No. 2, Hungary.—1881 to 1898 issues, and is the triangle in the upper right corner of the stamp, though the other triangles correspond with it.

No. 3, Col. Rep. Antioquia.—1878, 1883, 85, 2½c blue, green and buff respectively, and is the lower left hand corner and same to the other corners just outside of the labelled circle.

No. 4, Greece.—Postage due stamps, being the upper right corner, between the Greek fret pattern and circle containing the pleasant information to "come through" with more postage.

No. 5, Tasmania.—1900, ½d green, and is the lower left hand outer corner ornament.

No. 6, Trinidad.—1883-84 issue and is the upper right corner above the name label and similar to the other corners.

No. 7, Austria.—Postage due stamps, 1893, 1900 issues and is the lower left corner ornament, and repeated in the other corners. Scott's illustration of D1 shows the double lined triangle quite clearly.

No. 8, Victoria.—1886, 87, issue of

the 1/2d lilac and rose stamps. It is the triangle just above the arched name label and within the border pattern on the upper right side and over the letter "A" to Victoria. Similar on the left side over the letter V.

No. 9, *St. Christopher*.—The lower left corner of the early issues.

No. 10, *Mauritius*.—1872, 10p claret, and is the upper right corner between the circle enclosing the head and the outer border and top label. Similar to other corners. Bermuda 1865, 3d looks like it but the design is not in black or colored lines. Its design being white.

No. 11, *Egypt*.—1888-93 issue, 3 mil brown and orange. Being the lower left triangle between the oval and border lines, and same design to other triangles.

No. 12, *New Zealand*.—Postage due. 1900 being the triangle at upper right corner. Same to other corners. There are a number of designs similar to this, but each has some variation from the illustration. For example, take CEYLON, 1872, 2k brown. It will be noted that the white lines running diagonally from upper left to lower right follow the slight curve of the circle line enclosing the head. New Zealand has the lines straight.

No. 13, *Russia*.—1884. Being the lower left scroll in the triangle space outside of the central oval.

No. 14, *Costa Rica*.—1892, 1 peso, and is the triangle just above the word "correos" in the upper central part of the stamp.

No. 15, *Hong Kong*.—Postal Fiscal Stamp, 1874, \$3.00 violet and is the lower left corner, being a double triangle combination. Similar in other corners.

No. 16, *United States*.—50c 1902-3 issue and is on the right upper corner. It represents a leaf.

The list of contestants follows:—

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| 16 Geo. Brett | 7 A. L. Adams |
| 16 Norma Lindberg | 6 Susan H. Barr |
| 16 Chas. Helber | 6 Miss G. Floyd |
| 16 R. E. Balmer, Jr. | 6 Emil F. Scholz |
| 16 H. M. Faser, Jr. | 6 Chas. Heine |
| 16 M. L. Eckhart | 6 D. Surbrugg |
| 14 Jas. Eckhart | 6 Clark Cooper |
| 14 Chas. Herzler | 6 Wilson Smead |
| 14 B. A. Wetjen | 5 D. Q. Weaver |
| 14 Chas. Dolansky | 5 Kazuo Sakane |
| 14 Louis Rinebolt | 5 R. L. Hoerner |
| 14 Thos. Otani | 5 John Golabek |
| 14 Ray Randolph | 4 Henry Mayfield |
| 14 Richard Parke | 4 (no name.) |
| 14 Peter Smith | 4 Leonard Cohen |
| 11 L. Schmerzling | 4 B. McKinney |
| 11 "Jr." Aplsweide | 4 B. Robertson |
| 11 Geo. Todd | 4 M. Colpet |
| 10 C. H. Lovell | 3 W. F. Davis |
| 10 C. R. Rutman | 3 R. C. A. Trumbull |
| 10 W. F. Samuelson | 3 F. G. Cobb |
| 10 E. C. Lovell | 3 Francis Smith |
| 10 S. G. Miller | 3 Paul Kuehnert |
| 10 Sam Kennard | 3 Leslie Winant |
| 9 Robt. K. Story | 2 Karl D. Ebers |
| 9 Robt. B. Stetson | 2 Curtis Perry |
| 9 W. J. Calhoun, Jr. | 2 M. F. Cassell |
| 9 Allen Gaetjens | 1 T. Niven |
| 8 Thos. F. Waters | 1 Art Jones |
| 8 Geo. Lynn | 1 Mary J. Hammer |
| 8 Betty Bradford | 1 Chas. Schlaffer |
| 7 Orinda Ray | |

All honor is due Geo. Brett, Norma Lindberg, Chas. Helber and Robt. R. Balmer, Jr., for their complete lists, and to H. M. Faser, Jr., and M. L. Eckhart for their lists of 15. Mr. Faser fell down on No. 10, his answer being San Marino. On Mr. Eckhart's list No. 4 was missing. To these six we have sent unused blocks of four of Turks Id. 3d war, catalog value, \$1.40.

To those contestants whose lists range from 14 down to 6 inclusive, we are sending a pair of the Turks Ids. and to all the others a single.

All of which leads the Editor to feel that he has got out from under a big task, but it has been a pleasure beyond measure because of his contact with the fire and enthusiasm of our stamp collecting Juniors.

Prizes have been mailed.

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By STURGES D. LORRANCE, JR.

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The Junior Dictionary

Poste De Geneve.—Found on all the early stamps of Geneva.

Poste Estensi.—Found on many of the stamps of Modena. It means "Post of the House of Este," the House of Este being the family name of the rulers of the Duchy.

Poste Khedevie Egiziane.—Found on the Egyptian stamps of 1872-75, meaning "Khedival Egyptian Post."

Poste Locale.—Found on many of the early Cantonal stamps of Switzerland. It means "Local Post" and indicates the somewhat local nature of these issues.

Poste Paye.—An overprint upon the 1904 stamps of Hayti, meaning "Post Paid."

Poste Persane.—Found on all Persian stamps issued between 1881 and 1898, meaning "Persian Post." All subsequent issues show both words in the plural, viz., "Postes Persanes."

Poster Stamps.—Advertising stickers in the shape of postage stamps.

Postes.—A word on many stamps, either in conjunction with the name of the country issuing them, or merely with an indication of the facial value. It means "Postage" or "Posts," according to circumstances.

MEREDITH'S PRICED CATALOGUE OF IRISH STAMPS

Collectors of both Irish Overprints and British Georgian high Values should find the fourth edition of "The Postage Stamps of Ireland" of exceptional interest.

The popularity of the Irish overprint issues has been one of the chief features of philatelic study during recent years; and the interest shown in these stamps is reflected in the astonishing prices which so many of the normal specimens fetch in the open market. Mr. Meredith's book has already won wide recognition for its comprehensive treatment of these attractive stamps; and the new edition should do much to enhance its old popularity with both specialists and ordinary collectors.

The pricing of normal stamps, controls, and varieties in the several issues, has always been a feature of this catalogue. Mr. Meredith gives the closest approximation possible to actual market value in every case; and in this respect, the fourth edition brings the records completely up-to-date, with its 68 pages of text.

The listing (for the first time) of varieties in the Castle and Composite issues is one of the features of the new edition.

Of special interest is the article which describes major plate distinctions and varieties in the engraved British high values. Specialists in the Georgian issues should find this contribution alone worth the price of the whole catalogue: for recent discoveries can hardly be limited in scope to the purely Irish overprint issues. The notes on the 2/6 and 10/- plates are very illuminating; and the 5/-

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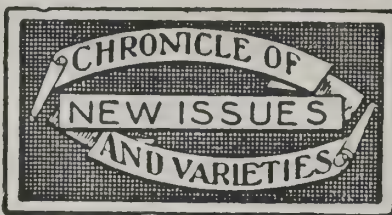
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United States

Washington Notes

Mr. H. M. Southgate is the first one to show me the new 10-cent Special Delivery rotary print and 1-cent booklet, which were placed on sale at the Philatelic Agency at Washington on November 29th.

The Special Delivery is in a violet-blue, similar to the normal shade of the flat plate variety. It is perforated 11 x 10½, and distributed in panes of fifty.

While November 29th was the first day that the variety appeared in Washington, nevertheless, as previously explained, the stamps were printed in October and were distributed to a number of post offices around the middle of November, so that quite possibly they first saw light elsewhere.

The 1-cent rotary booklet was also printed and placed on sale elsewhere first. This too, is perforated 11 x 10½ in the bright pea-green of the rotary sheets.

Mr. G. L. Habbert has shown me a block of the 3c rotary with the sheet margins at the top and left. This pane was so separated from the one above that the knife cutting the sheet passed through the lower stamps of the upper pane, so that we have a block with large gutter between, showing part of the two upper stamps. The perforations are normal in every way, so that this is by no means a part-perf. variety, but simply a freak, due to the fact that the panes were not properly separated.

The Third Assistant Postmaster General, Mr. R. S. Regar, again through the Postal Bulletin calls attention to postal employees, that stamps must not be removed from the mail while in transit. He especially calls attention to the fact, that many covers are sent through purposely by collectors, and that when the stamps are removed the covers are ruined. All instances coming to the attention of the Department will be thoroughly investigated, with the view of causing such action to be taken against

the guilty party as will lead to the application of the penalty prescribed by law for such offense. The offense is punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both. Collectors having stamps removed from their mail, should bring the fact to the attention of the Department.

1901, 2c Inverted Center

The Nassau Stamp Company calls my attention to the fact that they recently had offered, what appeared to be a superb copy of the 1901, 2c with inverted steam engine. On first inspection the stamp appeared to be good and had been passed upon by those supposed to know the variety. Mr. Klemann informs me that the center had been bleached out and that a new center, inverted, had been put in its place by some photographic process. Interested parties are warned to beware of this variety.

Air Mail Notes

In a recent Chronicle, mention was made of the fact that on the first carrying of air express mail on September 2nd between Boston and New York, that ten covers went forward. The variety previously described had the yellow "Prepaid" label of the express company. I have just seen a further cover from this trip, which had a white "Collect" express label. I am not informed as to how many of each go to make up the ten covers carried.

On November 22nd, Contract Air Mail Route No. 9, going from Chicago to St. Paul and vice versa, made stops at Madison, Wisconsin, for the first time. Mail postmarked at Madison, bore the special octagonal contract air mail marking with the winged insignia of the air mail service. I wish to thank Mr. O. C. Rittenhouse for a cover mailed on the first day.

Under date of November 19th, the Postmaster General announced that the Pitcairn Aviation, Incorporated, of Philadelphia, were the lowest of three bidders for the operation of an air mail route from Atlanta, Ga., via Jacksonville to Miami, Fla., and return. Provisions will be made under the terms of the contract to supply Tampa, Fla., with a feeder route, if necessary.

Planes are scheduled to leave Atlanta at 6.30 A. M., and arrive at Miami at 12.40 P. M. The plane coming north leaves Miami at 2.40 P. M., and will arrive at Atlanta at 8.45 P. M. The total distance each way is approximately five hundred and ninety-five miles, and the schedule to be adopted will require an average flying speed of at least one hundred miles per hour. No date has been set as to when the route will be inaugurated.

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Through the courtesy of Mr. J. C. Morgan, I have received an air mail schedule, as well as map distributed by the Postmaster at Buffalo. This gives a complete list of all contract air mail routes, mentions the date of their establishment, gives the number of miles covered, as well as the flying schedule. The map is an outline map of the United States, showing the air routes covering practically the entire country. It looks as if we can reach within a few hours, anywhere in the country, with the exception of New Mexico, Montana and the Dakotas. These territories are possibly too sparsely settled to warrant an air mail service.

Gambia.—Mr. R. Roberts reports that he has received from this colony the 7½p on multiple script CA paper, colors same as before.

Germany.—Whitfield King & Co. have sent for chronicle the 3pf of the current set, portrait of Goethe, in a much lighter shade of brown than previously. The color is much more of an olive than the original issue.

Netherlands.—Whitfield King & Co. advise that they have received the 1c deep red, type A24, and 6c orange-brown and 12½c deep rose, type A23, watermarked circles.

Paraguay.—Whitfield King & Co. submit to us for mention a copy of a 5 pesos stamp in chocolate color. In the two upper corners are the figures of value with "Pesos" between. At the base is the usual two line name of the country, while in the centre is a view of a large building with a dome on the top.

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| 58 | 2 ore | .03 | .01 | 137 | 130 ore | .40 | .07 | 315 | 30 ore | .15 | .12 | 521 | 10 ore | .30 | .06 | 316 | 30 ore | .15 | .12 |
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| 85 | 1 ore | .02 | .01 | 164 | 10 ore | .05 | .02 | 369 | 30 ore | .15 | .12 | 548 | 10 ore | .35 | .35 | 370 | 30 ore | .15 | .12 |
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| 96 | 80 ore | .50 | .20 | 175 | 20 ore | .10 | .03 | 391 | 30 ore | .15 | .12 | 559 | 10 ore | .35 | .35 | 392 | 30 ore | .15 | .12 |
| 97 | 1Kr | .60 | .03 | 176 | 20 ore | .10 | .03 | 393 | 30 ore | .15 | .12 | 560 | 10 ore | .35 | .35 | 394 | 30 ore | .15 | .12 |
| 98 | 2Kr | 1.00 | .08 | 177 | 20 ore | .10 | .03 | 395 | 30 ore | .15 | .12 | 561 | 10 ore | .35 | .35 | 396 | 30 ore | .15 | .12 |
| 99 | 5Kr | 3.75 | .60 | 178 | 20 ore | .10 | .03 | 397 | 30 ore | .15 | .12 | 562 | 10 ore | .35 | .35 | 398 | 30 ore | .15 | .12 |
| 100 | 80/12 ore | 1.00 | 1.00 | 179 | 20 ore | .10 | .03 | 399 | 30 ore | .15 | .12 | 563 | 10 ore | .35 | .35 | 400 | 30 ore | .15 | .12 |
| 101 | 80/8 ore | 1.00 | 1.00 | 180 | 20 ore | .10 | .03 | 401 | 30 ore | .15 | .12 | 564 | 10 ore | .35 | .35 | 402 | 30 ore | .15 | .12 |
| 102 | Set 100-101 | 1.85 | 1.85 | 181 | 20 ore | .10 | .03 | 403 | 30 ore | .15 | .12 | 565 | 10 ore | .35 | .35 | 404 | 30 ore | .15 | .12 |
| 103 | Postfrim | | | 182 | 20 ore | .10 | .03 | 405 | 30 ore | .15 | .12 | 566 | 10 ore | .35 | .35 | 406 | 30 ore | .15 | .12 |
| 104 | Sur. 27 | | | 183 | 20 ore | .10 | .03 | 407 | 30 ore | .15 | .12 | 567 | 10 ore | .35 | .35 | 408 | 30 ore | .15 | .12 |
| 105 | Danmark | | | 184 | 20 ore | .10 | .03 | 409 | 30 ore | .15 | .12 | 568 | 10 ore | .35 | .35 | 410 | 30 ore | .15 | .12 |
| 106 | 1918, Perf. 12x12 | | | 185 | 20 ore | .10 | .03 | 411 | 30 ore | .15 | .12 | 569 | 10 ore | .35 | .35 | 412 | 30 ore | .15 | .12 |
| 107 | 27/1 ore | 2.50 | 2.50 | 186 | 20 ore | .10 | .03 | 413 | 30 ore | .15 | .12 | 570 | 10 ore | .35 | .35 | 414 | 30 ore | .15 | .12 |
| 108 | 27/5 ore | 2.00 | 2.00 | 187 | 20 ore | .10 | .03 | 415 | 30 ore | .15 | .12 | 571 | 10 ore | .35 | .35 | 416 | 30 ore | .15 | .12 |
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| 123 | 27/1Kr | .20 | 2.35 | 202 | 20 ore | .10 | .03 | 445 | 30 ore | .15 | .12 | 586 | 10 ore | .35 | .35 | 446 | 30 ore | .15 | .12 |
| 124 | Set 113-122 | 2.55 | 2.35 | 203 | 20 ore | .10 | .03 | 447 | 30 ore | .15 | .12 | 587 | 10 ore | .35 | .35 | 448 | 30 ore | .15 | .12 |
| 125 | 7 ore | .05 | .01 | 204 | 20 ore | .10 | .03 | 449 | 30 ore | .15 | .12 | 588 | 10 ore | .35 | .35 | 450 | 30 ore | .15 | .12 |
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| 127 | 27 ore | .20 | .12 | 206 | 20 ore | .10 | .03 | 453 | 30 ore | .15 | .12 | 590 | 10 ore | .35 | .35 | 454 | 30 ore | .15 | .12 |
| 128 | 30 ore | .18 | .02 | 207 | 20 ore | .10 | .03 | 455 | 30 ore | .15 | .12 | 591 | 10 ore | .35 | .35 | 456 | 30 ore | .15 | .12 |
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| PALESTINE 1922, 1m-1pia | 1.30 |
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| 1917-20, 1/2p, 3p, typographed | .20 |
| 1920, 1/2p-1sh | .09 |
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| 1922, 1p, 2 1/2p, 3p | .18 |
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| 1921-2, 50c | .87 | .40 |
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Affidavits by the Baron and Baroness von Scharfenberg, who was Miss Greta Brauer until her marriage in Berlin last January, allege that Bernet got a bill of sale of the collection from the Baron on a claim for \$50,000 by threatening a year ago to have the Baroness, than Miss Brauer, sent to Ellis Island for violating the immigration laws and to cause the arrest of the Baron for bringing the young woman to this country for immoral purposes. They assert that Miss Brauer came here at the suggestion of Bernet to help sell the stamp collection and that Bernet obtained a passport for her by asserting that she was coming to this country to visit his family.

The case is on the calendar of Justice Wasservogel for this morning, when the Baron will ask the Court to continue the injunction pending the trial of the suit to regain the stamp collection. Mr. Bernet will file a denial of the allegations, it is said, and will apply to have the injunction vacated.

The affidavit of the Baron said that Miss Brauer and Bernet were with him at the Hotel Vanderbilt for ten days after their arrival, and later the Baron and Miss Brauer went to Atlantic City for three weeks. The sale fell through, he said, but Bernet, who had the collection in his possession, refused to return them. The Baron sued Bernet, but the Sheriff was unable to find the stamps. Baron von Scharfenberg said he and Miss Brauer decided finally to return to Germany, but when they were leaving the Hotel Pennsylvania for the dock in

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| TRIN. & TOBAGO 1922, 3/4p-1sh | 1.85 |
| 1922, 1p brown, 2p grey, 3p | 1.20 |
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| UNION OF S. AFRICA 1920-22, 3p | .42 |
| ZANZIBAR 1922, 3c, 4c, 6c, 12c | .30 |
| 20c, 8c, 10c | .90 |
| ALACUITES 1925, Air Post, #205-208 | .60 |
| AUSTRIA 1915, #803-807 | 1.02 |
| 1917, 15h-30h | .19 |
| 1918, Air Post, 1.50 on 2k, 2.50 | .10 |
| on 3k, 4k | .06 |
| 1918-19, 2k, 3k, 4k, 10k, #196-9 | .95 |
| 1918, 2k, 3k, 4k, 10k, #172-5 | .45 |
| AZORES 1925, Branco Com. 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 16c | .70 |
| BATUM 1919, 5k-5r, #1-6 | 1.58 |
| 1919, 5k-7r, #101-109 | .36 |
| 1920, 1r-50r, #147-153 | .22 |
| BELGIUM 1919-20, 5c-50c | 1.90 |
| BELGIAN E. AFRICA 1920, #1-5 | 2.75 |
| CONGO 1922, #74-78 | 1.30 |
| 1923-4, 5c-1fr | 1.10 |
| 1923-4, 5c-1fr | .80 |
| MONACO 1926, 45c-1fr25c | .65 |
| SAAR 1921, 30pf, #72b | 1.20 |
| TURKEY 1926, 10para-10gr | 2.05 |
| 1926, 25p | .13 |
| 3p | .74 |
| NYASALAND 1913-15, 1sh | .50 |
| SUDAN 1902-8, 5pia | .22 |
| 1907-11, 10pia | .15 |
| ZANZIBAR, 12c violet, script | .30 |
| | .12 |
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| \$2, script | 1.25 | .60 |
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By F. E. Locy.

The Lansdowne (Pa.) Stamp Club held its Second Annual Exhibition Nov. 18 and 19. On account of the limited space every exhibit was cut to its most interesting and valuable portions. However, over 800 sheets were shown on tables under glass. The judges were Eugene Klein of Philadelphia and George M. Emery of Drexel Hill. Awards in the form of specially designed certificates were made as follows: Class I—U. S. and possessions: 1st, Clarence W. Brazer, 2nd, Herbert C. Hays. Class II—Great Britain and possessions: 1st, F. E. Locy, Jamaica; 2nd, Clarence W. Brazer, Canada. Class III—Europe and Countries: 1st, A. B. Maris, Saar tied for 2nd, Mrs. Mary G. Cook, Italy, and J. Sinexon, Belgium, Austria, etc. Class IV—Africa and Asia: 1st, A. B. Maris, Congo; 2nd, John R. Huston, Egypt. Class V—Western Hemisphere: 1st, John R. Huston, Chili. Class VI—Colonies other than British: 1st, F. E. Locy, French Oceania. Class VII—20th Century: 1st, E. R. Meacham. Class VIII—Specialties: 1st, F. W. Pickard, U. S. A. 90c 1869s; 2nd, Herbert C. Hays, Cape of Good Hope triangles; 3rd, J. J. Waygood, Pennsylvania precancels. Class IX—Junior members: 1st, Robt. Schelhorn. Class X—Invited Exhibitors: A. J. Squier of New York, for his collection of U. S. rarities which won the 2nd medal at the great New York Exhibition last year.

The grand prize for the best exhibit was won by Clarence W. Brazer for his collection of United States. It is of interest to note that his splendid exhibit was inspired by the first exhibit of this club last year and has been entirely accumulated since that time. It included all of the regular postal issues, mostly in mint condition and also in colored cancellations, many of the errors, revenues, essays and proofs, early covers and what is said to be one of the best collections of cut square envelopes in the country today.

Among the other points of interest in the exhibit were Mr. Pickard's specialized collection of over 100 copies of the U. S. 90c 1869, many of which are unused, the Pan-American and 2nd issue revenue inverts, and the blue papers of 1908 complete in Mr. Squier's collection, and a specialized collection of Mr. Eugene Klein of the 1st issue of Hungary on covers showing bi-lingual, tri-lingual, and other unusual cancellations. The latter was not placed in competition as Mr. Klein was one of the judges. It is expected that the 3rd Annual Exhibition of this club will be held in November next year, at which they expect to have almost unlimited space. At that time small exhibits of interest will be welcomed from non-members of the club. Membership is open to collectors living in Delaware County.

PRECANCEL STUDY

By N. R. Hoover.

On Friday, November 11, at the regular meeting of the New York Precancel Club, held at the Hoovers', 35 West 33rd Street, Allan R. Brown gave an exhaustive analysis of Brooklyn, N. Y., precancels.

This analysis is one of the most intelligent studies the city has ever received. Types up to and including No. 5 were not criticized, but from No. 6 forward, the minor hand-stamp varieties, it is quite clear that a movement has been started which will lead to some big changes in the way they are listed in the present catalog.

Instead of winding up with the present number it is apparent that varieties in imprints, definitely identified, will be located that will run the total up to at least twenty.

In continuing the investigation of Brooklyn, Mr. Brown asks the co-operation of other collectors. Send to him at 126 Echo Avenue, New Rochelle, N. Y., anything you have in Brooklyn hand-stamps. He wants them merely for identification purposes as an aid in confirming his theories on the varieties he surmises have been issued, and will return them to you intact.

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USED, UNUSED AND ON COVER

(Continued from page 686)

Besides the above there are a num-
ber of out of the way places which
use stamps of various countries for
lack of their own. Norfolk and Lord
Howe islands in the western Pacific
use Australian issues. Pitcairn Is. said
to be the loneliest place in the Pacific,
dispatches its mails with either New
Zealand or British issues. Having no
cancelling device these are sent under
plain cover with request for cancella-
tion in country of delivery. Fanning
Id. a cable station, uses stamps of N.
Zealand. Christmas Id. mail is posted
with British stamps and cancelled with
ship-postoffice pmks. In addition there
is a large local cancellation some two
inches in diameter. The center has a
palm-tree and in the circle the legend
"Christmas Island Plantation Co. Cen-
tral Pacific." Aden uses the stamps
of India. The Galapagos Islands use
stamps of Ecuador, but mails are ex-
tremely irregular. These islands once
had "a sticker," a pale brown stamp
with map inscribed "Archipelago de
Colon, Correos de Ecuador," un-offi-
cial sticker. Fernando de Noronha, a
penal colony, dispatches its mail to be
stamped and pmkd. in nearest port of
Brazil. Greenland uses current Dan-
ish issues during the short summer
season for dispatch of mails. There
was, however, a set of five parcel-post
stamps used for Greenland, the design
being a white bear on a crowned shield.
These were used by a private carrier
company. The Maldive Islands, altho
having their own stamps, are still un-
common-used, indeed genuine used cov-
ers are very rare. Robinson Crusoe or
Juan Fernandez Islands use four sur-
charged Chilean stamps. Used on
cover these are not common, the island
people being little more given to let-
ters than Robinson himself.

Perhaps the most difficult place to
obtain a genuine cover from is the lon-
eliest spot on earth, the island of Tris-
tan D'Acunha, midway between Ar-
gentina and Cape Colony. The 300
people who are practically exiles here,
often pass three years between mails,
indeed once this extended to eight
years during the war. Letters are
pmkd. Tristan D'Acuna and dis-
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held forth from Armistice Day to
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new dies this year. The two weeks
preparation bombardment was succeeded
by the issuance of the new Anti-Tuber-
culosis seal, picturing that unattainable
Hollywood artist, Santa Claus. Donner
and Blitzen unfortunately died last year,
and are not shown this year as in 1913.
One notes also that the Humane Society
got after Santa who has discarded his
famous Black Snake.

OUR ADMONITION LAST YEAR TO EN-
COURAGE THE DIE "MAIL EARLY FOR
CHRISTMAS" WHICH WASHINGTON HAS
HAD, SEEMS TO HAVE FOUND EARS. WE
HOPE THAT MANY OTHER CITIES WILL
HAVE THEM WITHIN THE SEASON.

We opened our Lossing's history and
found tucked away quite a few shin
plasters and tin foils. The old tin foil
revenues are novelties these days and
one has to search even to locate the one
and only check list which appeared some
years ago.

Our perforated initials has an in-
truder in the shape of perforated num-
bers. 245 it shows and one forgets
whether that is a new cigarette or an
Ed Pinaud preparation. Another odd-
ity shows a design which looks like an
algebraic square root of minus one,
which we gave up before trying to get
our diploma many years ago.

Porto Rico is using a Spanish slogan
about the "Arboles" which we will credit
to Mr. Pack and his foresters.

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NEWS ITEMS:—

FRANK B. KIRBY calls our attention to the death of F. B. Gooch of Washington, D. C., a Navy Department employee who passed away Oct. 26, after an illness of about seven weeks' duration. Mr. Gooch went to Tuckerton, N. J., early in August, for several weeks' vacation, but returned in a few days and took to his bed. A stroke of paralysis hastened his death. Mr. Kirby speaks of Mr. Gooch as a very fine philatelist.

WE have received from B. W. H. Poole a specimen copy of "Philatelic Opinion," a house-organ of more than ordinary merit. Indeed, Mr. Poole calls it "a monthly magazine for stamp collectors." This magazine was started by Mr. Poole in 1912, but after completing one volume it was discontinued, and now resumes with Volume 2, Number 1. Some useful articles are printed in the number before us and a sample copy will doubtless be sent to anyone who will enclose return postage. "Philatelic Opinion" has distinct merit.

THE "Bulletin" of the Los Angeles Philatelic Club announces the death of Dr. E. S. Metzger of Dedondo Beach, Cal., who succumbed to an attack of pneumonia Nov. 7. It is the first death in the ranks of the Club. At the meeting held Nov. 28, Rudolph W. Rex exhibited some of his choice U. S. covers.

THANKS to the activity of Pres. Fred O. Ohlund, we have during the past two months received no fewer than fifteen subscriptions from members of the Suburban Stamp & Curio Club. We appreciate what this live stamp club is doing in promoting our publication.

STANLEY HOSMER sends us a yearly subscription for the Santa Rosa, Cal., Free Public Library. He writes that he attended a stamp meeting of the juniors at the Library recently, saw no stamp paper, and so decided to help the cause along by donating this subscription. Thanks, Mr. Hosmer.

THE MCKINLEY STAMP CLUB, Canton, Ohio, is now occupying a beautiful and well equipped room in the Jewish Community Center Building, and is looking forward to a very active season. The Club is preparing to participate in the great exhibition to be held in Cleveland next May. Sec. Paul Vignos has just sent us in two new subscriptions and promises more.

A. B. HARRY WENBERG has returned from Europe, and is with us again in our advertising columns. He will doubtless take space with us frequently during the coming season.

A PRICE LIST of 20th Cent. British Colonials has just been issued by the Cortlandt Stamp Co., 337 Gates Av., Brooklyn, N. Y. It will be sent on request. A fine lot of stamps is priced, all in mint condition.

WE are indebted to Albert E. Gorham for a first day cover on the 10c special delivery rotary. He also submits plate number blocks 18919 and 18920 for inspection.

ANYONE interested in U. S. Post Cards should write S. M. Edwards, Fargo, No. Dak., for a copy of the Bulletin issued by the Postal Card Society of America. Mr. Edwards is Sec.-Treas., also editor of the Bulletin.

WE have been shown by Frank Goldsmith what might be termed a flood cancellation—postmarking. It is from Becket, Mass., and cancelling the stamp in three lines is "BECKETT—NOV 19, 1927—CANCELLED." Rules are inserted between the three lines.

HERMAN TOASPERN, 51 W. 48 St., N. Y. City, is anxious to get in touch with collectors who have in their collections the Chili error of the 5c in the color of the 1c Scott's No. 86a. The copies submitted to him have unquestionably been changelings, and he strongly doubts the existence of the genuine stamp. Stamps will be returned the same day received.

ON Friday, Nov. 11, the Lowell Philatelic Society was formed at a meeting held at the "Stamp Lodge" in the

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WE are indebted to Albert E. Gorham and W. H. Martin for specimens of first flight covers on C. A. M. No. 9 air mail route. They bear a Madison, Wis., postmarking of Nov. 22, 5 P. M.

STAMP COLLECTOR ARRESTED

(Clipping from C. A. Townsend.)

CLEVELAND, Nov. 26.—A hobby that Gustav Kroesing, 72, took up more than 50 years ago, placed him in jail here today.

He is a collector of stamps with about 20,000 in his albums, some of which he declares are worth \$250 each.

Arrested today on a charge of selling stamps from which he had washed cancellation marks, he was said to have explained that he needed money and was unable to find anyone who would buy part of his collection.

A teller at the bank which bought the stamps, himself a philatelist, detected the erasures and caused Kroesing's arrest.

Kroesing is in jail in default of \$2,000 bond, awaiting action of the grand jury.

PLANE BUILT HERE CARRIES FIRST AIR MAIL FROM ARCTIC

The first air mail out of Alaska today was delivered to Mrs. E. H. Hanting, 4664 Ohio Street, after traveling 3,800 miles by plane, stage, steamer and train.

The letter was mailed at Whitehorse, Alaska, Nov. 7, and taken from there to Mayo and Dawson by plane over a distance of 550 miles. The flight, made in a plane recently purchased from the B. F. Mahoney Corp. here, was made in four hours and 30 minutes.

Andrew Cruickshanks, of San Diego, chief pilot of the Yukon Airways and Exploration Co., Ltd., who wrote the letter, asserted the trip would have taken 14 days by stage, or 18 days by dog team.

The company has been granted permission to print its own air mail stamps and operate its own postoffice. On the stamp is a large picture of the Ryan brougham flying over Alaska. This is the only air mail company in the world with this privilege, Cruickshank said.

The service was inaugurated Nov. 7. It is operating in temperatures from 22 to 40 degrees below zero. The plane is equipped with heaters.

The letter further explained that a series of dog team stations is maintained by the company along the route in event of forced landings.—San Diego Sun, Nov. 28.

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is so scantily recitation religion is not at least in symbol—St. George, patron who slew the sword after the en the lance with which he first attacked it, is recalled by the handsome 5 drachma stamp of Crete, of the 1900 issue, and the postal fiscals of Tasmania. Belgium shows St. Michael, patron saint of her capital city, doing the same good work on the dragon, on the Brussels Exposition issue. Portugal has whole series devoted to various episodes in the life of St. Anthony of Padua, Italy, a set commemorating the seven hundredth anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi, and Malta a stamp picturing the shipwreck of St. Paul on her shores. The Virgin Islands have not only a representation of one of the virgins of the parable, surrounded by the lamps, but also a figure of the Virgin Mary; while it is left to Italy to picture Christ, himself, directing His Disciples to "preach the Gospel to all creatures" ("praedicare evangelium omni creaturae"). The stamps of the Papal State show the triple tiara of the popes and the two crossed keys of heaven, of which the pope claims the guardianship.

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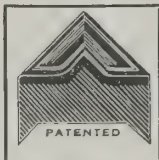
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The forms given to crosses are endless, but the two leading types are the Latin and the Greek forms, so called. The former has the cross piece near the top, and is supposed to be the one on which Christ suffered. The latter has the



cross piece at the center with the four arms equal or nearly so. The Greek cross is the one found on the Swiss coat-of-arms and it figures prominently on all their stamps. Gautier says: "The first time that mention is made of it in written history is in the Chronicle of Bernois Justinger. He says, after having enumerated the forces of the Swiss who left Berne to march against the army of the coalition of nobles in 1339: 'And all were marked with the sign of the Holy Cross, a white cross in a red shield, because the question of the deliverance of the nation was for them as sacred a cause as the deliverance of the Holy Land'."

The coat-of-arms of Italy, prominent on some of its low value stamps, is similar to the Swiss, being a red shield with a silver Greek cross, the arms in this case extending to the border of the shield. This is the arms of Savoy, the present ruling house of Italy. It was the device of the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem, an order semi-religious, semi-military, that owed its origin to the crusades. In the year 1310, the Knights captured Rhodes from the Saracens, but being hard pressed by the infidels, Duke Amadeus IV of Savoy came to the rescue, and the Grand Master of the Order conferred upon him the arms that the family has borne ever since. The appearance of these arms on the 1859 issue of Modena, and the 1860 issue of Tuscany, symbolize the overthrow of the former ducal houses and the annexation of their territories to Savoy, thus beginning the unification of Italy. Again we find the arms of Naples partially erased and the Savoy cross drawn in over them on the 1/2 tornese stamp of Naples in 1860, while the issue for the two Sicilies

(Naples and Sicily) in 1861, under Victor Immanuel, has the portrait of the new king and two little crosses in the upper corners. Thus is the "advance of the cross" illustrated in political history as well as religious.

The Servian arms are shown on the first issue of stamps and also on the surcharge of 1903. They resemble those of Italy, being a red shield with a silver cross, but each "canton" contains a gold crescent. This was the coat-of-arms of Constantinople during the "Holy Roman Empire," except that the cross was of gold as well as the crescents. Its appropriation by Servia is unexplained. A similar cross is shown on the Swedish coat-of-arms as presented on the official stamps.

Other crosses on coat-of-arms may be seen on the 1904 issue of Jamaica, which is none other than the red cross on a silver shield of the patron St. George of



England; again, the same cross is seen on the shields of the New South Wales 6 pence of 1888, and 1 penny of 1897, and the South Australia 5 pence of 1894. The earlier issues of British Central Africa, too, have a cross on the shield. The motto "Light in Darkness" serves to interpret the blazoning: the black shield represents the "darkness," into which the wedge-shaped piece, known in heraldry as a "pile," is driven, this latter being in gold to represent the "light." Over all is placed a silver cross to denote the source of that light.

Another form of cross is shown on the stamps of Malta, readily recognized as the "Maltese Cross." This is the badge of the Knights Hospitalers, or Knights of Malta, and is said to have originated by placing four spearheads together at their points. The eight outer points of this form of cross are supposed to represent the Beatitudes.

On the Brazilian set of 1900, commemorating the discovery of the country by the Portuguese in 1500, is a cross with the ends spread out, known in heraldry as a "cross pattée." The same cross is seen on the Vasco da Gama series of Portugal, borne on the sails of the flag-ship on the 2 1/2 reis; again on the knights' shield on the 100 reis, and as a center-piece on the 150 reis. This particular cross is that of the "Order of the Knights of Christ," instituted in 1317 by King Diniz of Portugal. The use of it shows that the discoverers were members of the order.

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known as the "patriarch's cross."

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per corners of the Grenada commemora-
tive stamp, the Tonga 1 penny and 4
pence pictorial, and on the Tongan coat-
of-arms and flags shown on the 1/2 penny
of the same issue. Grenada was dis-
covered by Columbus on August 15, the
day of the festival of the Assumption of
the Virgin Mary in the Catholic calen-
dar, and was therefore named by him
"La Concepcion." The appropriateness of

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the crosses is thus apparent. The Ton-
gan flag and coat-of-arms were designed
for the converted king by Rev. Shirley
W. Baker, a Methodist minister, and the
presence of the cross on both needs no
further comment. Danzig bears two
Greek crosses "patté" on its arms,
while the Lithuanian issue of 1927 has
what appears to be two Greek crosses
joined in one and known as the "cross
of Lorraine." The Greek war issue of
1913 bears the cross of Constantine the
Great, with the inscription *En toutoi
nika*. The Emperor claimed he saw this
cross of light with the motto (in Latin)
Hoc Signo vincens blaze out in the heav-
ens while he was defending his throne
against a rival in the year 312 A. D. It
has come down to us through the cen-
turies as the familiar "By this sign shalt
thou conquer."



At Geneva, in 1863, was held an In-
ternational Conference to consider how
far the horrors of war could be miti-
gated by aid to the sick and wounded.
Sixteen nations were represented and the
result was an agreement called the "Ge-
neva Convention," adopted on August
22, 1864, outlining provisions for the
complete neutrality of all relief work
along this line. The emblem for all such
work was to be a cross, to show the
Christian principles underlying it, and as
a delicate compliment to the Swiss gov-
ernment, the device chosen was the Swiss
coat-of-arms with the colors reversed—
thus being borne the "Red Cross" which
has since proved such a boon to hu-
manity.

Previous to the Great War, the frank
stamp of the Red Cross Society of
Portugal was the only one to bear this
emblem as such, but, as we all know, the
war brought an avalanche of issues for
the purpose of collecting by postage
stamps an extra amount over the postal
fee in aid of Red Cross funds. Practi-
cally all had the "red cross" itself in
surcharge or added to the design. France
began the issue in the fall of 1914, and

was followed by all her colonies. Bel-
gium soon followed suit. Grenada and
Trinidad had special "Red Cross So-
ciety" labels which were allowed for
local postage in 1914, and Trinidad later
surcharged the 1 penny postage stamp.
Outside of these two, the only other
British colony to issue Red Cross stamps
was North Borneo in 1916, which curi-
ously were overprinted with a red *Mal-
tese* cross! One other curiosity occurred
in Reunion, which in 1915 surcharged
50,000 stamps locally with a large cross
in black! When the incongruity of us-
ing black ink instead of red was pointed
out to the Governor, he ordered the
destruction of those unsold and 41,200
were burnt. Monaco followed France in
1914, with a special issue, Italy (with
Libia) and Dutch Indies in 1915, Mo-
zambique Company in 1917, Belgian



Congo and Siam in 1918, North Borneo
again in 1919, with the proper Greek
cross, and Czechoslovakia, Estonia,
Denmark, Costa Rica, Albania and Spain
have contributed special issues since then,
though not all because of the Great War.

From crosses made by man, we turn
to crosses in the sky. The "Southern
Cross" is a prominent constellation of
the hemisphere which is invisible to us in
northern latitudes. As seen by the illu-
stration, the four large stars form a
fairly good representation of the cross.
The constellation is situated near the
"Antarctic Circle" of the heavens. The
two brilliant stars which mark the top
and bottom of the cross have nearly the
same "celestial longitude," so the con-
stellation is almost perpendicular when
passing the meridian, and these two stars
then act as "pointers" to the South Pole.
The Republic of Brazil, on its formation
in 1889, adopted the constellation as the
central feature of its coat-of-arms. It
can also be found on some Victorian,
and New South Wales stamps, the latter
state having also incorporated it into its
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By HARRY E. HUBER.

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Established
Ancon, June 24, 1904
Cristobal, June 24, 1904
Balboa (known as La Boca until May 5, 1909), June 24, 1904
Gatun, June 24, 1904
Culebra, June 24, 1904
Pedro Miguel, Aug. 9, 1905
Corozal, Jan. 1, 1906
Gamboa, March 20, 1914
Balboa Heights, July 15, 1914
Coco Solo, March 1, 1919
Fort Clayton, July 1, 1922
France Field, July 1, 1923

The total receipts of the postal service were \$181,589.04 (as compared with \$178,324.02 for the year preceding), the total expenditure \$181,812.29, leaving a deficit of \$223.25 for the year. The postal service is now practically on a self-sustaining basis in spite of the fact that 60% of all mail handled locally is sent under official frank, from which the Bureau of Posts derives no revenue although it bears the burden of transportation and other handling charges.

The sale of U. S. postage stamps and postal cards overprinted "Canal Zone," continued throughout the year, but stamped envelopes are manufactured by the Panama Canal Press, at Mt. Hope.

It is proposed to discontinue the use of such overprinted postage stamps as soon as funds are available for obtaining the required dies for the printing of a distinctive series of Canal Zone postal stamps and other stamped paper. "As the additional revenue derived from the sale of an entirely new issue of stamps would in all probability nearly defray the expense involved, it is hoped that funds for this purpose may be made available at an early date."

There were 147,979 Money Orders issued during the year, amounting to \$2,754,567.03, on which fees amounting to \$13,399.63 were collected; and 40,486 Money Orders amounting to \$1,175,445.25 were paid. The total amount on deposit at all Post Offices on June 30, 1927, including deposit Money Orders, old postal saving accounts and unpaid fee-paid Money Orders in favor of the remitter was \$471,743.10, as compared with \$466,996.65 on June 30, 1926.

The C. O. D. system between United States and the Canal Zone, established in 1914, was discontinued effective July 1, 1927, due to the fact that it had been abused by cheap mail order houses. It was estimated that the cost to the Canal Zone postal service of operating the system during the last year was about \$6,000, which was disproportionate to the benefits to be derived from it by local patrons.

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were sold in 1927, as compared with \$113,657.74 in 1926, and \$110,014.08 in 1925.

A census taken in June, 1927, disclosed a civilian population of 27,624, to which must be added military and naval forces of 8976, making a total population of 36,600.

The routing of mail to and from the U. S., via Key West, continued to show gratifying results, and advances mail delivery considerably when close connection is made at Havana. Registered mail when routed in this manner is usually backstamped "JACK. & KEY WEST—J. H. BRISTOW" between two concentric circles, measuring 29 and 19mm, and three lines in the center, "Tr. 76—SEP 26—1927."

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 1927, the following quantities of postage stamps, and postal cards, of the U. S., overprinted "CANAL ZONE," at Wash-

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10c, #210a, Milky Blue.
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Scott #79 1897, 1f06
80 1/2p08
81 1p25
82 2 1/2p37
83 5p 1.00
85 8p75
89 1903, 286p 3.25
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cat. value \$121.91, cataloguing from 5c up
to \$20.00. Price \$30.00. Only one of each,
out in accordance with my rule of allowing
the buyer to see what he is getting before
payment, either or both will be sent on
three days approval to any collector giving
satisfactory Commercial References. [28]

F. E. HOOK, Grand Rapids, Mich.

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#17*-6pCat. 2.00 Net \$1.00
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#25*-3p 1.00

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#72-84* (1927) 3.20 1.50
#217-20* Airpost80 .38
#316-20* Dues47 .22

Approvals — References

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ington, D. C., were received on the
Isthmus.

Dispatched Nov. 23, 1926. Value
Post cards, 1c Jefferson, 100,000 \$1,000.00
Dispatched Dec. 6, 1926.
Postage stamps,

| Series of 1922-23. | Sheets
of 100. | Stamps. | |
|---|-------------------|-----------|-------------|
| 1c Washington
(flat) | 1,100 | 110,000 | \$2,200.00 |
| 1c (rotary) | 8,900 | 890,000 | 17,800.00 |
| 6c in books.
(flat) | | | |
| 6,000-25c (12-2c) | 200 | 72,000 | 1,440.00 |
| 19,000-25c (12-2c
rotary) | 633 1/2 | 228,000 | 4,560.00 |
| 5,000-49c (24-2c
rotary) | 333 1/2 | 120,000 | 2,400.00 |
| 1c Lincoln
(rotary) | 2,000 | 200,000 | 6,000.00 |
| 0c Monroe
(rotary) | 1,000 | 100,000 | 10,000.00 |
| | 14,166 2/3 | 1,720,000 | \$42,400.00 |
| Dispatched May 27, 1927.
Postage stamps.
Series of 1922-23. | | | |
| 1c Franklin
(rotary) | 5,000 | 500,000 | \$5,000.00 |
| 1c Washington
(rotary) | 10,000 | 1,000,000 | 20,000.00 |
| 10c Golden Gate
(flat) | 1,000 | 100,000 | 20,000.00 |
| Series of 1925.
17c Wilson
(flat) | 1,000 | 100,000 | 17,000.00 |
| | 17,000 | 1,700,000 | \$62,000.00 |

METROPOLITAN BARGAIN COUNTER

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1482 BROADWAY,

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A REQUEST WILL BRING YOU THE NEXT NUMBER FREE. [H]

Booklet stamps are printed in sheets
of 360; the others in sheets of 400.

The rotary printed stamp (sheet and
booklet form) in the shipment of Decem-
ber 6, 1926, were perforated 10 x 10. The
2c was issued in January, 1927, and the
3c and 10c at the Philatelic Agency,
Balboa Heights, on May 9, 1927. The
1c and 2c rotary printed stamps in the
shipment of May 27, 1927, were perfor-
ated 11 x 10 1/2, and issued June 28, 1927.

Electric cancelling machines were in-
stalled in the Post Offices at Ancon and
Cristobal, soon after they were estab-
lished, and on July 3, 1926, one was
brought into use in the Balboa Heights
Post Office, located in the Administra-
tion Building. The other Post Offices,
and these three as well, use handstamps
of the Duplex type.

The machine cancellation used at An-
con is a single lined circle, 24mm, let-
tered "Ancon, Canal Zone," with the
date in two lines in the center "SEP 18—
7 A. M.," and to the right seven horizon-
tal lines, part of the fourth being cut
away and the year "1925" inserted. The
Duplex hand cancelling stamp is a single
lined circle, 26 1/2mm, lettered "Ancon,
C. Z.," with the date in two lines, "SEP
17—9.30 A. M.," to the right of which
is an ellipse on end (formed of gradu-
ated bars) with the numeral "1" within
a hollow circle. The year "1925" is po-
sitioned at the foot, between the circle
and the ellipse.

Cristobal's machine cancellation is a
single lined circle measuring 23mm, suit-
ably inscribed with the date in the center
in three lines, "DEC 1—5 P. M.—1925."

The single lined circle of the machine
cancellation used at Balboa Heights
measures 22 1/2mm, and is lettered "Bal-
boa Heights, Canal Zone"; the date is in
three lines, "JUL 8—3 P. M.—1926," and
to the right are seven wavy lines.

The handstamps used by Cristobal and
Balboa Heights are similar to that used
at Ancon, and the other offices, except
that the single lined circle measures
26mm.

Canal Zone stamps are frequently found
cancelled with a single lined circle, 30mm,
lettered "N. Y. & CANAL ZONE R. P. O."
with four lines in the center, "SEP—20—
1925—NORTH (or SOUTH)" and at the
right an ellipse of three graduated bars
above and below a numeral "2" (within
a hollow circle). This is used by the
mail clerk on the Panama R. R. str.
Ancon; a similar marking, except with
the numeral "1" is used by the clerk on
the s. s. Cristobal of the same line. These
letters, posted on board the steamers,
are additionally handstamped in black
"Paquebot."

Mr. H. B. Cooper, for many years
Postmaster at Balboa Heights, left the
service on Jan. 10, 1927, his resignation
becoming effective at the expiration of
an accumulated leave of four months.
He was succeeded by Mr. Robert Gra-
ham, and during the latter's absence on
leave, Mr. J. W. Greene is acting Post-
master.

"HOLY YEAR," ITALY, "ERRORS"

By EMILIO DIENA.

Advertisements containing offers of
the Italian "Holy Year" Commemorative
stamps (issued December 24, 1924) with
central pictures inverted appeared at first
abroad and later on in Italy. The val-
ues are: 60 + 30 cent carmine and brown,
and 5 lire + 2.50 vermilion and dark
lilac.

The following stamps of the same
Commemorative set for the Italian Colo-
nies (issued June 1, 1925) appeared
afterwards on the philatelic market:

Cirenaica: 20 + 10 cent, surcharge in-
verted; Cirenaica: 30 + 15 cent, sur-
charge triple.

Eritrea: 30 + 15 cent, surcharge
double; Eritrea: 60 + 30 cent, sur-
charge double, one inverted; Eritrea:
60 + 30 cent, surcharge inverted.

Italian Somaliland: 30 + 15 besa, sur-
charge inverted; Italian Somaliland:
30 + 15 besa, surcharge triple.

On behalf of the Federation of the
Italian Philatelic Societies, I thought it
necessary to obtain the most reliable in-
formation, in order to establish the real
status of these specimens which were
being offered as genuine errors.

As a result of such inquiries, I am
now in a position to state that the pro-
duction of the set of these commemora-
tive stamps, entrusted to a private print-
ing concern, has been obtained by some
special surface printing presses made in
Bavaria by Albert & Co. of Frankenthal
(Model 1911), and by König & Bauer of
Würzburg, from which simultaneous
impressions in two distinct colours are
obtained. It is important to point out
that the casual inversion of a portion of
the design with respect to the other is
practically impossible. In order to pro-
duce such abnormal specimens, recourse
was necessary to fraudulent concoctions,
made by someone of the staff who pur-
posely succeeded in obtaining such bogus
varieties to be offered for sale to col-
lectors.

Furthermore, the existence of inverted,
or double or triple surcharges, etc., is
due to the unscrupulous work of some-
one, a fact which took place at different
periods. The careful comparison of origi-
nal specimens with the above mentioned
fraudulent varieties confirms the above
information. On the other hand I do
not find it advisable to publish further
particulars on this subject.

Let me only add that I have been sub-
mitted, a few weeks ago, a 60 + 30 cent
of the same set with inverted surcharge
"ERITREA," on part of original envelope,
which had been sent to the Colony by a
speculator and was used for postage on
a registered letter from Assab (Red
Sea) to Italy. The manipulation was
evidently made with a view to inspire
confidence both from the would-be pur-
chasers and from experts as to the
character of the variety.

With no wish to raise any doubt
about the reliability of the persons who
announced or listed such productions as
genuine errors, nor about those who of-

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| 4 1872, 4c dull blue perf. | 7.00 | .. |
| 5 1c green & brown red | .15 | .07 |
| 6 3c blue & carmine | .30 | .08 |
| 7 4c brown & blue | .25 | .17 |
| 8 5c green & gray | .45 | .20 |
| 9 7c lilac & orange | .63 | .63 |
| 10 10c blue & brown | .38 | .08 |
| 11 12c lilac & green | .63 | .63 |
| 12 14c lilac & green | 22.50 | 22.50 |
| 13 50c purple | 1.50 | 1.50 |
| 14 1c or. lilac & orange | 1.15 | 1.10 |
| 15 10c on 50c purple | .65 | .63 |
| 19 1c green | .05 | .. |
| 20 5c blue | .25 | .. |

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interests in this matter of collectors and
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We have received from the K. Lissiuk
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ment of European and British Colonial
stamps. The airmail section takes thirty-
three pages, and there are many illustra-
tions. The Lissiuk firm specializes in
the stamps of mid-Europe, and the book-
let gives ample evidence of the wide
scope of the firm's stock. Several pages
devoted to quality sets and packets com-
pletes the book of 142 pages, which can
be obtained upon request to the firm.
The list of airmail stamps is said to be
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list ever issued in America, and we are
strongly of the opinion that the claim
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- 4.—U. S. Covers. Lot of 85 covers, 1851 to 1870, almost all being different in some respect. Contains several scarce cancellations and combinations of the 1857 and 1873 issues. Condition fair to fine and will average good. Our price for quick sale 15.00
- 5.—Br. Cols. New Issues. Lot of 152 mint and different Br. Colonials issued during 1927, some being now obsolete. Face value nearly \$30. Our price 36.00
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- 7.—Used 20th Br. Cols. Lot of 368 including a few duplicates. As list price is \$15, this is cheap at 3.00
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- 10.—U. S. and Foreign. Collection of 600 stamps, nearly all being better 19th and mounted in a blank album. Half are U. S. We do not know catalogue value but consider it cheap at 2c each or 12.00
- 11.—Sweden. Collection of 200 vars., all in very fine condition. Will list \$20. Net 5.00
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- 13.—Scandinavia. A cute little collection of 300 different, all being in very fine condition, price 5.00
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TRISTAN DA CUNHA

(Clipping from Percy A. Hill)

Money, we are told, is the panacea for almost every human ill. It is the universal healer.

Yet, strange as it may seem, there exists even in this materialistic age a community of men and women to whom riches are worse than useless.

Long, long ago the members of this peculiar body ceased to want for money. If you approached them and offered to give them a little financial aid, it's ten to one they'd laugh at you for your pains.

And where, it may be asked, are these peculiar people to be found? They are the inhabitants of Britain's loneliest possession, the island of Tristan da Cunha, which lies midway between Africa and America.

Here one is provided with the extraordinary spectacle of a colony of human beings whose poverty is pathetic and who are yet so curiously situated that gifts of gold or silver are powerless to relieve it.

Lonely, sorrowful Tristan da Cunha is so remote from the lives of most of us that we seldom hear of its existence. Just now it has jumped into the news again because of a visit paid to it by passengers of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company's motor liner Asturias.

Something of the isolation of the Tristanians will be gathered from the fact that the Asturias was the first vessel they had seen at close quarters for nearly three years, and the largest they had ever known.

Touched by the pathetic plight of the islanders, the liner-folk, most of whom were wealthy transatlantic tourists and their womenfolk, showered upon them

gifts of every conceivable shape and form.

They gave them presents ranging in variety from soap and tooth-brushes to castor-oil, and from gramophones to silk stockings and the latest things in diaphanous "undies."

When the huge 22,137-ton vessel cast anchor off the island, the male population were so impressed by her size that they were reluctant to approach.

After the lapse of half an hour or so some twenty-five of the more dauntless spirits rowed out to her.

Seldom had the aristocratic company on board the vessel set eyes on such a motley collection of men. Their clothes hung about their emaciated forms in rags, and their feet were encased in bandages which served their owners in lieu of boots.

So smitten were the women passengers by the extreme poverty of the islanders that they rushed to their cabins and, ransacking their trunks, showered the contents indiscriminately on the thirty.

Costly furs and beautiful silk dresses for their wives, perfume, hats, underclothes, silk stockings, shoes and a hundred and one other things were given to the visitors by the feminine element amongst the tourists.

Numbers of the Tristanians begged specially for medicines and comforts for their children.

With tears in his eyes one gigantic islander approached Mrs. Charles E. Yeates, wife of Ex-Gov. Charles E. Yeates of the Philippine Islands, and pleaded with her for some castor-oil for his babies.

The good lady managed to procure

ABOUT NEW ISSUES

The New Issue problem has at all times been a difficult one and a thorn in the side of the American Dealer.

In Europe—where connections are easier and banking facilities far more elastic—some success has been achieved, notably by Champion and others. In this country—where dealers are mostly dependent on European Correspondents for their supplies—we have to face heavier overheads—havier distances—and heavier postal rates; so most of our American Dealers prefer to pay 10 to 20 per cent premium to have these stamps laid on their counters rather than import them direct. Hence supplies are poor and service very indifferent. I propose to give American collectors a first class service of new issues of British Colonials at what I consider a livable profit. I know all about European dealers who offer to supply all new issues as they appear at anywhere from 5 to 25% over face and I know also that in most cases the thing doesn't work out. Add up the cost of your Money Orders—your postage—and your time and see how that 10% works out.

There seems to be a well defined belief that anyone can send to London and get a set of new British Colonials at face from the Colonial Agents. Such is NOT the case.

To secure new supplies from the Crown Agents in London one has to be:

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- (II) Resident in Great Britain.
- (III) A recognized wholesale Stamp Dealer.
- (IV) Who is charged 1/4 of 1% for the service.
- (V) And with no less than 2.50 fee for any one purchase.

Now perhaps you will see it's not quite so easy. I have just completed arrangements whereby I shall have sent to me from London—on the day of issue—all new issues of such British Colonies as supply them stamps in London. My rates for these stamps will be practically the same as Gibbons prices—

3d at 2c—1d at 3c—1 1/2d at 5c—2d at 6c—2 1/2d at 8c—3d at 10c—4d at 12c—5d at 14c—6d at 16c—8d at 25c—9d at 28c—10d at 30c—1s at 32c—1s6d at 50c—2s at 65c—2s6d at 80c—3s at 1.00 4s at 1.25—5s at 1.60—7/6 at 2.40—10s at 3.15 and £ at 6.25. Net I shall require a deposit—not that I need it, but to enable me to keep the sheep in and the wolves out:

For all stamps to 5/- (my lowest unit)\$10.00
For all stamps to 10/- 15.00
For all stamps to 20/- 20.00
For all stamps to 100/- 50.00

Cash in advance and to be replenished when down to \$2 credit.

To this I shall add postage and (if you wish it) registration since I will not be responsible for loss in the mails. I cannot send groups of countries, it must be all or none.

Needless to say I expect a flood of ads. in the papers attacking this service and offering to supply "everything" immediately it appears without any deposits or restrictions. I shall take it—as you probably will—for what such announcements are worth.

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NOTE.—I will gladly send my prospectus OF THIS SERVICE TO ANYONE DESIRING IT BUT SHALL IGNORE POSTAL CARDS.

some for him, and also a supply of cod-liver oil and various other things which an infant needs.

The Tristanian actually jumped for joy. A gift of a calendar was his crowning joy.

Tristan da Cunha is about 21 miles in circumference. It is rugged and precipitous, rising in a central conical mountain to over 7,000 feet.

1914 VERSUS 1928 CATALOGS

By NORMAN E. MOORE.

(A Comparison of Quotations.)

| Cat. | No. | Face | 1914. | 1928 |
|----------------|-------|-------|------------|----------------|
| | | Date. | Value. | |
| | 17 | 1845 | 5c | \$7.50 \$60.00 |
| | 28 | 1847 | 5c | 1.75 8.00 |
| | 29 | 1847 | 10c | 5.00 35.00 |
| | 31 | 1851 | 1c type II | .75 4.50 |
| | 35 | 1851 | 10c " I | 1.50 12.50 |
| | 42 | 1857 | 1c " III | .25 45.00 |
| | 45 | 1857 | 5c " I | 8.00 30.00 |
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Collection has always been a thing of interest to many people, and we have had collection hobbies of many and various sorts, and of varying degrees of interest to different people. We all know, of course, that stamp collection in particular has interested many people, both because of the immense variety it offers, and because of its easy access to the majority of people; its instructiveness being an additional source of interest.

But now a new kind of collection hobby has been introduced, which presents quite as great opportunity for variety as philately, or, in fact, most other forms of collection. This is peridromophily, the collection of local transit transfers, a hobby readily accessible to anyone living in any of the hundreds of American cities in which such documents are issued, and also instructive to a very high degree. It is true, it cannot be commercialized as most other collection hobbies have been, there being in many states and cities legal difficulties in the way of any attempts to do so; but that should only increase its interest, as making it the one and only collection hobby which can rank as a simon-pure amateur sport.

This new form of collection, easily accessible to most people, very inexpensive, and highly interesting in many ways, is also extremely instructive since it affords the collector opportunities to learn facts about the cities from which the transfers come, to an extent that does not have its analogy in most other popular forms of collection. Stamp or coin collection, for instance, could not give any similar opportunities for learning

about the nations of their issue.

There is in transfer collection a great amount of variety to be found. For example, over three hundred different transfer forms are issued in New York City alone; over two hundred in Philadelphia; about eight hundred in the State of Connecticut; and, with the constantly changing issues in some places, the variety is in many cases sufficient to enable a transfer collector to specialize in one vicinity, if he chooses. And, as for what can be found out by a collector who examines his transfers intelligently and tries to differentiate properly between the various forms—the information on cities and their transit facilities thus obtained is so surprising in its volume that no one who has not tried it can truly appreciate it. Collectors have even been known to use specimen transfers in order to construct a sort of outline picture of cities they had never seen, and which, when they got there, proved to be correct enough to enable them to answer people asking them on the street for directions.

Peridromophily also shows considerable analogy to philately—so much so that it can very appropriately be taken up by stamp collectors as a side-line, and has, in fact, been so taken up. There are many similar features to be noted in stamps and transfers, so that the jargon of transfer collectors has acquired many terms which peridromophily has borrowed from its elder sister, philately. Speaking of "issues" and of "surcharges" would be, for example, just as familiar to the transfer collector as to the stamp collector.

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describe here the various features of interest the collector will find, since these vary locally. A new bit of politics in New York; a subway opening in Boston; a real estate development in Chicago or Los Angeles; and many other similar matters, all are to be found reflected in the transfer forms that a collector can piece together, and frequently to be learned from reading the transfer itself, rather than from outside sources. And so much information in regard to detail of city transit, that The Peridromophile, the transfer collectors' monthly bulletin, also maintains an information service for anyone desiring information how to reach addresses in any one of about twenty of the largest cities in North America.

However, any transfer collection will be likely to take on, to some extent, at least a national scope. So we may state that, to that extent, interest can be devices used for indicating the various conditions of issuance and use of transfers; since a transfer has to indicate a variety of such conditions that is generally from twelve to fifteen, and may be as high as twenty-one. The collector can, for instance, compare these various devices and types, and note the steps by which one evolved into another, and the relations between them; he can note which types and devices of transfers are patented—how the patented devices have been imitated in Canada (sometimes with improvements), or slightly varied or even infringed upon in the United States (an important street-car company in one of America's largest cities is now actually infringing on a recent transfer patent). And all these devices, types, arrangements, etc., have a meaning in relation to the use of the transfer such as is hardly to be found in the case of stamps or coins. Among the various transfer types and devices we may mention by name the Pope coupon, the Moran type, the Smith type, the Rhode Island tear-off, the Stedmanic type, and many others

too numerous to list. Features such as these cannot be approached in the way of interest or instructiveness by any other form of collection hobby, not even philately, which is doubtless the most absorbing form of collecting hitherto known.

On the contrary, peridromophily has so many points of resemblance to philately that a stamp collector can conveniently join the two, and take up transfers as a side-line, as we have already stated.

Analogous forms of collection closely related to peridromophily are token, strip ticket, and emblem collection—these being to transfer collection about what coin, bill, and medal collection is to stamp collection.

Exchange of transfers is rendered difficult by "non-transferability laws" in many parts of United States and Canada. However, The Peridromophile, the monthly bulletin on transfer collection and related subjects, arranges such exchanges on the basis of "permanent loans" for collection purposes only, and brings interested parties into correspondence with one another. It can also arrange, in some cases, exchanges of transfers and stamps for stamp collectors who wish to take up the new line.

Since further features of interest cannot be given here, both for reasons of space, and because most of such features are local in nature, we would suggest that readers who wish to find out more about the subject should either consult the standard text-book on the subject, Frank Folupa's "Notes on the Collection of Transfers" (published by Dorrance & Co., Philadelphia), or write for more specific local information to either the author or The Peridromophile at 112 W. 119 St., New York, N. Y., since information will gladly be given as far as available concerning the features of interest and best methods of transfer collection in any specified part of the United States or Canada.

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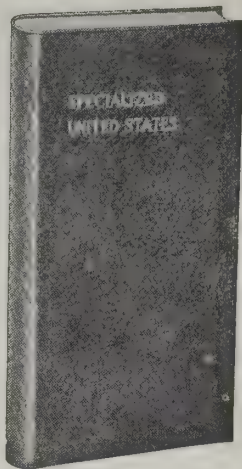
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second Wednesday preceding Monday, the
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EDITORIAL

The post office at Becket, Massachu-
setts, was washed away by the recent
flood in the Westfield river, and as a
consequence, it was necessary to improvise
a post mark to replace the official
article. A letter received from Becket,
through the courtesy of Mr. Wm. C.
Stone, Springfield, bears a stamp (the
2c of 1894 type, incidentally) that shows
the rubber-stamp cancellation in a sort
of precancellation form: "Becket, Mass.
—Dec. 5, 1927—Cancelled," in three
lines in black.

From our alert correspondent, Mr.
E. M. Ash, Antilla, Cuba, we have re-
ceived a copy of the official bulletin of
the secretary of posts, Habana, the lead-
ing notice in which describes the con-
ditions of the issue of the forthcoming
issue to celebrate the sixth Pan-American
conference in Habana. The list of
values and subjects of the set, 1 centavo
to one peso, inclusive, has been given in
this column. It is announced that the
new stamps will be placed on sale on the
2nd of January, 1928, and that although
the issue does not annul the regular
issue now in use, the commemoratives
will be sold in preference until the stock
is entirely exhausted. As the plates of
the stamps will be destroyed, it is ex-
pected that it will not be long before the
issue will be exhausted. Too, Mr. Ash
has sent the Havana Evening Telegram
of November 18, 1927, which contained
a notice that the government intended to
auct on off stamps and coins that had ac-
cumulated in the Treasury Department.
Obsolete records and effects of office are
to make way because of space demands.
We read: "Among articles of interest
to be sold is a batch of 20,000 stamps
issued by Carlos Miguel de Cespedes
when he was head of the Cuban insur-
rectos." The date of the sale is to be
determined upon later.

A telegram reads that the suit
started by Souren Yohannessiantz of New
York against A. W. Filstrup of Benton
Harbor, Michigan, was tried at Grand
Rapids, Michigan, in the federal district
court on Dec. 6, 1927, and decided by a
jury in favor of Mr. Filstrup, the defend-
ant. It was alleged by the plaintiff that
he had found a purchaser for the Fil-
strup collection, and that in consequence
he was entitled to a commission, even
though Mr. Filstrup refused to sell. The
declaration was filed some months ago
and just came to trial. Particulars of



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To those who have complained to us
about the removal of stamps from for-
eign mail, in particular, addressed to
stamp collectors, we have directed that
they certify their losses to their post-
masters, who have been instructed to be
watchful for violations of the kind. The
annoyance that collectors have been sub-
jected to is shared by the post office de-
partment which is making an effort to
stamp out the pernicious practice, and
postmasters have been instructed again
to exercise vigilance to detect culprits.
The removal of stamps in the manner
indicated is not alone a violation of the
postal regulations, but also of the law
"and each case should be reported to
the department for action." The stamps
of the U. S. are not immune from theft,
and several covers have been shown us
denuded of high values and commemora-
tives. The co-operation of victims with
the postal authorities is demanded on
the score of philatelic public policy.

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We have been shown a collection of
covers with college imprints on the en-
velopes that besides making a good stamp
appearance, afford food for the imagina-
tion. The old wood-cuts of different of
the seats of learning have a sentimental
appeal and they deserve recognition in
a day when collectors of Americana are
combining the country for examples that
typify a day that is past. That there is
a wide range of merit, exemplified by
the college "cards" is natural and some
of the examples are of striking kind;
they run the gamut from simple to elab-
orate. An impression of Floral College,
Robeson Co., N. C., is surrounded by a
band with the sentiment: "That our
daughters may be as corner stones, pol-
ished after the similitudes of a palace."
The stamp on the envelope is the 3c of
1857-60.

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A correspondent has favored us with
a copy of *The Sun* of New York, dated
March 1, 1862, containing a picture of
"A Floating Fort," or accurate repre-
sentation of "the Ericsson battery, just
completed, and now known as the 'Moni-
tor.'" The description of invention of
Captain Ericsson is a detailed one and is
of no little historical importance; and
we have no doubt that it would be wel-
come to readers, but as the subject of
Ericsson and his revolving naval fort
was much to the fore as a consequence
of the issue of the 5c stamp in commem-
oration of the inventor, we shall not re-
print it. As our reader says, this ac-
count written when the Monitor had
just been completed and before it had
engaged with the Merrimac may be de-

pended upon as correct and he intimates
that some of the information that was
published was inaccurate.

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The following letter has been re-
ceived from B. F. Myers, Traffic Agent,
Air Mail Service, Chicago: "In line with
our past endeavor to keep you in touch
with initial flights of U. S. Air Mail
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extended to the extreme terminal, due
announcement of which will be made
when the definite date is determined.
The Postmasters at the above five named
offices will be furnished with a first flight
cancellation stamp, and if you desire to
avail yourself of the opportunity to get
your first flight covers carried on that
date, it is suggested that you forward
same to the various postmasters with
such directions for handling as you feel
consistent with their duties on initial
flight occasions, which always means
many thousands of individual pieces. It
is suggested that you arrange the ad-
dress on your envelopes to permit the
placing of the first flight cancellation on
the front in a neat and legible manner."
The cancellation stamp is two and one-
half by one and five-eighths inches, a
rectangle with flattened corners.

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An interesting letter was received
from Prof. Franklin P. Metcalf of the
Fukien University, Foochow, China, who
is entitled to consideration for having
established a stamp club at the school.
He says: "The members are an interest-
ing group and all are out for the stamps.
Most are beginners. I had the first
meeting at my house and most of the
time was spent in looking at albums,
trading, etc. I buy packets for them as
I can get them thru wholesale com-
panies in America at about one-fifth of
what the Chinese companies here charge
for them. For example, one company
here wanted \$9.00 Mexican for 1,000 dif-
ferent . . . There are a number of
large collectors in Foochow, but on ac-
count of the difficulty of transportation,
we cannot get together. Otherwise, we
would have a great club. . . . I saw
a note in the WEEKLY about China, 9 on
10 and 14 on 15 cent for registration,
etc., but the Foochow P. O. Commis-
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MIRZA DAVOOD KHAN MEFTAH, Persia's minister to the United States in an address before the Chicago Association of Commerce gave an outline of Persia's recent political history: "The form of government of Persia is that of a constitutional monarchy with the cabinet system, the constitution having been granted by a royal proclamation dated August 5, 1906. The reigning shah of Persia is His Imperial Majesty, Reza Shah Pahlavi. On October 31, 1925, the national assembly voted by a large majority to depose the former Shah, Ahmad Kadhari, to convene a constituent assembly, to amend the articles of the constitution in relation to the dynasty, and to appoint Reza Khan Pahlavi, then prime minister, head of the provisional government until the assembly should finish its work. The assembly was opened on December 6, 1925, and in due course voted to entrust the throne to Reza Khan Pahlavi and his male descendants. The latter took the prescribed oath of kingship before the national assembly on December 15, 1925, and the next day ascended the marble throne. The coronation of the sovereign took place on April 25, 1926." Persia's issues followed these changes as collectors have observed.

MR. JOHN B. SMELLIE, Chicago, member of the A. P. S., has been confined to the Grant Hospital in that city for over three months, having undergone a very serious operation. We rejoice to hear that a change for the better has taken place and that his recovery is probable. Correspondents are advised of the situation and may be guided accordingly.

PLANS for the Midwestern Philatelic Exhibition to be held in Cleveland, May 21st to 26th, 1928, are progressing and the prospectus will soon be issued. There will be two hundred cases, each one of which will hold twelve album sheets, three deep by four wide; and the lighting, a most important factor, will be the best obtainable. Our information

came from W. W. MacLaren, publisher of the *Stamp Hunter*, and as he says, there is no mistaking the great influence that the exhibition will have in a public way, while there is every assurance that the stamp display will be a commanding one.

MR. L. D. PEASLEE, once president of the Milwaukee Philatelic Society, has been living in Cincinnati for some time, and he notified us that a bond issue to provide funds for an air port in the Ohio metropolis passed by a large majority at an election last month.

WE are pleased to hear that Mr. A. Roterberg, who for some many years was numbered among the philatelists of Chicago, and who has been recognized as an experienced dealer in the stamps of South and Central America in particular, has established himself in Pasadena, California, with good results in various ways. While he will be missed in Chicago, his friends will keep him in pleasant memory; he is a permanent resident of California, where he continues his business without interruption.

MR. THOMAS H. PRATT, Kingsport, Tennessee, whose pleasant labors in the field of Confederate stamps have given him wide celebrity, was a recent caller at the Chicago office of this paper. Mr. Pratt does not confine his enterprise to Confederates alone, but runs two bang-up newspapers in the south.

MR. L. T. BRODSTONE, Superior, Nebraska, publisher of the *West*, paid us one of his periodical visits recently and chased dull care away from the sanctum for the while. Mr. Brodstone is a great traveler and is much on the go and frequently goes abroad. It may not be known generally that Mr. Brodstone's sister in England is the Lady Vestey; and Burke's will tell the tale.

ADDRESS BY STANLEY B. ASHBROOK
Reported by E. C. PIERCE.

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Cincinnati Collectors Club was held Thursday evening, Dec. 1st, in the Club Rooms of the Cincinnati Club. Regular business was suspended for a most interesting address by Mr. Stanley B. Ashbrook, nationally known expert of the 1851-57 issues of United States postage.

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Numerous prize gems were displayed by Mr. Ashbrook, including the largest known unused block of the one cent, 1851 issue, several large strips and blocks of the same stamp showing scarce and various types and cancellations. Among several covers exhibited was one addressed to President Abraham Lincoln during the civil war. Mr. Lincoln has autographed this cover on the face and his secretary-of-war, Stanton, has his autograph on the reverse side, making it a very desirable piece. About 75 were present.



Stamp News for the Juniors

This page is primarily for you, the Junior collector. We are interested in what interests you and we want you to take possession of it, in any way it can serve you. We also invite the Senior collector to extend words of advice, encouragement and stimulation and thus develop in the Junior a real passion for Philately. Bear in mind that two short articles of from 50 to 75 words read better than one long one. Address the Beverly office.



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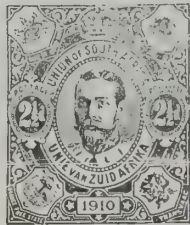
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You will indeed need a magnifying glass to appreciate the immense variety of illustration on this stamp. Without the glass it is easy enough to see King George's portrait, with the Southern Cross below it (minus one star). Southern Cross shows it is a country in the southern hemisphere; four stars instead of five are to show that there are four original provinces. For this stamp commemorate the opening of the first national parliament of South Africa; the day when South Africa began to act in every way as the independent kingdom that it is. On that day, Nov. 4, 1910, the big blue commemorative stamp appeared.

Without the glass you can see the arms of each of the original provinces, in the four corners. But you will need the glass to distinguish some of the pictures on the arms. In the Cape arms you can find two antelopes, a lion, figure of Hope with anchor, and the motto "Spes Bona." In the Natal arms the glass will show you that the animals are elands, not

cattle or buffaloes. In the Orange Free State arms your glass will reveal a covered wagon, powder-horns, sheep, a lion, oranges on the tree, and three mottoes: "Vryheid" "Immigratie," "Geduld en Moer." On the Transvaal arms your glass will show you an eagle (it might be a hawk but is an eagle), lion, farmer, covered wagon, striped flags, and anchor.

Above the numerals of value is a flower, intended to be a conventionalized form of the protea, a beautiful Cape of Good Hope flower that was then being strongly considered for adoption as the South African national flower. Above King George is the imperial crown, which signifies that he is king of South Africa as well as of Great Britain.

The trek-wagon, as the South Africans call their covered wagons, on the Orange and Transvaal arms signifies in both cases that these provinces were settled by overland migrants. The anchor on the Transvaal arms shows further that the settlers came overland from the Cape of Good Hope.

Lockport

A city in the state of New York, having a population of about 18,000, which is known to philatelic fame from the fact that in 1846 its then postmaster issued a provisional 5c envelope to facilitate the prepayment of postage. These envelopes were suppressed in the following year when the Government issued adhesive postage stamps.



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Pony Express

A postal service established by the well-known firm of Wells, Fargo & Co., in 1860 for carrying mail in the far West by relays of pony riders. The most famous route was that from St. Joseph, Mo., to Sacramento, Cal.—a distance of some 2,000 miles—which was accomplished in nine days. This wonderful service was discontinued in 1862 after some \$200,000 had been lost in its working. Special postage stamps were issued in connection with this post, these showing a horse and rider as the chief feature of the design.

Perplexing Surcharges

P. A.—Protector of Aborigines. Another South Australian overprint.

P. G. S.—Perak Government Service. These letters were, in 1890, surcharged on certain stamps of the Straits Settlements for official use in the Native State of Perak.

P. O.—Post Office. A surcharge found on some of the early stamps of South Australia used on the official correspondence of this department.

P. S.—Private Secretary (to the Governor). Another South Australian surcharge.

P. W.—Public Works. Also belongs to South Australia.

"Country" Etymology

Bosnia.—Named after Bosna, a western tributary of the Sarre.

Bulgaria.—Derived from the Finnish Bulgarians or Volgarians named after Bolgan their capitol, which was situated in middle Volga. When a part of the Bulgarian first appeared on the Danube in 587, they soon conquered the Slavs of that region, both tribes then intermingled and thus the name has been applied to all the inhabitants of that land.

Montenegro.—Is the Italian for "black mountain." Its Slavonic name has the same meaning, Crnagora (crna—black, gora—Mountains).

Norway.—Properly Norweg, meaning "Northernway" the so-called by the Norman Mariners after Northern waterways in contrast to "Vesterveg" and "Austurveg."

—Ill. Briefmarken Jour.—Am. Jour. Phil

Rayon

An inscription appearing on the stamps of Switzerland used between 1850 and 1854. A rayon was a postal circle and the value on the stamps tallied with the particular rayon or radius within which they paid the postal charges. Thus, in 1852, for instance, the rates were 5 rappen for every ½ oz. within the first rayon of two leagues; 10 rappen for the first ½ oz. and 5 rappen for every additional ½ oz. within the second rayon of two to ten leagues; and 15 rappen for the first ½ oz. and 5 rappen for every additional ½ oz. beyond ten leagues. These 5, 10 and 15 rappen stamps were inscribed "Rayon I," "Rayon II" and "Rayon III," respectively.

Reconstructed Plate

A philatelic term applied to a number of stamps restored to the arrangement they occupied on the sheet in its original state. The early stamps of Great Britain can be easily reconstructed by the corner letters which differ on every stamp in a sheet. Other stamps, like the early issues of Bolivia and New South Wales can be reconstructed or plated, owing to the fact that each stamp on the plate differs in small particulars because the plates were engraved by hand. Other line engraved stamps can be plated owing to the development of minor peculiarities during the process of manufacture, and it is also possible to reconstruct many stamps produced by lithography owing to the presence of minute flaws and defects.

Lottery Stamps

Special revenue stamps issued in the state of Louisiana in 1866 and 1867 for payment of a tax on lottery tickets.



Recouvrements

This word, meaning literally "recoveries" is found on some special labels issued in France, etc. These stamps are used in connection with a "cash on delivery" service by which the Post Office undertakes to collect payment of goods sent by registered mail. A form accompanies the package, stating the amount payable plus the post office charges, but if the addressee refuses to accept the package, this form is sent to the consignee in an envelope on which are placed "recouvrement" stamps representing the amount required for the return of the package. The stamps are, therefore, official stamps restricted to a certain use and would appear to be quite collectible varieties.

The Junior Dictionary

Postage Free.—Found on the first official stamps for New Zealand issued in 1887.

Postes Ethiopiennes.—Found on the current stamps of Abyssinia meaning "Ethiopian Post." Ethiopia is the native name for the country.

Postes Ottomanes.—Found on the current stamps of the Ottoman Empire or Turkey as it is more generally known. It means "Ottoman Post."

Postfaerge.—This surcharge on a Denmark stamp issued in 1919 means "Ferry Post," which, indicates the use to which the stamp was put.

Postfrim.—A word on most of the stamps of Norway, Denmark, etc., the last portion being an abbreviation for "frimaerki." It may be translated literally as "free postage stamp."



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A FASCINATING CALENDAR

Did you know that 3,000 years before Christ, the Chaldeans used a device similar to our postage stamps of today? Did you know, too, that our present postal system takes its motto from the Persians, 500 years before Christ? Did you also know that in the 13th Century there existed in far-off China a postal system that employed thousands of men, horses and vehicles?

These and a hundred other highly interesting bits of philatelic information are woven into an intensely interesting story, "Message Carriers of All Ages," which are featured on the White & Wyckoff Calendar for 1928, priced 25c.

The calendar shows, both in picture and by word, the development and evolution of Message Carriers from the early days to today's period of the Air Mail, hand in hand with the story of the development of postage stamps. It portrays as well, rare stamps that are much prized by collectors, as also the present day stamps of all foreign nations of the world.

The calendar is 11" x 17 1/4" in size, and is printed by the wonderful rotogravure process in rich sepia tones, a beautiful example of modern printing art. Each sheet, besides showing the picture of the message carrier and the calendar for the month proper, shows also the last month and next month, likewise all the holidays and historic dates, church dates and festivals, and moon's phases.

The January page, for instance, shows a runner of the time of Sargon of Old Babylon, 3600 B. C., about to receive a message from his king. On the back of this sheet is told the story of the time when messages were carried by runners. It also shows the Seals of Sargon, which were really the very first postage stamps of all ages.

As you turn the pages, you will see the Queen of Sheba receiving a message from her lover by pigeon carrier; the Courier of the Time of Queen Esther—the first time that mail carriers were mentioned in the Bible; the First Public System of the Romans, at the end of the 3rd century; the King's Mail of the time of King Louis XI of France; the Mail Coach of Colonial Times; the days of the Iron Horse—the Fast Mail of Early Railroad Days; the Pacific Mail; the Overland Limited; the Pony Express; the 20th Century Limited; until on the last page appears the American Air Mail of today.

It's a wonderfully interesting subject, well handled, and will appeal, we know, to every stamp collector, which is the reason we are very glad, indeed, to devote space to the calendar in this issue. The calendar can be secured postpaid from the White & Wyckoff Mfg. Co., of Holyoke, at 25c the copy; or it can be obtained free with a very wonderful box of their Autocrat Stationery, which they are offering for a limited period for \$1.00.

A PHILATELIC PYRE

(Copied from "Out of the Past," by Margaret Symonds, daughter of the English literary and art critic, John Addington Symonds.)

The old house was fearfully full (about 1880) of possessions in my Father's time, for his family were distinctly hoarders, and they hoarded occasionally very inconvenient things. Amongst other things they hoarded letters. That strange, unobtrusive race of Nonconformist doctors, whose lives I have attempted to sketch in the first chapter of this book, rarely destroyed a letter. Once when one of my aunts decided to become a hospital nurse, my Father had written approvingly to her: "You have literally seven generations of physicians and surgeons in your paternal blood."

Of those "seven generations of physicians and surgeons" all practically had kept their accounts, their diaries, above all, their family and personal correspondence, with the most strict and punctilious accuracy. There must have been cases and drawers literally loaded up with Symonds family papers.

Painful, therefore, as the coming devastation of the old home was to my

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Father, to my Mother's strong and stolid mind with its forecast of a modern and simple life, seen, I admit, through the eyes of an old-fashioned lady, this time was almost a sacrificial one to her, and she rose with courage to her task. We children helped in the general devastation; and to us it was also a form of orgy. Every morning we all assembled in the study and sat ourselves down in a circle. My Father opened the boxes and the drawers and threw on the floors the letters, the cash-books and the diaries. There were hundreds and thousands of them, and we tore them across with childish delight. What a curious scene it must have been—our majestic young Mother on her chair, our eager and more excited Father sitting beside her, and we ourselves, small wiry creatures in our long pigtailed, with faces burned by Alpine suns, tearing limb from limb the wrappings round the mummied memories of our respectable unknown ancestors of six or eight generations

back. In later life one of my sisters developed a mania for stamp collecting, and she remembered with pangs of literal despair the countless blue and even black penny postage stamps she had destroyed in that great holocaust. From the general chaos I, myself, could only save a couple of Mulready envelopes on which the printed elephant attracted my wandering gaze.

As we went on tearing, tearing, huge piles of paper, high as an Alpine avalanche, rose up around us. The gardener and the groom came backwards and forwards with big clothes-baskets, which they stuffed with the torn paper, and carried slowly down the stairs and down the garden paths to a place where the weeds were always burned on Saturday afternoons beneath a clump of elms. Here the baskets disgorged their contents on a bonfire, and when we grew tired of our tearing in the study, we joined the gardener and the groom, and danced round the burning heap, poking

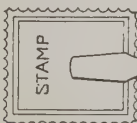
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NEWS ITEMS:—

CHARLES J. PHILLIPS of N. Y. C., is off on a trip to Jamaica. He will return Jan. 10.

THE Royal Stamp Co. of N. Y. City has changed its address from 2880 Broadway to 1674 Broadway. The proprietor of this firm is N. Bikhov, A. P. S., 9570, who has previously advertised with us from Baghdad, Mesopotamia. The firm wishes to place emphasis upon the fact that it is located in New York, and has no connection with any other firm of a similar name.

WE have received from C. H. Ellis, Elizabeth, N. J., a half-page clipping from the *Asbury Park Sunday Press* of Nov. 27. It describes the stamp possessions of Thomas A. Buckingham, who is pictured and proclaimed as a Bradley Beach (N. J.) collector "following his forty-seven-year-old hobby." Mr. Buckingham receives a good deal of publicity and philately as a whole profits thereby.

WE thank Clarence Rosenmeyer, Rouses Point, N. Y., for a batch of five clippings. We have already covered the various matters referred to. We are, however, grateful to our subscriber for his co-operation. We are always glad to receive clippings, even though there must necessarily be some duplication.

A NEW pricelist has just been received from M. R. Lampson & Co., 433 Rowell Bldg., Fresno, Cal. It lists stamp packets, precancel stamp packets, and stamp collecting supplies. A copy will be sent on request.

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Every one of the nine plates with 200 subjects has been reconstructed including the early, intermediate and late printings of certain plates which were recut. There are five in the orange brown, as well as reconstructions of the other shades, year by year. His "proof" plates are present, consisting of horizontal and vertical pairs proving the position of every stamp. In all, twenty-two reconstructions of 200 subjects.

With two exceptions Dr. Chase has the 3c earliest date of use, from each plate, on the entire cover. There is a superb mint block of 39 of the orange brown, with full gum, and complete imprint from plate 5 also blocks of four and larger, both used and unused from other plates. He has worked out to the "nth" degree the stamp in its shades, impressions, paper, gum, and "whatnot".

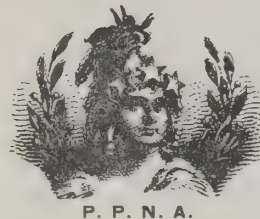
It is hoped that the plates can be sold intact, for Dr. Chase tells me he doubts if enough material exists to ever duplicate the lot.

If you are interested in any portion, large or small, of this wonderful lot, correspondence is solicited. If you would like any one of the individual plates, let me know, for they may be sold separately. It is all going to be sold in a manner to please my clients, and kindly remember that the prices are most reasonable throughout.

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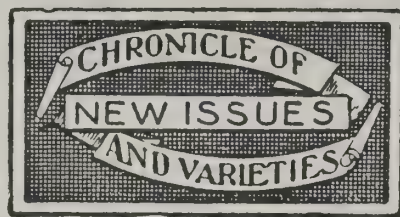
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The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa., who will also be pleased to pass on oddities and varieties of all U. S. stamps from 1900 to date. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 75 Electric Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States

Washington Notes

On the opening day of Congress, December 5th, the Postmaster General submitted to the Chairman of the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads of the House of Representatives, his recommendations for changes in postal rates and for the authorization of certain additional mail facilities in the interest of the public. They are as follows:—

(1)—To restore the 1-cent postage rate on post cards.

(2)—To reduce the postage on magazines and newspapers when sent by others than the publisher or news agent to 1 cent for each two ounces.

(3)—To provide for collecting 1 cent additional an ounce on first class matter when mailed with postage deficient more than one rate.

(4)—To provide for accepting for transmission in the mails without prepayment of postage of business reply cards and letters in business reply envelopes, which have been sent out in the quantity and under conditions the Postmaster General may establish, the postage thereon at the regular rate together with an additional charge of not more than 2 cents on each card or letter to be collected on delivery. This is a new facility suggested by the Postmaster Gen-

eral for the benefit of business users of the mails and it is believed if authorized by Congress it will be of special benefit and produce considerable postal revenues as well.

(5)—To provide for accepting for transmission in the mails without postage stamps affixed third class mail in quantities of not less than 20 pounds, consisting of identical separately addressed pieces at a rate of 12 cents per pound or fraction thereof, except that in the case of books, catalogues, seeds, cuttings, bulbs, roots, scions and plants, the rate shall be 8 cents per pound or fraction thereof, except that the rate of postage on matter so mailed shall be not less than 1 cent per piece.

This, in effect, restores the one-cent minimum rate on open envelope direct advertising. This is also a new facility suggested by the Postmaster General and it is believed if authorized by Congress will be of great benefit to the mailers of advertising matter.

(6)—To provide upon the payment of a single fee for giving any class of matter the expedition in transportation now given to matter paid at the special handling rate and also special delivery service at the office of destination. The special handling service only is given when so desired for fourth class matter weighing over 10 pounds. Furthermore, to raise the rates payable for messenger service in the delivery matter so as to enable the Department to provide a better service therefor.

(7)—To authorize the Postmaster General to take credit in the financial statements of the Department for the estimated cost of carrying and handling franked and penalty matter with the exception of penalty matter of the Post Office Department.

If the sixth recommendation receives favorable consideration, it is likely that special delivery rates may be changed to take care of the increased compensation to the special delivery boys.

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fact that special delivery letters are being mailed to Cuba with one special delivery stamp, in addition to the regular postage. The Postal Bulletin of December 5th call attention to the fact that twenty cents, in addition to the regular postage is required on special delivery letters addressed to Cuba.

New Size Coil Available

Under date of December 1st, the Third Assistant Postmaster General, Mr. R. S. Regar, advised Postmasters that the Department is now in a position to supply coils of 3,000 2-cent stamps for use in stamp-affixing equipment requiring coils of larger size than those heretofore available. The stamps will be arranged sideways and perforated, and a complete coil will be sold at \$60.18. Until further notice, the new coil will not be available in any denomination or style other than 2-cent sideways, perforated, and containing 3,000 stamps.

Postmasters having demand for coils of the new size may submit requisition for three months' estimated supply. I cannot state at this time if this new coil is the one previously described in this column, with the gum side wrapped outward, and with special perforations between. A coil has been ordered, and I hope to give further details in short order.

Air Mail Notes

Mr. George H. Kieley has shown me a cover carried via air mail during the New England flood to territories that could not be very well reached by train. The cover is postmarked—Montpelier, Vt., Nov. 17, 1927, and bears a two line marking in black reading—"Air Mail For Vermont Flood Relief." In addition the cover bears the back-stamp of Concord, N. H., and W. Summerville, Mass.

Under date of December 2nd, the Second Assistant Postmaster General, Mr. Warren Irving Glover, announced that effective December 17th, contract air mail services will be established over route No. C.A.M.—24, from Chicago, Ill., via Indianapolis, Ind., to Cincinnati, Ohio, and return, a distance of two hundred and seventy miles, each way.

The service will be operated daily on a schedule making direct connection with the transcontinental air mail route at Chicago. Planes leaving Chicago southbound at 6 A. M. will reach Cincinnati at 3 A. M. Northbound, planes leaving Cincinnati at 2.45 P. M. reach Chicago at 5.45 P. M.

On the same day, December 17th, contract air mail services will be established over that part of route No. C.A.M.—20, from Buffalo, N. Y., to Cleveland, Ohio. This also will be operated on a daily schedule making direct connections with the transcontinental air mail route at Cleveland. Westbound, planes leave Buffalo at 2.25 P. M., and arrive at Cleveland 4.15 P. M. Eastbound, planes leave Cleveland at 12.45 P. M., and arrive at Buffalo at 2.05 P. M.

The Embury-Riddle Company are the holders of the first contract, while the Colonial Western Airways are the holders for the contract for carrying mail between Buffalo and Cleveland. The same contract calls for continuing the route eastward to Albany.

The Traffic Agent of the air mail services at Chicago sends out a formal announcement relative to the establishment of these routes, and calls attention to the fact that special postmarks will be used on the first day as heretofore.

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| 5 | o1847, #28, 5c cancelled 10 in blue circle, left bottom corner margin added, otherwise a very perfect copy | 173 | o1879, #191, 90c, Registered cancellation, perfect | 342 | x1915, #118-121, 1f to 10f, perfect |
| 11 | 1847, #29, 10c, very fine, nice margins, apparently unused, maybe cleaned | 179 | o1888, #217, 30c orange brown, Stitch Watermark, very fine | 344 | o1919, #134, 2f, perfect |
| 12 | o1847, #29, 10c, slight tear at bottom, otherwise large margins and perfect | 181 | o1890, #225, 8c lilac, Stitch Watermark, very fine | 345 | x1919, #135, 5f, perfect |
| 13 | o1847, #29, 10c, Blue cancel, very fine | 183 | o1890, #229, 90c, perfect pair, registered cancellation | 346 | x1919, #136, 10f, perfect |
| 14 | x1847, #29d and 29E, 5c and 10c, reprints | 185 | oColumbian, 1893, #242, \$2.00, Cancelled New Haven in oval, perfect | 348 | xBolivia, 1866, #4, 10c, perfect |
| 17 | o1851, #31, 1c, Cracked plate, lower left, pen cancellation has been removed, perfect | 186 | oColumbian, 1893, #245, \$5.00, Canc. same as above, perfect | 349 | x1866, #6, 50c, perfect |
| 19 | o1851, #32, Recut top and bottom position dots, good for plating, very perfect | 192 | o1894, #262a, \$2 bright blue, very fine copy | 351 | x1909, #84, 5c, Pair Imperf. with head inverted |
| 22 | o1851, #32d, 1c, shift in One, fine | 197 | x1895, #277, \$2.00, Fine O. G. copy | 358 | xBremen, 1861, #5, 2gr, perfect |
| 23 | o1851, #33d, 1c, very fine | 198 | o1895, #278, \$5 dark green, A perfect copy | 360 | o1861, #8, 5gr, very fine |
| 27 | o1851, #33, 3c, perfect vert. strip 4 | 200 | x1898-99, #279c, 2c rose carmine, very fine mint, hor. block of 6, blocks of 4 cat. \$35.00 | 361 | xBritish Central Africa, 1891, #5 to 9, 8p to 5sh, perfect |
| 28 | o1851, #34, 5c, very fine, light cancellation, 3 good margins, close but not cut into at B | 205 | xTrans-Miss. 1898, #293, \$2.00, pair with bottom pl. No. 613, perfect | 362 | oBritish East Africa, 1895, #40, 2a, very fine |
| 32 | o1851, #34, 5c, Black town cancel, close | 206 | oTrans-Miss. 1898, #293, \$2.00, lightly cancelled, very fine | 365 | o1895, #45, 5a, perfect |
| 34 | o1851, #35a, 10c, fine pair with position dots, close at L | 215 | x1908, #342, \$1.00, perfect pair | 366 | o1896, #56, 5r, very fine |
| 35 | x1851, #35b, 10c, very fine horizontal strip of 3, small grease spot right side of right stamp | 217 | xCoil. 1908, #351, 5c, vertical strip of 4, with center line, very fine | 368 | x1898, #56c, 2 1/2a on 1a, perfect |
| 36 | o1851, #35c, 10c, outer line recut at top, close at bottom | 222 | x1912, #409, 2c, imperf., Complete set of 48 stamps, center line and arrow and corner blocks of 4 and plate number strips | 370 | x1898, #103, 2R, perfect |
| 38 | o1851, #36, 12c, Black Bar cancellation, very fine | 227 | xAir Mail, 1918, #522, 24c, top plate Nos. #492 and #493, together with center line, will make 3 perfect blocks of 4 | 371 | xBrit. Guiana, 1862, #24, 1c, perfect |
| 39 | o1851, #36, 12c, nice pair | 229 | x1918, #523, \$2.00, perfect block 4 | 372 | o1862, #28, 24c, very fine |
| 42 | o1857, #45, 5c, San Francisco, June 5, 1860, in black and addition cancellation in red, very fine | 230 | o1918, #524, \$5.00, very fine block 4 | 376 | oBrunswick, 1853, #4 and 4a, 1 Sgr., both, perfect |
| 45 | x1857, #47, 5c brown, centered S. E., two small tears, no gum | 235 | x1924, #616, 5c Walloon, Perfect left plate #15754, block of 6 showing broken circles, Mint | 380 | oCanada, 1852, #5c, 6p, Slightly cut in at bottom, Fine |
| 48 | o1857, #48a, 5c, Red cancel, very fine | 238 | o1926, #625, 10c Map air mail, 100 fine picked, perf. 4 sides | 381 | o1855, #7, 10p, close at top pen marked |
| 52 | x1857, #49b, 10c, No gum, corner margin creased, otherwise perfect | 240 | U. S. Booklet Panes. 1898-1923, Complete set all perfect centered, 19 different | 384 | o1859, #16, 10c, on cover, perfect |
| 53 | o1857, #49c, 10c, recut bottom, perforations nibbed at right, otherwise very fine | 244 | oExecutive, 1873, #1511, 3c on cover from Washington to St. Louis, contains autograph letter from U. S. Grant | 386 | o1859, #17, 10c, Bar cancel, fine |
| 54 | o1857, #49c, 10c, recut at top, v. fine | 246 | oJustice Dept. 1873, #1531, 24c, bright color, very small x ink mark, almost perfect | 389 | x1868, #23, 2c, good margins 3 sides |
| 56 | x1857, #51, 12c, vert. pair, very fine | 247 | oJustice Dept. 1873, #1533, 90c, regummed, perf. close at left | 394 | o1868, #23-25-26a-26-27a-31a, v. fine |
| 59 | o1857, #52, 24c, very fine, light red bar cancellation | 248 | xNavy Dept. #1544, 90c, O. G., very fine | 395 | x22-23a-27-39, very fine, no gum |
| 63 | x1857, #53, 30c, No gum, complete spear at right, almost perfect | 250 | oState Dept. 1873, #1567, \$2.00, good margin 3 sides, wide at left, perf. 4 sides, light cancellation, very fine | 397 | x1869, #32, 32a, 1c, very fine |
| 64 | o1857, #53, 30c, Complete spear at right, Blue grid cancel, perfect | 254 | oConfederate, 1861, #97, 5c, fine light Mobile cancellation, close at top | 400 | x1869-82, #36-45 and 45a, 10c, very fine to perfect |
| 67 | o1857, #54, 90c, full gum, perfect | 257 | x1861, #106, 5c, very large margins, perfect, may be the yellow brown cat. at \$100.00 | 401 | x1875, #37, 5c, very fine |
| 69 | oAugust, #58, 10c, very fine, red bar cancellation | 258 | 1861, #200, 5c, very fine unused copy | 406 | o1882-00, #43a, 5c, Absolutely imperfect, large margins, v. f. |
| 71 | x1861, #63, 1c, fine strip of 3, close at top and left side | 260 | o1863, #208, 10c, small thin spot at back, close at top | 409 | x1897, #50 to 60, 1c to 50c incl. Perfect, Underpried |
| 73 | o1861, #63, three 1c on neat cover from Elizabethtown, Ky. | 261 | o1863, #210, 10c, small neat cover made from Confederate map | 413 | x1897, #56, 5c, block of 4, perfect |
| 75 | o1861, #63, 65, 1c, 3c, on fine little cover, Philadelphia cancellation, Dec. 21, 1861 | 263 | xRevenue, 1862, #3802, 1c, Proprietary, not listed but this stamp has good margins and is on the hard imperf. paper | 420 | x1897, #58, 30c, perfect |
| 78 | x1861, #65, 3c rose, fine hor. block 6, tiny piece out of one sp. at B. | 266 | o1862, #3846, 25c, perfect horizontal pair | 421 | x1897, #64, 40c, perfect |
| 80 | o1861, #67-68, 5c and 10c on cover, from Philadelphia to Austria | 272 | o1862, #3886a, \$3.50, thin spot at back but perfect appearance | 422 | x1897, #65, 50c, perfect |
| 83 | o1861, #67, 5c, fine black town cancel | 274 | x1862, #3897, \$10.00, large margins, the stamp very likely was never used | 428 | oCape of Good Hope, 1853, #2, 1p, Fine cancel, and color, cuts in only slightly at lower corner |
| 85 | o1861, #67b, 5c, slight tear R, fine | 277 | o1st issue, 39 var., in pairs, fine lot, cat. \$11.86 as single | 429 | o1855, #5, 6p, pen cancelled, worn plate, perfect |
| 86 | o1861, #68, 10c, no gum, perfect | 283 | o1871, #3921, \$1.60, Extra perforations across stamp, very fine | 432 | o1863, #13, 4p, on cover, perfect |
| 88 | o1861, #68, 10c, 5 very fine shades and cancellations | 285 | o1875, #3990, 6c, very fine block of 12, lightly cancelled | 434 | o1882, #38, 1sh, perfect |
| 89 | o1861, #69, 12c, No gum, very fine but one perf. missing | 286 | x Dr. Kilmer & Co. on 1898 postage, 1c, 2c, 3c | 435 | oCape Verde, 28 var., very fine lot |
| 90 | x1861, #71, 30c, fine but no gum | 288 | oRevenue, 1898, #3998, \$5.00 cut cancellation, perfect | 436 | oCayman Islands, 1905, #10-12, 2-1p to 1s, perfect |
| 93 | o1861, #71, 30c, very fine, tear through cover to Prussia | 290 | o1917, Doc. Rev., #4243, \$30.00, Perfect strip of 3 | 437 | o1907, #25, 4p, Pair, Perfect |
| 94 | x1861, #72, 90c blue, fine color, perfs. cut in at R., tiny tear, no gum | 293 | oPlaying Cards, #4503a, Inverted Surcharge, very fine | 439 | x1908, #29, 1s, perfect |
| 97 | x1861, #72, 90c, No gum, perfect | 294 | x1887, Entire Envelopes, Scott's #2551, DIE B, very fine, rare size of env. 8 1/2x150 mm. | 440 | oCeylon, #23-26, Nicely cancelled but both slightly defective |
| 109 | o1862, #73, 2c, very fine pair, cancelled Detroit, June 10, 1864 | 306 | xAustralia 1913, #18, 6p, perfect | 442 | o1877, #10, 10p, A Perfect Gem |
| 110 | x1862, #75, 5c, close at top, regummed | 308 | oAustria 1850, #1, 1kr, perfect pair, scarce, diamond shape, Wien cancellation | 443 | o1861, #19, 4p, Perfs. touch at T, tiny niche at L, looks fine |
| 111 | o1862, #76, 5c, nearly perfect horizontal strip of 4 | 311 | o1850, #2, 1kr, perfect strip of 3, Perjamos cancellation, very thin paper | 445 | o1861, #31, 9p, Perfs. cut into design at T, Fine |
| 112 | o1862, #76a, 5c, pair on cover to Bremen, 1 stamp creased, cancelled, New York Paid all, direct grill, perfs. touch at B and R | 312 | o1850, #2, 3, 1-2kr, on cover from Klagenfurt, very fine | 448 | o1863, #41, 6p, light cancel, v. f. |
| 117 | o1867, #84, 2c, 12x14 grill, strong grill, perfs. touch at B and R | 313 | o1850, #3, 2kr, perfect pair, cancelled Prag | 449 | oChina, 1903, #88, 1c on half of 2c, on square piece |
| 120 | o1867, #87, 2c, pair on small cover, blue New York and rosette cancel | 314 | o1850, #6b, 9kr, type III, perfect, a very rare stamp | 450 | xColombian Republic, 1909, #808, 10p, perfect |
| 123 | o1867, #99, 24c, fine stamp but small tear at top | 319 | x1918, #1204a, 10h, error, perfect | 457 | oCrete, 45 varieties, many unused, very fine |
| 126 | o1867, #101, 90c, fine bright color, close at R | 320 | x1918, #1207a, 20c, error perfect | 459 | xCuracao, 1923, #77, 2 1/2gld, perfs. close at right but do not touch design |
| 131 | 1869, #115, 6c, Green cancel, very fine, S. U. S. | 321 | oItalian Occupation, 1918, #1351, 1365, 3h to 1kr, perfect | 460 | x1923, #78, 5gld, perfect |
| 133 | o1869, #115, 6c, fine bright color | 323 | oLombardi, 1850, #2, 5c, pale orange, perfect strip of 3, Trevis cancellation | 461 | xCyprus, 1881, #14, 4pi, perfect |
| 135 | o1869, #116, 10c, perfect, no gum | 324 | o1850, #3, 10c, perfect pair, cancelled Venezia | 464 | x1882, #18-25, 1pi to 12pi, all Die A, perfect |
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| 140 | x1869, #118, 15c, regummed, v. fine | 328 | xBahamas, 1859, #1, 1p, perfect | 471 | xDenmark, 1853, #3-4-5, 2s to 8s, small thin spot on back of 8s |
| 144 | x1869, #119, 15c, fine, dark brown and blue color | 334 | xBarbados, 1897, #79a, 1f, 80a 1/2p, 81a 1p, 82a 2 1/2p, All on blued paper, Perfect | 473 | x1853, #6, 16s, perfect |
| 148 | x1869, #120a, 24c, Part Brown, Gum, Perfect | 336 | x1916, #137, 3s, perfect | 475 | o1864, #12a, 3s, large margin but small corner, B R added |
| 149 | o1869, #120, 24c, perfect color and condition | | | 477 | o1870, #24, 48s, perfect |
| 152 | o1869, #121, 30c, apparently uncanceled, fine bright colors | | | 483 | oDominica, 1882, #10, 1/2 1p, perfect |
| 156 | o1869, #122, 90c, hardly noticeable cancellation, stp. almost perfect | | | 489 | x1903, #34, 5s, perfect |
| 158 | o1869, #122, 90c, Margins small, cancellation is light, color bright | | | 492 | oDutch Indies, 1865, #2, 10c, v. fine |
| 161 | o1869, #122, 90c, although close at left, this is most desirable copy | | | 494 | xFalkland Islands, 1886, #7 and 8, 1p and 4p, very fine |
| 162 | o1870, #137, 6c, Double grill, Blue cancellation, 1 perf. added R, very fine | | | 496 | x1912, #37, 5s, perfect |
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Argentina.—Whitfield King & Co. report that they have had come to hand the 5c red, portrait of Gen. Jose de San Martin, watermarked A. P. in crown.

Czechoslovakia.—Whitfield King & Co. inform us that the 50h green and 60h red-violet, current designs, have been issued on unwatermarked paper. The colors vary a trifle than the originals, the green being a little deeper, while the red-violet shade is more to the grey cast.

Estonia.—Whitfield King & Co. report the appearance of the new War Memorial stamps, which are of the following values and colors: 5 + 5mks green and grey, 10 + 10mks blue and grey on buff, 12 + 12mks red and black

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The designs for the five new stamps which are soon to be issued by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, of which M. Bokanowski is head, will be on exhibition from Wednesday to Sunday inclusive at 4 rue Saint-Romain. They will be displayed from November 29 to December 3 in the Grand Hall of the Touring Club of France, 65 avenue de la Grande-Armée.

The stamps will replace those for two, three, five, ten and twenty francs now in use. In order that the finest possible designs for them should be had, the Beaux-Arts appointed a group of prominent French artists as a jury to make the selections. They will portray five of the most important monuments in France. The subjects are: The Arc de Triomphe à l'Etoile, by M. Bivel; the Pont du Gard, by M. Cheffer; the Rheims Cathedral, by M. Verecque; Mont Saint-Michel, by M. Bivel, and the Port de la Rochelle, by M. Cheffer.

The congratulations of the jury were also conveyed to M. Rigal for his design, "Le Sourire de Rheims," which, however, did not comply with the requirements.

French Morocco.—Whitfield King & Co. advise that they have received copies of the 15c slate color originally, but now redrawn and appearing in a grey-green.

Gibraltar.—Mr. R. Roberts reports that a new color has been issued for the 1 pound value. It is now in orange and black on white paper. The duty label reads "One Pound" in two lines and is printed in black in sans serif capitals. The watermark is script.

Lebanon.—Whitfield King & Co. call our attention to the 25p ultramarine stamp of Grand Liban which has been surcharged "Republique Libanaise" with a new value "15p."

Mexico.—We have received from the Economist Stamp Co. the current 4c green, with the surcharge "Oficial" vertically in black.

Niue.—Mr. W. T. Wilson reports two new items for use in this colony. They are a 2½p blue and grey, picturing a Rarotonga chief in ancient dress and a 4p lilac and black with a view of Rarotonga Harbor with the mountain of that name in the background.

Paraguay.—The Economist Stamp Co. have shown us the 40c rose, type of the 1913 issue, with the three line surcharge "Habilitado en 7 centavos" in black.

Penrhyn.—Copies of the new 2½p ultramarine and red-brown, design as mentioned for Aitutaki above, have been shown us by Mr. W. T. Wilson.

Rarotonga.—Mr. W. T. Wilson sends copies of two new issues for this colony, a 2½p dark blue and red-brown, design as noted under Aitutaki above, and 4p violet and green, showing in the centre a view of Rarotonga Harbor with Mt. Rarotonga in the background.

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"HOPE" ON STAMP COLLECTING

By FRED J. MELVILLE.

An interesting reminiscence of the earliest period of stamp-collecting has been brought to light by the Editor of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY, who quotes some derogatory comments on boys collecting stamps from "A Book About Boys," by A. R. Hope, published in 1869.

Our colleague of MEKEEL'S will perhaps be interested to know that he has dropped upon a philatelic reference of more than ordinary literary interest. A. R. Hope was the pseudonym of an Edinburgh boy who lived until August of the present year, and was for long one of the most popular writers of fiction for boys under the names of Ascott R. Hope. His proper name was Robert Hope Moncrieff, an author of most prolific output; altogether he is credited with over 200 volumes, chiefly fiction, history and school books. He became an assistant school teacher to get the "atmosphere" for his boys' stories. He was a mere stripling when he wrote that "Book About Boys," and in later years he could have written about them with a deeper knowledge and perhaps a keener and truer vision of their future pursuits. He was born in 1846, wrote his first story at 19, and died on August 10th this year at the age of 81.

While A. R. Hope's vision of the early demise of Philately now seems absurd, his strictures on the money-grabbing aspect of stamp collecting at schools are in keeping with the scholastic view of our hobby which held for many years, indeed until the Great War. Many still conceive it to be bad for the young idea to turn hobbies into money-making pursuits while still at school, and even in these mercenary days there is strong support for that view. Undoubtedly the trafficking in stamps among boys themselves at schools alienated the sympathies of schoolmasters from Philately over a long period. We think they were wrong to try to suppress the genuine attraction which boys have for stamps; it was up to them to recognise the attraction and lead their youth to follow it on more uplifting lines. Happily, the teachers of to-day are working on this more enlightened plan, and it is a high tribute to the soundness of Philately's charm for the young that it flourishes more than ever, despite the forecasts of even so charming a false prophet as "Ascott R. Hope."—Stamp Coll. Fortnightly.

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THE PHILATELIC SAGE

The Old Fogies' Stamp Club.—I have re-heard (I'm sorry, I should have said "heard again") from Mr. Adolphus Pippitt, the benign Secretary of the O.F.S.C. He tells me that his step-daughter Ermytrude (or is it Vermintude?) has married the son of a Watford gramophone tuner, and that his wife's sister's father-in-law has committed suicide by listening in with his head in a water-jug. He also mentions, as an afterthought, that the Old Fogies' Stamp Club held its annual sports meeting and auction sale on the allotment ground last Monday week.

Summer Days—and Some Are Not!—They were unfortunate in choosing a typical summer day for this event, and the ground became so flooded by lunch time that it was decided to turn the event into a Regatta, and members were told to bring along all their stamps "on piece" that wanted soaking. Facilities were available in the laundry adjoining the ground for drying, starching and ironing the specimens after soaking. All stamps so treated were delivered the following day in washing baskets, with identification marks sewn in one corner in red cotton and, in many cases, the perforations had been ripped off. Several letters of protest from residents have since appeared in the local press complaining that postage stamps had been found tightly affixed to various articles of clothing that had been returned from the laundry.

Lady Bhynges' Accident.—There was an unfortunate mishap at the opening ceremony, when someone threw a yard of unfiled tripe at Lady Bhynges, who had so graciously consented to declare the Sports Meeting (or Regatta) open. In trying to avoid the missile, Lady Bhynges dropped her Cape, and stooping to regain it, tripped over a Woodblock. She was immediately carried off in a fainting condition and a wheelbarrow.

The chief attraction of the afternoon was the obstacle race for all girl members under 94 who had not had their hair bobbed, bingled, shingled, Eton-cropped, O'cedar-mopped, wingled, fringed, mingled, clipped, snipped, snopped or snapped. Competitors had to walk a greasy pole, climb a rope, scratch their

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The event concluded with a (very) high tea, after which the members had a mock battle with the remnants. Mr. A. H. Bullrush was forced to retire with a custard-blancmange in his eye, and has been confined to bed ever since. Truly the Old Fogies' Stamp Club is one of our most progressive societies.

Birth, Deaths and Marriages.—I have been asked by Mr. Harry Tate to announce that there is no connection between himself and the expression "tete-beche."—Junior Stamp Magazine.

INDIANAPOLIS ORGANIZES

By LEWIS OTT WARD.

I wish to announce the organization of the Indiana Stamp Club of Indianapolis, at a meeting of 25 local collectors on the night of December 2, 1927, at the Chamber of Commerce Bldg. The matter of organizing a stamp club has been brewing here for some time, and was just recently brought to a head thru the work of Mr. H. H. Coburn, a local collector and dealer, and the writer, a member of the Welworth Co., local dealers. The following officers were unanimously elected, H. H. Coburn, President. Le Grande Payne, Vice President, and L. O. Ward, Secretary-Treasurer, and these officers, together with Kenneth Loucks, Dr. E. J. Rogers, and Miss Travilla Ioor, form the Executive Committee. Anyone interested in stamps is cordially invited to attend.

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The last year has been one of the most successful in the history of the society. Many visitors who happen in town on Monday, visit at our club rooms, 20 East 125th St., N. Y. C. Probably one of the most important things accomplished at this meeting was the vote to become a branch of the American Philatelic Society next year.

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The luring and procuring
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JAMAICA WATERMARKS

By ASTLEY CLERK, Kingston, Jamaica.

If you hold a sheet of good writing paper to the light you will see, inside the paper, certain words or a design standing out as if they had been traced there with water . . . this is called a Watermark. Almost every stamp is to-day given a watermark so as to make forgery more difficult. Some countries, Jamaica for instance, apparently watermark their stamps without rhyme or reason, and place no value on the watermark. The following letter from one of our Stamp Commissioners, illustrates this:—

"No. 1621." Sept. 16, 1907.
D. It is not customary to give the watermark when advertising the issue of any new stamp. A stamp on unwatermarked paper, but genuine in every respect, would, in my opinion, be legal.

E. JORDAN ANDREWS,
Stamp Commissioner.

Fortunately for Jamaica, the Crown Agents and the printers of our stamps, realizing the value of the watermark, think and act differently, and so, with but certain exceptions to be found among our Fiscals (those of 1855 afterwards used postally, all our Jamaica stamps are watermarked, and that watermark tells a story, a story which is inscribed on the pages of our Island History. Jamaica has had, to time of writing, the following five watermarks:—

(1.) The Pineapple (1860-1870), of which two different specimens are known, (a) The Sugar Loaf, an elongated pine, and (b) The Cow-boy, a stumpy fruit. Both these specimens are representative of the fruit grown here. The former is lusciously sweet. The pineapple watermark is peculiar to Jamaica, and shows that she is a tropical as well as an agricultural country. From 1854 to 1866 we enjoyed a form of Responsible Government, hence, the watermark is found, not only on our first regular issue, but on our fiscal stamps of 1856. Travelling through England and Scotland, one now and then comes across an old coat-of-arms showing pineapples, a little enquiry soon elicits the fact that the original owners were Jamaica colonists dating from Cromwellian days.

(2.) The Crown C.C. (1870-1884), marks a period of Jamaica History which had far more of ill than good in it. It was a time when the people had no say in the management of their own affairs—they paid the piper but did not call the song. Like children, they had to take what was given them, whether they liked it or not—when the Governor alone, or in conjunction with his Executive Council, ruled as they saw fit,—when, in short, the people were treated as nonentities.

When introducing the provisional Post Cards of 1877 to the public, *The Gleaner* thus refers to the then existing form of Government as "blighting, withering influences of Paternal Government."

(3.) The Crown C.A. (1884-1904), illustrating our deliverance from the darkness of Crown Government into semi-representation, when, although the Crown appointed other representatives to Council, the taxed people also had theirs, whose privileges were, unfortunately, restricted by the over-riding power of the Governor, who could declare a matter of "Paramount importance," and with the help of his "Objectionable Four," brought into Council for that purpose, as was done in the celebrated "Florence Case," declare the will of the elected members null and void.

(4.) The now obsolete Multiple Crown C.A. (1904-1921), which, although it lasted but seven years, left us politically, as badly off as before, representative in name, but semi-Crown in reality—causing constant bickering between the Government and the elects, still with all its faults a leash on the Government.

(5.) The present Script Multiple Crown C.A. (1921-), which ushered in the Manhood of the People, and their call for a more dignified form of Government—a call which has been officially heard in Downing Street, but has not yet borne the fruit which alone will satisfy an awakened people, and which we are still striving to obtain, and will obtain.—
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The Continental Ribbed Paper U.S. Issue 1873-74

NEW LIGHT ON AN INTERESTING MINOR VARIETY PRODUCED BY THE CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE COMPANY DURING EARLY DAYS OF ITS CONTRACT FOR PRINTING UNITED STATES POSTAGE AND OFFICIAL ADHESIVES

By WARNER BATES, 184 State St., Albany, N. Y.

THIS article is inspired by the following paragraph from Mr. Herman Toasperm's interesting "Notes on General Issues" in the "Specialized United States" section of *Scott's Monthly Journal*, November, 1927:

"While on this subject," Mr. Toasperm says apropos of the stitch watermark, "it is interesting to point out that many so-called laid and ribbed papers of U. S. stamps pointed out by the ultra-microscopic specialist, are not what they are pointed out to be. The rollers, described above (rollers covered with felt or cloth, through which the web of newly manufactured paper is passed to squeeze out the surplus water) often have a woolen weft and a cotton warp. After the soft wool has partly worn away, it leaves the hard cotton exposed to press against the paper, and to line it as in ribbed papers."

The writer has no desire to take exception to Mr. Toasperm's remarks in particular, but to this and dozens of similar statements made by as many writers in philatelic magazines over a period of years, all of which are misleading and discouraging to that careful and conscientious study of the Bank Note Companies printings, which is necessary to clear up the many mysteries and misconceptions existing concerning them.

Mr. Toasperm's statement is just sufficiently general to let him off. Note that he says "many" and not "all" so-called laid and ribbed papers . . . are not what they are pointed out to be."

However, it is time that all these various general statements which cast doubt on the existence of a true ribbed paper among United States printings should be answered emphatically, once and for all. So here goes:

In this discussion, I will refer mainly to the Three Cent green, but most of the facts established can be applied to the other denominations of Continental printings during 1873-74, and to the official stamps for the same years.

Ribbed Paper Produced in 1873

The ribbed paper first came into use in 1873, and probably all printing on this type of paper was discontinued before the end of the year.

The earliest copy that I know of is a horizontally ribbed example of the three cent green used on a cover, pen cancelled from "Ore Hill (state unknown), Nov. 7, 1873."

Next is a cover with stamp tied by the Lime Rock, Conn., broken target, on

which is penciled the notation (so customary in filing covers of these days), Nov. 29, 1873. The Lime Rock postmark is dated "Nov," but the day is indistinct.

If anyone has earlier dated examples of the ribbed paper, I would like a record of it, but these two establish the use of this paper in small town post offices as early as November, 1873, and we can therefore assume that the actual printing on this type of paper was begun some time prior.

Other reference covers bearing examples of the ribbed paper in my own collection are as follows:

Horiz. Rib.—Year dated postmark, Moorestown, N. J., Dec. 20, 1873.

Vert. Rib.—Town postmark and Dec. 23—Letter inside cover dated Dec. 23, 1873.

Hor. Rib.—Postmarked Lowell, Mass., date indistinct, letter in cover dated Dec. 31, 1873.

Vert. Rib.—Manchester, N. H., Jan. 7—Letter dated Jan. 6, 1874.

Hor. Rib.—Postmarked Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 4, letter dated Jan. 4, 1874.

Hor. Rib.—Postmarked Orange City, Iowa, April 6, with pen notation for filing of April 8, 1874, on cover.

Vert. Rib.—Postmarked Galveston, Tex., April 21, with pencil notation of receipt at Cooperstown, N. Y., April 27, 1874.

Hor. Rib.—Postmarked Lime Rock, Conn., April (day indistinct), pencil notation for filing, April 28, 1874.

Hor. Rib.—Postmarked Akron, O., May 27—Letter was dated May 25, 1874.

Hor. Rib.—pen-cancelled from some town in Wisconsin, and pen dated June 4, 1874.

Hor. Rib.—Postmarked Lime Rock, Conn., Jan. (day indistinct), pencil notation for filing Jan. 15, 1875, on cover.

These thirteen covers should pretty well establish the use of the ribbed paper from the fall and winter of 1873, to the spring and summer of 1874. Naturally, copies will be found occasionally on covers of 1875, and even later, but not in sufficient quantities to indicate continued use beyond the spring and early summer of 1874.

Adding to the accumulative evidence of the above covers are two copies of the vertically ribbed paper off cover, dated Feb. 16, 1874, and May 16, 1874, both in pen writing.

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Recently I picked up a little group of covers, all from one small Virginian town, none of which were year-dated, but a find which I have every reason to believe covered the years 1873, 1874 and 1875 only. Unfortunately, all the letters had been destroyed.

Twelve of the covers carried copies of the horizontally ribbed stamp and were dated as follows: Nov. 21, Nov. 23, Dec. 5, Dec. 19, Feb. 6, 20 and 27, March 7, April 3, 17, May 15, 22. This probably was a more or less continuous social correspondence covering the winter and spring of 1873-74.

Crawford Capen, many years ago, stated that the first use of the ribbed paper was made in 1873, the largest use in 1874, and the final use late in 1875, or possibly early in 1876.

The first part of his statement agrees absolutely with the evidence of the dated copies given above, but remember, he is talking of usage only.

In more than ten years of specialization in Bank Note printings, I have found only one copy dated as late as 1875. The 1875-76 copies noted probably obsolete usage, such as 3 cent vermilion used during the nineties.

Also, I have absolute proof that by November, 1874, an entirely new printing on a different paper was in use, and I hardly believe that the Continental company was using two different kinds of paper and two distinct types of ink in their shops at one and the same time.

H. L. Wiley, in his work on "The Three Cent Green" copyrighted 1915, says: "My opinion is that this paper (ribbed) was used for a period of approximately six weeks. I have no dated copies, but as Capen refers to the use of the paper as early as 1873, and as the general appearance of the stamps indicates a decided effort toward perfection, which might naturally characterize the early efforts of the new contractors, I am inclined to believe that the stamps were printed sometime between June and December, 1873."

I regard this as a remarkably correct analysis, considering that Mr. Wiley at that time had absolutely no dated copies to study.

Accident Never Produced This Ribbed Paper

What I have sought to prove thus far is the probable use of the ribbed paper by the Continental Bank Note Company within its shops for only a few months, either all in 1873, or partly in 1873, and partly early in 1874.

The foregoing should be sufficient indication of the correctness of these statements, but I will give plenty more proof later on.

Remember, Mr. Toasperm intimates in his interesting statement that the ribbing might have been caused by a hard cotton warp being exposed on the worn covering of the rollers through which the wet paper web was passed to dry and shape it. This is no new theory. Other esti-

mable gentlemen in the past have stated the same idea.

It has also been said in the past that the ribbed effect possibly was produced by contact of the sheets of paper with sheets of mill boards, between which bunches of sheets of paper were flattened after being printed.

If either of these theories had any basis of fact, would this accidental ribbed effect have appeared only in the emissions of the Continental Bank Note Company between the fall of 1873, and the spring of 1874?

Of course not—the ribbed effect, if it were at all accidental, would have appeared spasmodically throughout the printings of the National, Continental and American Bank Note Companies over a period of twenty years.

There is absolutely no reason whatever why these worn cloth rollers should have acted up just for a few months during the first part of the Continental printings and then behaved like good little chaps all the rest of the time.

I have noticed a semi-ribbed effect on some of the twentieth century Bureau printings on soft paper, which I think possibly may have been caused according to Mr. Toasperm's theory, but not being a student of these later issues, I do not care to make a positive statement. I only know that there is absolutely no relation between these present-day "ribbed" effects on soft, porous papers, and the Continental ribbed paper, which is hard, snappy and very closely woven.

Plate Number Further Proof of Date of Use

One of the most prized pieces in my collection of the Three Cent Green on Ribbed Paper, is a top row stamp with margin showing the complete plate number "136." This is a used stamp.

Out of 112 plates used by the Continental people, Plate No. 136 was the twelfth plate made, according to Luff, and this seems to be added evidence that the ribbed paper was used early.

If other examples of plate numbers on ribbed papers are known, I should like to be informed. I know that other plates were used because of certain transfer peculiarities on the ribbed paper, which will be explained later.

The only imprints I have found on ribbed paper are Continental Imprints. Inasmuch as the National plates used by the Continental Company would logically have been used during the spring of 1873, when the contract changed hands, this adds evidence that the ribbed paper was not the first Continental emission, and strengthens the theory that it did not appear until the latter part of 1873.

In attempting to establish the actuality of the ribbed paper, and its legitimacy as one of the minor varieties of United States postal issues, I am drawing from my own collection, which fills one Ne Plus Ultra album of more than 60 leaves, and I find I cannot begin to cover the subject in a single article.

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By THORSTINA JACKSON.

Iceland is a sparsely settled country where a population of about 100,000 is scattered over an area about the size of Scotland. A striking characteristic of the people is their love and interest in their domestic animals. The most trusted companions of the Iceland farmer are the horse and the dog; they are his inseparable comrades on many a perilous journey. It is the instinct of these friends that guides him home over mountains and moors when overtaken by the sudden Arctic blizzards or the impenetrable fog that so obscures the trail, faint enough in fair weather, so that the human eye is entirely unable to distinguish the path.

One remarkable feature about Iceland is that every county is bounded on one side at least by a wilderness of lava, sand-dunes, mountains and heaths; inasmuch as the settlements are around the coast, all cross-country travel must be over this "no man's land." A network of automobile roads is found around the capital, Reykjavik, as well as the other principal towns; but the traveler in the interior, or the farmer whose home is several leagues from the coast does not come within the influence of Henry Ford or other enterprising automobile manufacturers, but has to rely on the sturdy Iceland ponies which, fortunately, are well equipped to withstand the hardship that such travel entails. They are larger than the average American pony and sure on their feet, a necessary requisite in a country where the trails wind around the edges of towering precipices with the

surging ocean or a mountain gorge below; a slip might mean a drop of 1,000 feet. The safest method under such circumstances is not to attempt to guide, but to leave everything to the exceptional ability of the steed to tread his way out of a dangerous place.

Iceland horses are easy to ride; their most common gait is the canter or the trot. They are home-loving animals and so reluctant to start on a journey that it is not until after at least half an hour's ride that they cease their efforts to persuade the rider to turn back. If they feel that they are not carrying an expert rider on their hind legs, stop, half turn around and thus endeavor by varied means to convince the would-be traveler that "home, sweet home" is best at all times. However, their tactics are not those of the western pony, who bucks and reels into the air in his efforts to throw his rider; they are rather a series of friendly capers. When the Iceland horse is satisfied that persuasion is of no avail, he makes the best of a bad job by speeding away with a swiftness and spirit that makes riding a delight. Their intelligence in fording the numerous rivers and streams that cross their path is difficult to equal; they never attempt to go against a stream, but invariably drift with it to the opposite shore.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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Kuwait.—"The ordinary Indian stamps were overprinted 'Kuwait' on the old wmk. paper, but not on the new, nor is there any present intention of printing any on the new wmk. paper. Sufficient old stock still exists for use

for some considerable time. No stamps were overprinted officially 'Koweit,' but some Indian stamps were overprinted by the Stamp Office, Calcutta, 'Koweit.' These never left the printers and were never authorized for issue. Recently a dealer posted a number of covers stamped with inverted Kuwait stamps, but did not register them, with the result that a number apparently did not reach the addressees. A further 126 covers were then offered by the same dealer for registration at the P. O. at Kuwait, but the Postmaster withheld them and referred the matter to Headquarters. I have seen some of these covers, and find that the inverted overprint cannot be distinguished from the genuine overprint, but as these inverted overprints never existed officially and no Indian stamps have yet been overprinted on the new Indian wmk. paper, the Postal Authorities have confiscated all the covers, the stamps on them being treated as forgeries. Collectors should therefore be careful to see

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| 554 | | 40 | 568 | | 1.25 |
| 555 | | 15 | 571 | | 20.00 |
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Price Changes.—The following alterations have been made to Gibbons' 1928 Catalogue prices,—

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|------|
| Antigua, 5/-, 1921 | 10/- | |
| Solomons, 1914, 1/- on green, 2/- | 2/6 | 2/6 |
| 1/- on "olive," | 2/6 | 3/- |
| 2/6, | 5/- | 6/- |
| 5/-, | 10/- | |
| Gibraltar, £1, 1912, | Delete price | |
| Leeward Ids., 5d script, | 2/6 | 2/6 |
| Malta, "POSTAGE" 4d, | 7/6 | |
| 1/-, | 7/6 | |
| 2/-, | 50/- | |
| Montserrat, 5d script, | 2/6 | 2/6 |
| 1/-, | Delete price | |
| St. Kitts, 2/6, 1920, | 10/- | |
| S. W. Africa, 1st Pictorials | | |
| 1/-, | 6/- | pair |
| 2/6, | 15/- | " |
| 5/-, | 30/- | " |
| 10/-, | 60/- | " |
| Turks & Caicos, 1/-, 1922, | 2/- | |
| 2/- script, | 4/- | |

It appears that the entire current series of the latter Colony, with the exception of the 1/4d, 1/2d, 1d and 1 1/2d, is now obsolete, as the remaining values (2d to 3/-) are all priced by Gibbons above their usual current issue figures, viz., 2d at 4d, 2 1/2d at 6d, 3d at 1/-, 4d at 8d, 5d at 10d, 6d at 1/-, 3/- at 7/6. It is unlikely that any new requisitions will be made, inasmuch as a supply of the old 1912 series is available—enough, I should imagine, to tide over the interval until the arrival of the new set.

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| 24p. #3. mint | .30 |
| 24p. #4. mint | 1.00 |
| 4p. #5. mint | .20 |
| 5p. #6. mint | .95 |
| 9p. #7. mint | 1.10 |
| 10p. #8. mint | .70 |
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miliar to many of our readers and we
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We are particularly pleased to welcome
our Honor Club, Max Steiner, vice-
president, banking department of the
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of Chicago's great down-town banks. We
understand that Mr. Steiner is much in-
terested in philately and that he finds it
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of the day.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

HAITI

The colder weather here makes us think of the warmer places so we naturally think
of Haiti. Our 12 page, fully illustrated catalogue where practically every major variety
is priced will gladly be sent upon request. The papers of Nov. 26th tell of disastrous
floods there, perhaps that will be an excuse for a new issue of surcharges if the Ameri-
can authorities in control relent from their present attitude.

1914 GLOZ Issues

| | |
|----------------------|------|
| 174 8c carmine | 3.00 |
| 177 5c dark blue | .08 |
| 178 10c orange brown | .08 |
| 179 20c orange | .15 |
| 180 50c claret | .50 |

On Issue of 1906

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|--------------------------|------|
| 181 1c de p green | .12 |
| 182 2c de p vermilion | .15 |
| 183 3c de p brown | .30 |
| 184 4c de p carmine lake | .25 |
| 186 7c de p gray | 1.00 |
| 187 8c de p carmine rose | 1.25 |
| 188 10c de p orange red | .25 |
| 189 15c de p slate green | 1.25 |
| 190 20c de p blue green | 1.00 |
| 191 50c de p red | 1.00 |
| 192 1 pia claret | 1.50 |
| 193 3c de g slate | .10 |

On Issues of 1910-13

| | |
|----------------------------|------|
| 198 3c de p orange | .12 |
| 200 20c de p green & black | 1.00 |
| 202 2c de g lemon | .04 |
| 203 1c de g carmine lake | .04 |
| 204 2c de g orange | .08 |
| 205 5c de p deep blue | .15 |
| 206 4c de p olive green | .35 |
| 207 7c de p orange red | .75 |
| 209 10c de p red brown | 1.00 |
| 210 15c de p yellow | .35 |
| 211 50c de p yellow | 1.25 |
| 212 1 pia red | 1.50 |

Beginning here the surcharges were all
made under American supervision.

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| 235 1c on 5c blue | .40 |
| 236 1c on 10c brown | .06 |
| 237 1c on 20c orange | .15 |
| 238 1c on 50c claret | .05 |
| 239 1c on 20c orange | .50 |
| 240 1c on 50c claret | .05 |
| 242 1c on 7c de p gray | .04 |
| 245 2c on 1 pia claret | .05 |
| 247 1c on 50c rose brown | 6.50 |
| 248 1c on 1g red violet | 6.50 |

On Issue of 1906

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|------------------------------|-----|
| 249 1c on 4c carmine lake | .10 |
| 250 1c on 10c red orange | .03 |
| 252 1c on 20c blue green (R) | .10 |
| 253 1c on 20c blue green (B) | .10 |
| 254 1c on 50c red (R) | .08 |

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|-------------------------------|------|
| 255 1c on 50c red (B) | .10 |
| 256 2c on 3c brown | .12 |
| 257 2c on 8c carmine rose (R) | .06 |
| 258 2c on 8c carmine rose (B) | .06 |
| 259 2c on 15c slate green | .04 |
| 260 2c on 20c blue green | .06 |
| 262 1c on 20c green & blk. | 1.25 |
| 263 2c on 3c yellow | .40 |
| 265 1c on 4c olive green | .30 |
| 266 1c on 7c orange red | .30 |
| 267 1c on 15c yellow | .40 |
| 268 1c on 50c yellow | .85 |
| 269 1c on 1 pia red | .85 |
| 270 2c on 8c olive green | .30 |
| 271 2c on 10c red brown | .20 |
| 272 2c on 15c yellow | .35 |
| 274 5c on 10c red (VB) | .30 |
| 275 5c on 15c yellow | 1.50 |
| 276 1c on 15c slate green | .08 |
| 277 1c on 20c blue green | .06 |
| 278 1c on 20c green & blk. | .15 |
| 279 1c on 1pi claret (Br.) | .06 |
| 280 1c on 1pi claret (R) | .75 |
| 281 5c on 1pi red | .12 |

Sur. on GLOZ Issues

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| 282 2c on 4c carmine lake | .30 |
| 283 2c on 8c carmine rose | .08 |
| 284 2c on 8c olive green | .10 |
| 285 2c on 20c green & blk. | .10 |
| 286 2c on 50c red (G) | .04 |
| 288 2c on 50c red (R) | .60 |
| 289 2c on 50c yellow | .15 |
| 290 2c on 1 pia claret | 2.00 |
| 291 2c on 1 pia red | 1.25 |
| 292 3c on 3c brown | .30 |
| 293 3c on 7c orange red | .15 |
| 294 5c on 3c brown | .15 |
| 295 5c on 3c orange | .60 |
| 296 5c on 4c carmine lake | .35 |
| 297 5c on 4c olive green | .12 |
| 298 5c on 7c gray | .08 |
| 299 5c on 7c orange red | .25 |
| 300 5c on 10c red orange | .15 |
| 301 5c on 15c yellow | .20 |
| 302 5c on 7c on 20c orange | .20 |
| 303 5c on 7c on 50c claret | 1.25 |
| 304 5c on 10c red orange | .20 |
| 305 5c on 50c olive gray | 2.75 |
| 306 5c on 15c violet | .15 |
| 307 5c on 50c olive gray (B) | .12 |
| 308 5c on 50c olive gray (M) | 1.25 |

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AUSTRIA, OFFICES IN TURKEY 1908

Scott Nos. 55, 1 piastre on white paper.

By JOSEPH TROWN, 1574 3d Ave., New
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There is a stamp listed in the Scott
Catalogue through several years, which
has brought up so many arguments,
whether that stamp really exists or was
printed. My experience on stamps in
this country, being a dealer in Austria,
that this stamp never was regularly is-
sued or printed.

At first I will say that three different
stamps of the 1 piastre were issued, two
on chalky surface-colored paper, one on
paper colored through. The first one is-
sued July, 1908, violet-blue on blue
chalky paper, back all white, the second
one issued during the current period,
deep blue on greenish-blue chalky paper,
on the back a little more or less greenish-
blue, it seems to be doty and in Dec.,
1913, ultramarine on blue ordinary paper,
colored through. These three stamps are
very easily distinguishable on unused
stamps; on used stamps of the two on
chalky paper it is a little hard to see
the difference and it can be distinguished
on the back side and the greenish-blue
is lighter than the other.

However it is, a stamp exists used

must exist unused, of course; how could
it be used, and nobody has ever seen a
mint copy of the stamp on white paper.
So what happened?

In 1920-22 the Austrian Postal Gov-
ernment in Vienna has sold used stamps
cut out of Parcel-post-cards and money-
orders of the years 1908 and 1918, by the
kilos and in there was some stamps of
the Offices in Crete and Turkey, so most
of them were washed off, and so came
the described stamp on greenish-blue pa-
per in the trade on white paper, because
the greenish-blue is very removeable in
water.

These two stamps on chalky paper are
anyway hard to get unused, and the
greenish-blue used in the original color,
as I said that most of them are washed
to white paper.

Now try to get one of each of the two
stamps used on chalky paper as described
above, and put both in warm water, leave
them in 10 to 15 minutes and you will
see the results: the violet-blue on blue
paper will change the color to violet-blue
on gray-blue paper, and most of them
are in different collections as the regular
Scott Nos. 49, the deep blue on greenish-
blue paper will change to deep blue on
white paper, and for the collector worth-
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| 621 | 3c green Columbian, unused | .50 |
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| 234 | 10c orange, perf. 12, unused | 4.00 |
| 430 | 7c black, perf. 10, unused | 1.25 |
| 473 | 11c green, perf. 10, unused | 4.75 |
| 524 | \$5 green and black, used | 10.00 |
| 537 | 3c violet Victory, unused | .25 |
| 612 | 2c Harding, imperf., unused | .20 |
| 613 | 2c Harding, Rotary, unused | .22 |
| 616 | 5c blue, Walloon, unused | .65 |
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Don't let this discourage you. There are some of the precancel fans who in the younger days of the hobby were only kept from spending their years in the mad house by the lack of a strong mind in the neighborhood to take the initiative in insanity proceedings. They lived through it—you will too, and see your collection grow and grow, and in the end be a never failing source of interest. Every mail will bring you something for your collection. The mail carrier, the corner merchant, the newspaper office, everybody and every place the mail reaches is a source of supply for your album. Cultivate them all.

The writer's own collection might well be termed a general collection, though embracing only the 1922-25 issue. The collection is five years old, but I have yet to complete Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, and every other town on the map, and I have not been idle, either. I lack some of the current set from my own home town. But are we downhearted? No!

And don't let the side-long looks of the "regular postage" collector deter you. His album is full of junk, too, if yours is. Precancel collecting is only a few years old, compared with the eighty-odd years of life of the postage stamp—and collecting started with the first stamp. We had our Harding blow-off, and now

that it is pretty well over it is to be doubted very much if we will ever have another. The varieties to come will in the main be legitimate, as they always have been, and the lessons of that debacle have been pretty well learned. And, to compare with this, you can look in every "regular postage" collection and see hundreds of varieties produced with the sanction of some government or other with no more excuse than the producing of revenue from collectors' pocketbooks.

This is a mad old world, anyhow. It is a sad old world, and a merry old world, and in it we have a number of things. Among these is the quirk of human nature that leads us to look askance at our neighbor's diversion, to say nothing of regarding with disapproval or disgust his views on politics, religion, and the Volstead act. Diversion we must have, and a hobby we must ride, so mystery envelops the reason for this disapproval of the other fellow. From this premise we assert our independence, and declare that we don't give a tin-plated whoop what particular branch of the philatelic tree our neighbor may chatter on, precancels are our particular twig, and be hanged to 'em. If he raps us with a cocoanut we will slap him with a banana peel. Burglars may break in and steal; fire may take our fragile treasures; flood may soil them beyond redemption; some other calamity than these may remove our stamps from our possession and cause our wives much rejoicing; but while we may let us gather our precancels and let our neighbor collect what he pleases.

And our activity will be limited only by our wish. New issues are constantly appearing, and like the caucas race in the fairy story, we can begin when we get ready and leave off when we like; and can feel that no matter whether we have a collection worth while or a book full of junk, we are the richer for the hours spent in the pursuit of this particular sideline of the most fascinating of all hobbies.—*Precancel Gazette*.

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GOOD SPECS IN BR. COLONIALS

By E. B. POWER.

(From the "Stamp Collectors' Magazine," 15 John St., N. Y. City. Price \$1.00 per year.)

New Zealand—I should advise collectors to gather in Nos. 182 and 183 in Scott's Catalog being Two Shillings and Three Shillings purporting to be a portrait of King George in Admirals uniform.

One glance at these stamps will convince you that they are the world's ugliest stamps and I think that the Royal George must have hesitated long before he put these into his Collection, which contrary to general belief, consists of British Colonies exclusively.

Niue—In this colony it would be well to watch the change of watermarks. You will notice that No. 32, the 1/2 penny, unwatermarked, has changed to No. 41, with a watermark, and No. 32, described as carmine and black has changed to No. 42, also described as carmine and black, whereas, as a matter of fact, it is a brilliant rose. I should advise the purchase of the balance of the unwatermarked set, Nos. 33-36 immediately, if not sooner.

North Borneo—Nos. 167 to 173. Why these have been brought into the catalog I cannot understand. We all know that Mr. Clark is most anxious to condense the catalog as far as possible and since these stamps are only a re-issue of the 1909 issue with a perforation of 12 1/2 instead of 14, I do not consider for one moment that they are major varieties. Following my old precept that we are collecting stamps and not holes. Cut them out.

Northern Rhodesia—Some of the fellows who collect stamps have an idea that Northern Rhodesia, Southern Rhodesia, Kenya, and Tanganyika, are going

to coalesce with the result of one issue for the four Colonies. I doubt it. Tanganyika, if you will remember, was German East Africa and the Government of this Territory was allotted to Great Britain by the League of Nations, or in other words, it was a Mandated Territory.

Since The League of Nations practically loaned it to Great Britain to administer, I fail to see by what right the effigy of King George appears upon the stamps, which means that if I have enough left, after paying my room rent I should buy a set of Tanganyika and put it away.

Outside of that, Northern Rhodesia is perfectly quiet and nobody need worry about anything.

Nyasaland—I called attention some time ago to the Half Crown, No. 20, which was remaining on multiple block C. A. This stamp has now gone to join the Angels, and is priced at \$2.00, it having appeared in script, being No. 33 in the catalog.

Those who did not buy when I told them to, will now have the pleasure of paying 50% premium for the delay, which carries out the well known saying, that "Procrastination is the thief of time," to which I would add, and the "Cause of many a hole in a stamp album."

As I am turning over a leaf of my catalog to dictate this article I happen to strike Poland, and as I struck this country, I happen to think of Hungary, and thinking of Hungary, I would like to ask if any person who subscribes to this magazine, or leaves it on the car seat for another fellow to read, has ever seen Hungary, No. 260, catalogued at 6 cents.

With great humility I am prepared to pay \$6.00 for this stamp.

St. Helena—If I was to put down in printing what I know of speculation in

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| 36 10c on 2p orange brown | .03 | | |
| 41 1914, 1c on 35c light blue | .06 | | |
| 42 1c on 1p light blue | .03 | | |
| 43 2c on 50c light blue | .05 | | |

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St. Helena, Sherlock Holmes would have to go out of business for five years. We have in this business what the dealers amongst themselves call "Sharpshooters," men who imagine they can catch the dealer asleep and trim him accordingly. Most of these fellows collect from 3/4 to 1 of a single stamp and immediately require a block of four when they think something is good, and why they persist in writing to dealers for these things I cannot understand. The dealer in British Colonials, such as I am, does not have his thumb on the market, he has both hands and most of his feet besides, and therefore, naturally knows any lightning changes that take place. Such is the case in St. Helena. The Ascension Islands have destroyed their stock of the 4d and 6d values, issuing in their place a 5 penny stamp. Coming events cast their shadows before, therefore, do you suppose for one moment that any dealer is going to be such a consummate ass as to sell the 4d and 6d St. Helena at current rates? Of course not. Then again, we find the 15 shilling stamp, No. 89, has been taken out of stock by the Postmaster and he has made a merry little bonfire with them. I have no information about the 7/6, but I think he has done the same thing with them. Therefore, the 15 shilling stamp, No. 89, which I supplied collectors with through my New Issue Service at 32 cents a hilling, equal to \$4.80, is now worth more money. As a matter of fact it is Six Pounds bid in London, but if you feel that a hundred per cent is good enough for you, you can send me all you have and I will give you \$10 apiece for them.

St. Kitts-Nevis—This is one of the places where the distribution has been well placed in the hands of the collectors and the dealers are out. I, myself, am so. Nevertheless, there is a very weak gamble in the five shillings, No. 34, and the ten shillings, No. 35. These two stamps still rest on multiple block C. A. Scott lists these stamps at \$4 or the five shillings, and \$7 for the ten shillings—high enough and probably

caused by Mr. Clark having a Chocolate Nut Sundae at Mr. Shrafft's.

These stamps are not obsolete—whether they are on sale or not in the Island, I do not know, but they can be bought at \$1.60 and \$3.15 from such dealers as sell British Colonials at reasonable, and not junk shop prices.

St. Lucia—In this country we find the penny brown, which should be red, and we find the 1 1/2d red, which should be some other color. Of course, the 2 1/2d orange which appeared in 1924 has gone where the woodbine bonnet and now costs \$2, when it could have been bought about two years ago for 10 cents. In this colony I should advise the purchase, immediately, of the 1d No. 82, the 1 1/2d No. 83. That is all I have to say.

St. Vincent—This very respectable colony is in line, except that I do not understand why the 1 shilling No. 136, should be in bistre. I believe I am right in saying that St. Vincent adheres to the color scheme, in which case the 1 shilling should change to black on green, and her two shilling, No. 127, and her five shillings, No. 128, are on a wild jam-boree and should be brought to their proper colors.

NEWS ITEMS:—

PRES. OHLUND informs us that the Suburban Stamp Club of Boston has taken three connecting rooms at the American House, beginning Jan. 1, 1928. We congratulate this progressive club upon its enterprise. A Christmas tree party and entertainment was held by the club Dec. 15, and an account will no doubt be published next week.

FRANK L. APPLGATE of Medford, Ore., desires information concerning two lost letters. One contained two beer stamps, 33 1/3c, series of 1878, one with Plate No. 1579. This stamp was cancelled "Grass Valley, Cal., Nov. 6, 1888," the date being filled in in mss. The other letter contained a \$2 California exchange stamp. It is one of the three copies known with open out-line letter inscriptions and with the word

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| Hejaz—Have almost complete. | | 1926, Nos. 82 to 90* | .35 |
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| 1926, 6c, No. 230* | .15 | 1.85 on 60c, No. 104* | .22 |
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| 2c, No. 238* | .10 | Nos. 714 to 718* | 1.75 |
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| 1926, Nos. 61 to 65* | 2.50 | Nos. 747 to 761* | 3.65 |
| Italy 1927, Volta, Nos. 188 to 190* | .25 | Nos. 762 to 771* | 13.75 |
| Latvia Nos. 132, 133, 134* | .45 | Nos. 762, 763, 768-771*, 6 var. | 4.75 |
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| Lithuania 1927, 5c, No. 218* | 2.50 | Nos. 1 to 10* | 10.00 |
| 1927, Nos. 219 to 222* | .30 | Tripolitania 1926, Nos. 19 to 23* | 1.25 |
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| Nos. 632 to 644* except 640. | 1.10 | Uruguay 1926, Nos. 410 to 413* | 1.75 |
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MR. DURLAND of the Sterling Stamp Co., Boston, Mass., has been confined to his home with illness during the past three weeks. He wishes us to say that accumulated business will be attended to as soon as possible.

"WE beg to advise you that the following stamps have just been issued:—Rarotonga, 2 1/2d deep blue and chocolate, 4d violet and deep green; Aitutaki, 2 1/2d blue and black; Niue, 2 1/2d deep blue and black, 4d violet and black, and Penrhyn, 2 1/2d blue and deep red-brown. All are on N Z and star paper, perf. 14."—WILCOX, SMITH & Co.

MR. AND MRS. FRANK P. BROWN of Malden, have closed their house in Malden, and will spend January in Los Angeles, Cal., returning to Wilmette, Ill., where they will spend the month of February with their daughter.

IN this issue B. Elmer, 61 Court St., Boston, Mass., returns to our advertising columns. While dealing in U. S. and foreign stamps, he makes a specialty of cancellations and precancels, two departments that are the result of years of search for varieties and hard-to-get oddities. Mr. Elmer has just removed

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that event will be regarded with editorial
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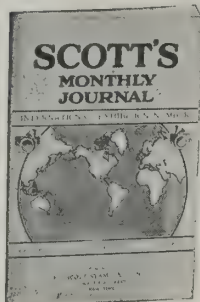
We congratulate Cleveland.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL

Some months ago, we learned that a
suit had been instituted against A. W.
Filstrup of Benton Harbor, Michigan, by
Y. Souren of New York, in the U. S.
Court at Grand Rapids, Mich., for thirty
thousand dollars, which was claimed as
commission, inasmuch as he had pro-
duced a customer who would purchase
Mr. Filstrup's stamps to the amount of
\$150,000, according to Mr. Souren's al-
legation. Mr. Souren had paid a visit to
Benton Harbor and talked with Mr. Fil-
strup about selling his collection for him;
and on the basis of this conversation, he
entered his complaint. As told last week,
the suit was decided at Grand Rapids in
favor of Mr. Filstrup; the judge took
the case from the jury and rendered his
decision. After the evidence was all in,
Mr. Filstrup's attorneys made a motion
that the case be taken from the jury be-
cause the plaintiff had not proved his
case and after the opposing attorneys
had their arguments, the Court ac-
quiesced and the case was dismissed in
favor of the defendant. The crux of
the case evidently was whether the plain-
tiff had produced a bona fide buyer for
the stamps, and the judgment of the
court was that he had not. Mr. Filstrup
had witnesses in his behalf at the trial
from New York and Chicago, and he
feels that in having defended his position
successfully he has performed a duty to
philately. The case embraced the ques-
tion of denial of a contract by Mr. Fil-
strup to sell even though this point was
not considered, but it was maintained by
Mr. Filstrup that Mr. Souren did not
produce a buyer with serious intentions,
although the plaintiff was supported by a
witness who said that he was ready to
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changed his mind on April 16th. Mr.
Filstrup repudiated the idea of any com-
promise and he entered into the case
very thoroughly; and though, naturally,
he was put to no little expense in amass-
ing evidence that fortified his position,
he believed, as we have already said,
that he was discharging a debt to his
philatelic fellows in fighting the issue
squarely.

The story of how the decision to
build the Panama Canal was influenced
by the exhibition of a Nicaraguan stamp,
showing the picture of a smoking vol-
cano, which decided the day against Nic-
aragua as a route, because of the mem-
ace of earthquakes. The story is a
good one and does not deserve to die, as
it has all the elements of human interest;
and it is not likely to, as now we find
that the Associated Press sent out the
tale dated at San Francisco, Dec. 13th,
as coming from the lips of Judge Francis
Henry Loomis, who, as assistant sec-
retary of state under the late John Hay,
helped the negotiations for acquiring the
Canal Zone.

In Morgan's column in the Chicago
Daily News, we have the sprightly par:
"Paris 'tourists' views' are to be used
on French stamps. However, as these
views will be confined to exteriors, such
as Eiffel tower, the Louvre, Johnny's bar
and the Opera, we look for no renaissance
in stamp collecting, such as was fore-
seen from the bare announcement." Not
so snappy, Gene. Just because you
may have forsworn stamps, do not think
that the philatelic sun is eclipsed. We
do not need a renaissance and if one
did come, there would be no place to
put it. It is amusing, sometimes, to hear
the comments of the ex-philatelist who
has removed himself from the sphere of
stamp action for a few years. When he
meets old philatelic friends, he seems
surprised or even chagrined to hear that
his recreancy has not been noticed and
to learn that stamps are going better
than ever before.

A recent issue of "Life" contained a
"he and she" joke that may not have
been caught on the fly by all non-philat-
elists. The young man asks the fair
one if she received the picture postal
card that he sent her from Hawaii. She
said that she had, but that he could not
pull the wool over her eyes; the card
had a U. S. stamp on it. Judging from
some of the questions asked by the pub-
lic, every member of it is not certain
just what stamps are used on mail from
Hawaii

We cannot ignore letters that have
come from those who have read recent
remarks on philatelic prices and finance.
The writers are agreed that the utmost
care should be taken in pricing stamps,
and that all guess work should be elimi-
nated particularly in dealing with spe-
cial items. Mr. L. M. Macy, Philadel-
phia, says: "I suppose that intentionally,
you avoid bringing the question of con-
dition into the discussion, but surely the
difficulty is to attune condition with quo-
tations. Aside from this, it is certainly
necessary to standardize prices because
collectors who find that they are misled,
lose faith in the investment side of their
collections. It is not to be denied that
the financial end of collecting is not lost
sight of by the man who spends thou-
sands of dollars on his stamps, even
though he may have the highest senti-
mental regard for them. No doubt,
there are two angles to consider, the
first one of which is now being studied,
but the truth of the call for improve-
ment in pricing is self-evident, while
condition in relation to prices is the real
problem."

The observations of Mr. Macy that
condition and price are inseparable
is not to be gainsaid and the ques-
tion no doubt will come to the fore.
While this phase of the review is not
being opened at present, the correspon-
dents write sensibly to admit that the
price factor is one of great importance,
although they may deplore undue em-
phasis of the financial side of collecting.
We must take human nature much as we
find it, and why should the person who
avowedly regards stamps as affording a
speculative field be quarreled with. The
average collector has a sentiment for
stamps that he does not allow the dollar
sign to over-ride. As a writer in Stamp
Collecting has pointed out, profit and
recreation are not incompatible, and he
shrewdly asks this question which may
be truthfully answered by many in the
negative: "Are recreation and profits so
opposed to each other that the one cannot
be enjoyed in the presence of the other?"

From Mr. H. C. Woodruff of Kala-
mazoo, Michigan, we have received a
copy of the old monthly, "Frank Leslie's
Lady's Magazine and Gazette of Fash-
ion," New York, for August, 1879, in
which he has marked an inch ad of
Stanley Gibbons & Co., then at 8 Gower
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MR. AUGUSTUS E. INGRAM, Washington, D. C., submits several interesting and intelligently written articles from the issue of the Christian Science Monitor for November 25th. As he says, "It's rare to see such articles in the philatelic press," a fact that is in mind when we copy something for our paper from the Monitor.

STAMP-ITIS is the booster sheet of the Texas Philatelic Association and emanates from Galveston. Incidentally, it brings Texas stamp news to the fore, and by no means neglects news of wider appeal. It is more interesting than some of the more pretentious sheets.

THE German Stamp Collectors Club of Chicago, elected the following officers for the coming year: President, Julius Loeffler; Vice-President, J. Max Golding; Secy., Wm. Thueringer; Treasurer, Jos. Whitebourn, and Sales Manager, Julius Loeffler. The society has finished a successful year and has increased in membership. The annual banquet will be held on Jan. 8, 1928, at Lincoln Turner Hall, Diversey and Sheffield Avenues, Chicago, at 2 P. M., after which a large auction sale will be held. Suitable entertainment will be provided for the ladies. All philatelists are invited to attend this yearly gathering; and further information may be had by addressing the president, 1848 Belleplain Avenue.

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One of the most elusive varieties of United States stamps and one of the most difficult of classification is the 24c purple of 1873, printed by the Continental Bank Note Company. It is listed in Scott's Standard Catalogue as number 164, but is not priced.

This is a stamp which has been considered by some authorities to be a myth. As some say, "there isn't no such animal," but the records of the National Bank Note Company and those of the Continental Bank Note Company seem to show conclusively that there were limited number of 24c stamps printed by the latter company after the delivery of the National Bank Note Company's plates and dies. In order to distinguish between the printing made by the two firms secret marks were added to all the dies, but no new plates were made from the 24c, 30c or 90c dies. Incidentally, all the stamps printed but not delivered to the government at the time of the change in the stamp printing firms were turned over to the Continental Bank Note Company. Among these were a considerable quantity of the 24c stamps. However, in 1879, when the American Bank Note Company took over the undelivered stock of the Continental Bank Note Company, there were found a quantity of 24c stamps exceeding the number delivered by the National Bank Note Company to the Continental Bank Note Company. This is the fact upon which experts rely in order to prove the existence of this rare stamp.

The true Continental print is very difficult to distinguish from the National print. One must rely upon the paper as the chief test as the National is frequently found in approximately the same shade as the Continental. The chief distinguishing factor in the paper is its whiteness. It is strikingly white and very brittle. The stamp could not be folded without breaking the paper. It is always found with very tiny fragments of silk thread in the same color as the stamp. Sometimes these are very diffi-

cult to see and it is almost always necessary to use a powerful glass to reveal the threads. The color is generally in a deep bluish purple although the writer has seen undisputed 24c Continental prints in a lighter and more reddish shade. The impression is always fine and clear and is deeply impressed in the paper. The color always shows through at the back of the stamp. This is frequently seen in the National print and cannot be relied on as a test. The whiteness of the paper and its brittleness are the chief factors.

In examination of hundreds of thousands of various stamps of the Bank Note printings the writer has never seen any of the National print on exactly the same paper as the 24c Continental appears. In fact, he has never seen any other values of the Continental printings on the exactly similar paper on which the 24c is found. The silk paper as found in other values seems to show a much larger proportion of tiny threads than the 24c does.

The catalogue seems to rely upon the color as a means of identification. The nearest approach to the actual color of the 24c Continental is the 3c Justice Department stamp on soft paper, which is only found in the rich dark shade. The color will probably not be exactly the same, but the general character of the color will be the same. However, the writer remembers a magnificent cover dated 1870, three years before the Continental Bank Note Company printed the stamps, that was a most unusually brilliant color. It was best described as a deep reddish purple. It was very near the true Continental shade but its early use absolutely precluded any possibility of it being a Continental printing.

The writer will be very glad to give his opinion on any 24c stamps belonging to members. It is a difficult thing for one who has not had the opportunity of comparison to arrive at a correct conclusion and the writer will be only too glad to give anyone the benefit of his experience with these stamps.

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Minor Varieties

So far as philately is concerned the question as to what constitutes a minor variety is one that has never, and probably never will be, satisfactorily settled. It is all a matter of degree, for while it is a comparatively simple matter to define major varieties as those of primary importance and minor varieties as those of less importance, it is impossible to draw up any rules as a guide to apportioning stamps definitely to either of these classes. If we suggest a definition that "A minor variety is one that differs from the normal type in some small particular" it may do for general use, but the collector will find it is often a difficult matter to state authoritatively which particular stamp, when several varieties exist, represents the normal type.

Junior Items

—James Zellon, 43 Granite St., Worcester, Mass., would like to organize a stamp club in his vicinity. Perhaps some of our Juniors residing in Worcester will give their names to James for membership in such a club.

—Norwalk, Conn., has a junior stamp club organized in 1926, and it is in a flourishing condition. It is known as the Junior Philatelic Society of Norwalk. The club meets every Tuesday at the homes of the members.

—We are very much interested in the forming of junior stamp clubs and will gladly publish any information or news matter that is sent in. If you want a meeting place other than the members' homes, go to the Y. M. C. A., and the secretary will accommodate you.

—Cortlandt Hamilton writes us that he is very much interested in our Junior Page, and would like a complete list of our philatelic publications. Every week or two we publish this list in the WEEKLY. It describes all the publications that we carry.

—There is a letter at this office for Richard J. Schwartz. As our mailing list is not arranged alphabetically, we make this public inquiry for his address, when the letter will be forwarded.

Juniors of Atlantic City, N. J.

By WM. JOSEPH, Sec.

The forming of a stamp club in Atlantic City has met with much enthusiasm on the part of local high school students. A set of by-laws has been drawn up and an executive committee, consisting of Pres., Vice-Pres., Sec., Fin.-Sec., and Philatelic Adviser, protects the interests of the club.

The adviser is a senior member, who is experienced in the hobby, and the one chosen is Mr. Ronald Evan Sweet. Correspondence is invited. Address Atlantic City Stamp Collectors Club, 44 North R. I. Ave., Atlantic City, N. J.

Junior Dictionary

Postgebiet Ob. Ost.—An overprint applied to some of the contemporary stamps of Germany in 1915 for use in the occupied territories of Lithuania and Courland. The abbreviation is for "Oberbefehlshabers," and the surcharge means "Postal area of the Eastern Commander-in-Chief."

Post Horn.—(I.) A watermark found in connection with most of the stamps of Norway, Brunswick and the first issue of the Netherlands.

(II.) A post horn is printed on the backs of all the stamps of the 1886-87 stamps of Sweden and serves the same protective purpose as a watermark.

(III.) A post horn forms the principal feature in the design of the newspaper stamps of Hungary, used in 1871-72. These stamps show no inscription whatsoever.

(IV.) It is also a principal feature in the design of the stamps of Norway since 1872.

Postmark.—A postmark is really any mark applied to a letter or other postal packet during its journey through the post, but it is nowadays generally used in the more restricted sense of postal cancellation, i.e., a mark used for the purpose of obliterating the stamps.

Postmarke.—This word, meaning "Postage Stamp," is shown on the 4/4ggr stamp of Brunswick.

Postmasters' Stamps.—A term applied to certain provisional postage stamps issued by the authority of the local postmasters in various cities of the United States and in Bermuda prior to the appearance of the regular governmental issues.

JUNIOR STAMP STUDIES

**IRON CROWN
Hungary A4
1900-14, 1 Filler**



This type of Hungarian stamps pictures one of the most historic crowns in existence. It is known as St. Stephen's crown, or the iron crown; before the twelfth century it was called the golden crown. It is said to have been worn first by Agilulf in 591. It was later worn by Charlemagne, Charles V and Maria Theresa. It was used at the coronation of the Lombard kings, and of the German kings as sovereigns of Italy. St. Stephen, first king of Hungary, whose name is associated with it, was crowned with it A. D. 1000. In 1805 Napoleon crowned himself with it at Milan. Afterwards two Austrian emperors wore it and it was taken to Venice. Kossuth in flight in 1849 buried it near Orsova on the Danube where it was found by a peasant. In 1866 it was restored to Monza, where it now rests in the church of St. John the Baptist.

It is made of six pieces, and is adorned with 22 jewels, 26 golden roses and 24 enamels. On the inside is a circlet of iron, said to have been made from a nail from the Cross, given by Pope Gregory I (590-604) to the Lombard Princess Theodelinda. The background represents the immense plain of Hungary. On the left top of the crown is one of the "Crow's Wells," as the wells are called, which are found here and there over the plain. On the right is the road by which the Magyars entered Hungary for the first time, from the region east of the Carpathians. Under the leadership of Arpad about 986 they came to Modacs where Arpad was crowned chief over the tribe. Above the crown is seen the "Jurul," the mythological bird of the Magyars, which, according to the legend, descended from heaven and rested upon the head of Arpad at his proclamation as King of the barbarous horde.

Missionary Stamps

This is the name by which the rare stamps forming the first issue for the Hawaiian Islands is generally known. These stamps came to be known as "missionaries" from the fact that most of the few existing specimens were found on letters sent by American missionaries in Hawaii to their friends and relatives in this country. The first stamps of Uganda, which were manufactured with the aid of an ordinary typewriter by one of the missionaries stationed there, are also frequently known as missionary stamps.



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Perplexing Surcharges

R.—Reunion. In 1885, a number of French Colonial stamps were surcharged with this letter for temporary use in the Colony of Reunion.

R. B.—Road Board. An overprint found on certain South Australian stamps used before 1874.

R. G.—Registrar General. Also a So. Australian overprint.

Brain Teasers

You May Ask Dad—If Necessary.
By ASHLEY C. LeDUC.

Here is a good one for the juniors—yes, there will be prizes! You may have up to Jan. 25 to send in answers. Write us if you can answer only one question.

1. On what stamp is the word "quince" found?
2. Whose picture is shown on New Caledonia, No. 1?
3. What do the letters "O.H.S." mean on Egyptian official stamps?
4. On the 1922 issue for Egypt, the official surcharges are changed to "O.H.E.M.S." What do the letters signify?
5. What country has used the watermark "CASA DO MOEDA" in the paper that some of its stamps are printed on?
6. Certain stamps of Austria, Danzig, Memel, etc., are found with the word "Flugpost." What does it signify?
7. How are the numeral stamps of Colombia 1904 and 1908 issues distinguished?
8. What animal is pictured on the 1918 issue for Newfoundland?
9. Whose picture is found on the U. S. 11c stamp of the present issue?
10. Where are the plate numbers found on the older issues of the stamps of Great Britain?

"Country" Etymology

Barbados.—Named from fiscus barbata, a kind of fig tree, which was met with abundantly in that place.

Bermudas (Islands).—received their names by their discoverer, the Spaniard Juan Bermudas in 1515. The islands were also called Sommers Islands, after Sir George Sommers, who was stranded here 1612 and took possession of them in the name of the English.

Bavaria.—At the time of the migration, the Celtic people of Boioasia, i.e., that the inhabitants of the land of Boii, stationed guards who came from their former dwelling places to the above mentioned land of Boii, the present Bavaria (Bayern) and transferred their name to their new dwelling place.

—Ill. Briefmarken Jour.—Am. Jour. Phil.

Stones on Postage Stamps

By B. W. H. POOLE.

(From "Philatelic Opinion", 620 Washington Bldg., Los Angeles, Cal. Subscription price \$1 per year.)

Probably it has occurred to few of us what a large part stones play in our lives. Certain precious stones associated with one's natal month are supposed to be omens of good luck—there is usually a small stone in the ring a man gives to a maid when plighting their troth, and stones are used to mark the resting places of our dead.

Shakespeare found a "sermon in stones" and while a collector may not find a sermon he may well find amusement in making a collection of stamps showing stones of various kinds in their design.

Stones may be said to have played their part in the history of America, for had not Queen Isabella pledged her jewels or precious stones (see the Columbian \$1 stamp) Columbus may never have been able to secure the funds to finance his famous voyage of discovery. It was a stone—the famous Plymouth Rock—upon which the Pilgrim fathers landed as depicted on the 2c stamp of the Pilgrim tercentenary issue, while on the 5c value of the Trans-Mississippi issue we find that huge mound of stones known as the Rocky Mountains—the great divide over which Fremont pioneered a way. On the 8c value of the Pan-American issue the Canal Locks at Sault Ste. Marie—man-made chiefly of

stone—are shown, and on the 5c stamp of the Panama-Pacific series we find more stones in the shape of the famous rocks which form the Golden Gate. On the series at present in use, in addition to the Golden Gate, we find the Statue of Liberty, the Arlington Amphitheatre, the Lincoln Memorial and the Capitol at Washington depicted—all famous monuments in stone. One more instance will suffice insofar as United States stamps are concerned—the 5c Huguenot-Walloon stamp on which the monument at Mayport, Florida, is shown.

Literally hundreds of stamps show precious stones as parts of their designs, usually on the crowns of the royal heads depicted, such as the portraits of Queen Victoria, some of these of King George, the Shahs of Persia, just to mention a few.

Stones are used in the construction of most of our public buildings and the collector will find plenty of stamps in his album to illustrate this point. We find Houses of Parliament, such as those on stamps of Bolivia and Argentina; palaces and castles as depicted on various issues of China, Denmark, Eritrea, Hungary and Austria; famous towers as shown by Bosnia and Bulgaria; religious edifices, as the Temple of Heaven in China, the Mosque of Tadjourah in French Somali Coast, the Cathedral at Montevideo, and another at Panama. There are monuments galore—Barbados, Belgium, Chili, Argentine, Costa Rica, to mention a few: post-offices as shown by Germany, Denmark, Mexico and Guatemala; famous ruins as depicted on Grecian, Egyptian and other stamps; a lighthouse in Mexico, exhibition buildings at Ecuador and Dominican Republic; as well as art galleries, museums, hospitals, barracks and libraries.

When stones are big and dangerous we call them rocks and they are frequently a danger to navigation—one of the Cabot stamps of Newfoundland will serve as a case in point.

Other big conglomerations of stone we call mountains and here again many examples are to be found on stamps. As instances we will cite Mt. Chimborazo of Ecuador, Mt. Ida of Crete, and Mt. Houllemon on Guadeloupe.

Monoliths are pillars of stone, and one fashioned in the shape of a god adorns one of the stamps of Bolivia. The famous Sphinx and equally famous Pyramids of Egypt are enduring man-made monuments of stone while on a Tongan stamp and another from Guatemala we find prehistoric stone monuments depicted.

We enclose our best loved gardens in artistic walls of stone and huge stone walls were erected in olden times to repel invaders. An interesting example will be found in the Great Wall of China shown on the air mail stamps issued by that country.

Stones are the objects which people in glass houses are advised not to throw, and it was with a small stone that David killed the giant Goliath. While this incident is not shown on a postage stamp we do find an episode of stone throwing depicted. On the 1902 stamps of Bulgaria, issued to commemorate the battle of the Shipka Pass, Bulgarian patriots are shown in the act of hurling rocks and rolling huge boulders down the steep mountainside on to their Turkish aggressors.

SAM SENTIMENTAL STAMPA-TALE SEQUEL

By AMY L. SWIFT.

(The many friends of Senor Severn will appreciate Susan's compliment to his "Studios stamp stuff". She would no doubt have done better but for the fact that the letter "S" has its limitations.—W. O. W.)

Several seasons sped swiftly since Sam Styles secured sweet Susan Stubbs. Saw Senora Styles Saturday, September seventeenth. She, still sweet, stylishly slender, said Sam successful salesman; somewhat stout, scaled seventeen stone. Said Sam's "shack" sheltered seven stalwart sons, single small sister. Senior son, Samuel, seasonable sugar speculator, scooped spondulacs strikingly; spliced Selina Somers, Syracuse societyite, staying Syracuse. Samuel shows small son,

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Sylvanus, sky soarer, says sky speeding simply sublime. Still single. Serves Switzerland, so saves Swiss stamps.

Seth, smart surgical student; spruce, solemnly sedate, splendidly skilful. Stoops somewhat; spectacled, studies so severely. Says stamps slacken strained sensations; smooth snappish, snarly spirits; stimulate senses; soothe sorrows; supply sport. Suggests spurious specialism, saying shall study such sometime.

Stephen, spruce Sophomore, studying socialism, sanctions stamp saving. Sagaciously solicits scarce stuff; swaps shrewdly; soundly scores skinned specimens, spots, specks, stains, sundered scraps. Spurns spurious similarly. Seen sundry stamp shows.

Simeon, still school student. Septimus same. Stampic spirit slight, Scout spirit strenuous. Sam sadly says stamp sway seems shunned. Susan simply smiles serenely, saying "Sons small. Suitable season sometime."

Sophonria, still smaller (scarce seven

summer), selects showy stamps snappily. Stephen, Sophronia's slavish servitor, supervises selections somewhat, saying "Sis's smart. She swallows sapient suggestions speedily, so she'll soon see stamps serving sensibly should supersede saving saucily speculative sets."

Susan's sire, Stubbs Senior, sleeps. Stubbs Senior's son Silas, sniffily spurning stamp symbols, selected sky study, seeking stars. Says Saturn's secrets strange; shooting stars splendid startling sight. Silas strongly suggests squashing stamp study, substituting star staring. Staid Stampists simply smile.

Susan's sister Sarah, Salvationist, served soldiers. Sings soul-saving songs superbly. Sarah scorns stamp saving. "Surprisingly silly!" she says. "Succoring souls seems surpassingly superior service. Saintly! Sublime! Submerges self."

Susan says she's still strongly stampic. Sam same. She sees Senor Severn's studious stamp stuff steadily, scrupulously sending subscriptions seasonably. She says Senor Severn surely supplies superior service, substantial, salubrious, splendidly snowy; sternly shunning sarcasm, satire, scandal; stimulating study; steadily suppressing shameful stratagems.

Susan's synopsis summarized, story stops.

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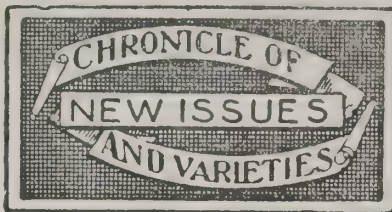
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United States

Current 9-Cent, Shade

Mr. W. A. Bork has shown me a copy of the current 9-cent Jefferson, perforated 11, printed from the flat bed press, which is in a salmon color, somewhat different from any that I have seen before. While I have seen a light salmon shade, this is in a deep strong shade, without any of the pink tinge to be found in the normal stamp.

I would like to see further mint copies of this variety, in order to definitely confirm that it is not a changeling.

Plate Numbers

In the Chronicle for December 5th, Plate Numbers 19248 to 19263 inclusive, were inadvertently described as flat plates. All of these are of the rotary type, and should have been described as "curved." I wish to thank Mr. A. E. Owen for bringing my attention to the discrepancy.

President's Message to Congress

In the President's message to Congress, mention is made that on February 25, 1929, the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the capture of Fort Sackville will be celebrated. This capture eventually brought into the Union what was known as the Northwest Territory, embracing the region north of the Ohio River between the Alleghenies and the Mississippi River.

This expedition was led by George Rogers Clark, and the President tells us that his victory is too little known and understood. This heroic act gave us not only the Northwest territory, but by means of that the prospect of reaching the Pacific. The State of Indiana is proposing to dedicate the site of Fort Sack-

ville as a national shrine. The Federal Government may well make some provision for the erection, under its own management, of a fitting memorial at that point.

May we call the attention of the Post Office Department that a commemorative stamp for the occasion would be in order.

The President further mentioned that we will shortly commemorate the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of George Washington, and suggestion has been made for the construction of a memorial road leading from the Capital to his home in Mount Vernon. It is stated that the commission entrusted with preparations for the celebration will undoubtedly recommend publication of the complete writings of Washington, and a series of writings by different authors relating to him.

This is another occasion which certainly will be brought to the attention of the Post Office Department at the proper time. A general series depicting incidents in the life of our first President should certainly be considered.

Air Mail Notes

In a recent Chronicle, mention was made of the special octagonal postmark used on air mail at Madison, Wis., on November 22nd last, at which time the air mail service was inaugurated in this city on C. A. M. No. 9.

Messrs. O. C. Rittenhouse and E. Strasser now show me covers mailed from the same point, bearing a further first day postmark enclosed within a small rectangle reading in five lines,—"First Flight Inaugurating Contract Air Mail MADISON The Four Lake CITY." This was applied in blue, violet, magenta, and bright red, both separately and in conjunction with the octagonal postmark.

The Postal Bulletin of December 12th, states that air mail services on certain routes from London to the Continent have been suspended and that only those shown on a detailed list mentioned in the said Bulletin will be open until further notice. The same bulletin gives rates, etc., for mail carried to the several countries having special air mail services with Great Britain.

In the President's message, further mention was made of the rapid growth taking place in aeronautics. The Department of Commerce has charge of the inspection and licensing system and the construction of national airways.

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Flights for other purposes exceed 22,000 miles each day. Over 900 airports completed and uncompleted have been laid out.

The President asks that the Post Office Department should be granted power to make liberal long-term contracts for carrying our mail, and the authority should be given to the Army and to the Navy to detail aviators to co-operate with private enterprises in establishing such mail services with South and Central American countries. He states that a committee of the Cabinet will later make a report upon the subject.

Algeria.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the appearance of the following new items of this country: 65c dark brown, 90c vermilion, 1fr 10c bright magenta, all in Scott's A3 design, 10fr brown and pink, 20fr purple and green type of A4, in the postage due series, "60" on 20c olive-green, "2f" on 45c green, "3f" on 25c rose, 2fr lilac-rose and 3fr blue, in type D2, "1f" on 1c olive and 2fr pale blue.

Abyssinia.—A new issue has been ordered from France and has been delivered. It will be issued to the public when the new Post Office is inaugurated. The face value of the complete series will be about \$10, the highest value being the \$5.

We learn, on good authority, that sets of the current series leaked on to the stamp market without going to the country of issue. In order to "show up" the leakage, the Government decided not to issue the 4 guerches and \$2, so that these values were never used for postage, though the present postal administration has sold them to dealers and collectors.—*Gibbons' Stamp Monthly.*

Belgian Congo.—60c red. Further to our note of October 29th, M. Giquiere writes in *La Revue Postale* that possibly this value will not be reprinted in red, but that it is a necessary value and will certainly continue to be issued.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

Ceylon.—Three high values in the Nyasaland type 10, 20, and 100r, were issued at the Colombo G.P.O. on October 24th, says our Special Correspondent, Mr. F. C. Hollick, who kindly sends us the subjoined cutting from the *Times of India* of the 22nd ult.:—

"Attempts to exploit old stamps have often been brought to light, and consequently the Postal authorities have for long contemplated a change in the stamps. There will be new issues of 10r, 20r, and 100r stamps. These stamps are quite different in hue, texture, and printing,

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Chile.—Relief Stamps. The recent railway accident at Alpatocal is the *raison d'être* for the issue of two charity stamps in aid of the victims. According to *L'Echo*, two telegraph stamps will be issued of 10c and 40c, the use of which will be obligatory on telegrams and cables, respectively. The surtax will be entirely devoted to the Relief Fund. Our contemporary states that the quantities will be: 10c carmine and black (4,600,000); 40c blue and black (350,000). —Philatelic Magazine.

Falkland Islands.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the 1p, script, in a new bright red shade.

Gilbert and Ellice Islands.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown us the 1p in a violet color, script watermark. This is a new shade for this value.

Greece.—A special set of stamps has been prepared to commemorate the centenary of the naval battle of Navarino, in which Admiral Codrington annihilated the combined Turkish and Egyptian fleets. Special festivities were held at Navarino on October 20th to celebrate the centenary of this historic battle, and we understand that two denominations of these stamps were placed on sale, 1dr 50lep and 5 drachmae, the former showing a picture of the Bay of Navarino where the naval battle took place, and the latter with a portrait of Lord Codrington. Our Athens correspondent kindly informs us that these two denominations were placed on sale at Pylos, near Navarino, on the anniversary date, but none of the series have thus far been issued to the Postal Authorities in Athens. It is expected, however, that they will be put on sale in the near future. —Whitfield King & Co.'s Philatelic Bulletin.

Norway.—Mr. Reidar Johansen and Mr. A. N. Jorstad tell us that Postage Due stamps have been withdrawn from use as from October 1st. They will either be burned, or used up as provisional postage stamps. —Gibbons' Stamp Monthly.

Portugal.—A new set of pictorial stamps to commemorate the Independence of Portugal was issued on November 29th, and their use will be compulsory on November 29th, 30th, December 1st and 2nd. The denominations are as follows:—2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 15, 16, 25, 32, 40, 48, 80, 96 centavos, Esc. 1.60 and Esc. 4.50. Twelve denominations have been overprinted for the Azores. —Whitfield King & Co.'s Philatelic Bulletin.

South West Africa.—With further reference to the 5d Transvaal Postage Due stamps with the new Afrikaans overprint "Suidwes" instead of "Zuid-west," we are officially informed that only a very small quantity of these stamps were issued and that no more are obtainable. —Whitfield King & Co.'s Philatelic Bulletin.

Sweden.—Copies of the 50 green, and 10c violet, Lion type, both perforated 10 all round, printed from a new die, are at hand from Mr. R. Roberts. These stamps are issued in booklet form.

Syria.—The appended advice from our Beyrout Special Correspondent, Mr. N. R. S. Joly, throws significant light on recent references to this French mandated territory:—

"Please note that a second printing of the 15pi stamp of Lebanon Republic has now appeared. In this printing the overprint 'REPUBLIQUE LIBANAISE' is above instead of below the surcharged value.

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Tunis.—We translate below the decree anent the projected Child Welfare stamps due for issue next month:—

1.—A new series of postage stamps, issued for the benefit of the Tunisian Child Welfare, will be placed on sale during the month of December, 1927.

2.—This series will be printed in *taille-douce*, comprising seven values, viz., 40c, 50c, 75c, 1fr, 1.50fr, 2fr, and 5fr, and will be sold at *double face value*, i.e., 22fr 30c the set.

3.—The issue will comprise 100,000 sets, and the Administration prohibits any increase of this number.

4.—The difference between the sale price and the postal franking value of these stamps, after deducting 1 per cent., will be devoted to the Child Welfare.

5.—Sets will be sold on demand against written order accompanied by the necessary remittance. Persons desiring to obtain sets should address their orders to the Director of Posts and Telegraphs, Tunis, sending remittance to cover cost and return postage by money order, bank notes, or draft on Tunis. No stamps will be sent unless paid for in advance, and no orders by post will be complied with after December 1, 1927.

6.—A certain quantity of sets will be kept for sale at the public counters during one day. —Stamp Collecting.

THE GREAT COMPETITION

The great International Exhibition was drawing to its close. The master minds, gathered from the four corners of the earth were in conference in the jury rooms. The experts on United States had judged all the European stamps, the great authority on Italian stamps had made the awards in U. S. Locals and Carriers as well as Patriotic covers. The two experts on British Colonies had worked hard judging the South American and Oriental collections.

They were really tired, for the Jury had not made enough entries, and some medals had to be awarded to outsiders on a basis of Dun and Bradstreet ratings. But they tackled the greatest task unflinchingly and with the nerve and animation foreign to their natures.

Outside stood and lounged a great group of spectators, with a look of feverish excitement on every face. There stood Doctor Chittenden, smiling, so rapt that he failed to hear Willard O. Wylie ask him to have a drink of pre-

war stuff. Little Willie Kennett and his playmate Artie Hind were sitting together on the edge of a campstool awaiting the result with boyish excitement. "Bricktop" Colson stood with his arm draped over John Klemann's shoulder both seemingly fascinated by the closed door. Dozens of men, prominent in the markets of the world, stood, with bated breaths for the judgment to come from the Master Minds of Philately.

Sitting in a phone booth sat Charles Lathrop, rubbing his smooth shaven face, holding a direct phone connection to Buckingham Palace. Holding the wire on the other end was Sandringham, while his Majesty walked the floor with impatience, petting the Prince who had just left another horse unexpectedly.

Suddenly a thrill shot through the crowd. The door slowly opened and the crowd leaned forward for the news!

The slight figure of Al Lichtenstein became apparent, and a shaft of late afternoon sun lit up his pinched and wan face. He seemed a cherub addressing an Athenian mob.

"Gentlemen," he began in his sweet soprano voice, "to me has fallen the honor of addressing you, as perhaps the best public speaker in philatelic circles save John Luff. The members of the Jury have given deep cogitation, lucubration, reflection, speculation and 'what have you' to this award.

To begin with, no entry in this class was made by a member of the Jury, which made it very difficult to make what we consider the proper award. In a way this is unfortunate. It is now quite evident that several people and firms will now have Exhibition medals to show besides the Jury.

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The roar of approval that came from the crowd shook the building so that it appeared as though Mr. Rogers had found out some one had gotten in free and was raising his voice to high heaven!

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The number and variety of existing types of boat is almost infinite. Depending as they do, upon the need to be satisfied, the materials available, and the means of overcoming constructional difficulties, they range from the primitive dug-out (exactly the same as that in use many thousands of years ago), to the modern ocean liner.

The dug-out canoe, with various modifications, is met with amongst most of the native tribes of Africa, and indeed, in nearly every part of the world. On the Congo river, they take the form of very large native "barges," cut from a single tree. These canoes have been seen as much as 80 feet long by 10 feet wide. They are propelled by long poles, in much the same way as an English wherry or lighter is "quanted." The construction of such canoes as these entails enormous amount of patient labour on the part of their builders. In some cases they are hollowed out by fire; in others, the natives make use of such primitive tools as they are able to manufacture, but, by either method, the process takes many weeks to complete.

A smaller type of dug-out, used by the natives of Liberia, is made from a single cotton-wood tree, hollowed out and strengthened by cross-ribs. So light are these canoes, that they are unsinkable, even when filled with water. They can thus be navigated with ease over the roughest surf, with the aid of single-bladed paddles.

The canoes of the Ivory Coast (French West Africa), are another example of the simple dug-out. The lack of stability of this type of canoe in all but the calmest waters, led to the use of the "outrigger," a piece of wood fastened parallel to the side of the canoe by means of two or more long poles. This device, of course, preserves the balance, and allows of heavier weights being carried than would otherwise be possible. The outrigger is used chiefly in connection with sailing-craft, but examples of its use on paddling canoes are shown on the stamps of New Caledonia.

The war canoe of the Solomon Islanders is a much more elaborate affair, skilfully built of planks, sewn together and caulked. The high curved bow and stern give the craft almost a crescent shape. These, and the gunwale, are tastefully inlaid with mother-of-pearl, and wreathed with shells and feathers.

The gondola, the characteristic conveyance of the canals of Venice, may also be classed with the canoes. It is a flat-bottomed boat, some 30 feet long by 4 or 5 feet wide, with curved and ornamented bow and stern pieces. It is propelled by a single oar over the stern, and has usually a small cabin for passengers. The boats referred to on the Italian stamps are not strictly gondolas, but are boats of a similar type, used on the Italian lakes.

Native sailing craft, like the canoes, are numberless in design, ranging from the ordinary canoe type fitted with mast and sail, to regularly built "ships." The

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"caique," a light boat of shallow draft, is common on the rivers of Turkey, and over Eastern Europe generally.

The boat shown on the South American lake, Titicaca, appears to belong to the first class mentioned above, i.e., a canoe with sail attached. No rudder is fitted to such craft, the steering being effected by means of a paddle.

On Lake Nyassa, the largest inland sea of Africa, are found larger sailing craft, of similar type to the Arab "dhow." They are of about 150 to 200 tons burden, and exceedingly good sailors.

The war canoes of the Polynesian races are illustrated on the stamps of New Zealand. The native Maoris of New Zealand are of Polynesian descent, their tribal tradition asserting that they first arrived in that country about 500 years ago, from "Hawaiki" (probably Samoa) in six war canoes. The arrival of the first of these canoes is depicted on the New Zealand commemorative stamp of 1906. The canoes were of large size, capable of carrying 100 or more persons, and were well built up of planks fitted or sewn together, caulked and pitched; the triangular sails were of matting. The larger canoes are now no longer built, but various smaller kinds are in use. The Maoris are skilled wood carvers, and decorate most of their vessels with carvings.

The "catamaran," or surf-boat, is seen everywhere on the Madras coast. It is steadied by outriggers on either side, and is capable of considerable speeds. Various views of the vessel are shown on the stamps of Zanzibar.

The "felucca" is one of the fastest and largest sailing-boats of the Mediterranean. It is undecked, and has high bows and a raking sternpost. The rig consists of one, or two masts, with lateen sails, and a jib. Riding low in the water, it is also suited for rowing, and in fact is a development of the "galley" of the middle ages. These vessels are now used chiefly as fishing boats.

Further East, throughout the Arabian and red Seas and the Persian Gulf, the typical sailing vessel is the Arab "Dhow." It has plenty of beam, an overhanging stem and transom stern, and one mast with lateen sail, the yard being of enormous length. The double planking, over a wooden frame, conduces to dryness and great durability. The "gyassa" follows this type closely in build and rig, but is larger.

The "proa" is the typical vessel of the Malay peoples. The stem and stern are exactly similar in shape, but the weather-side of the boat is rounded, whilst the lee-side is flat. The enormous triangular sails are made of fine matting; the oars are usually manned by slaves. An extra

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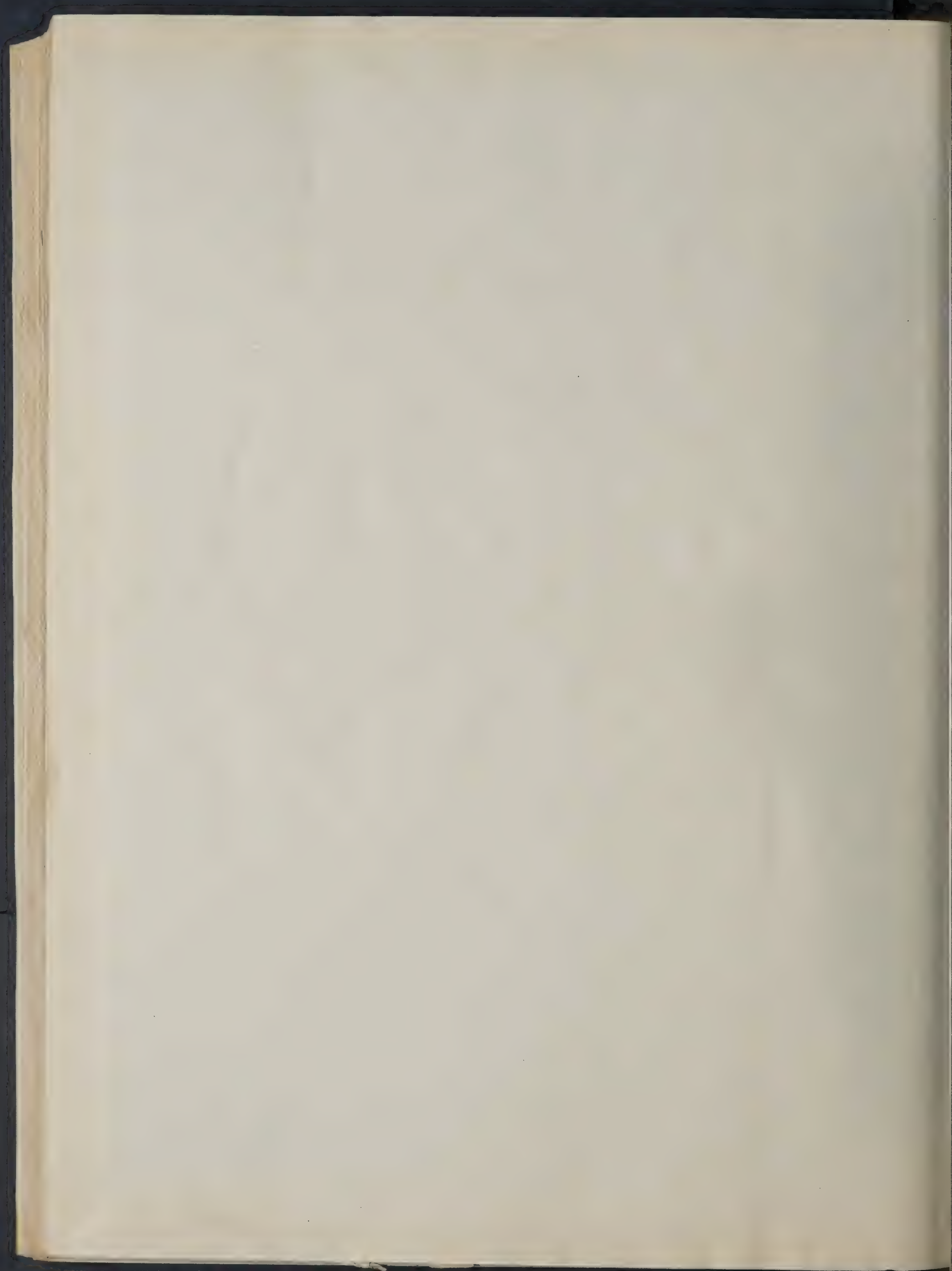
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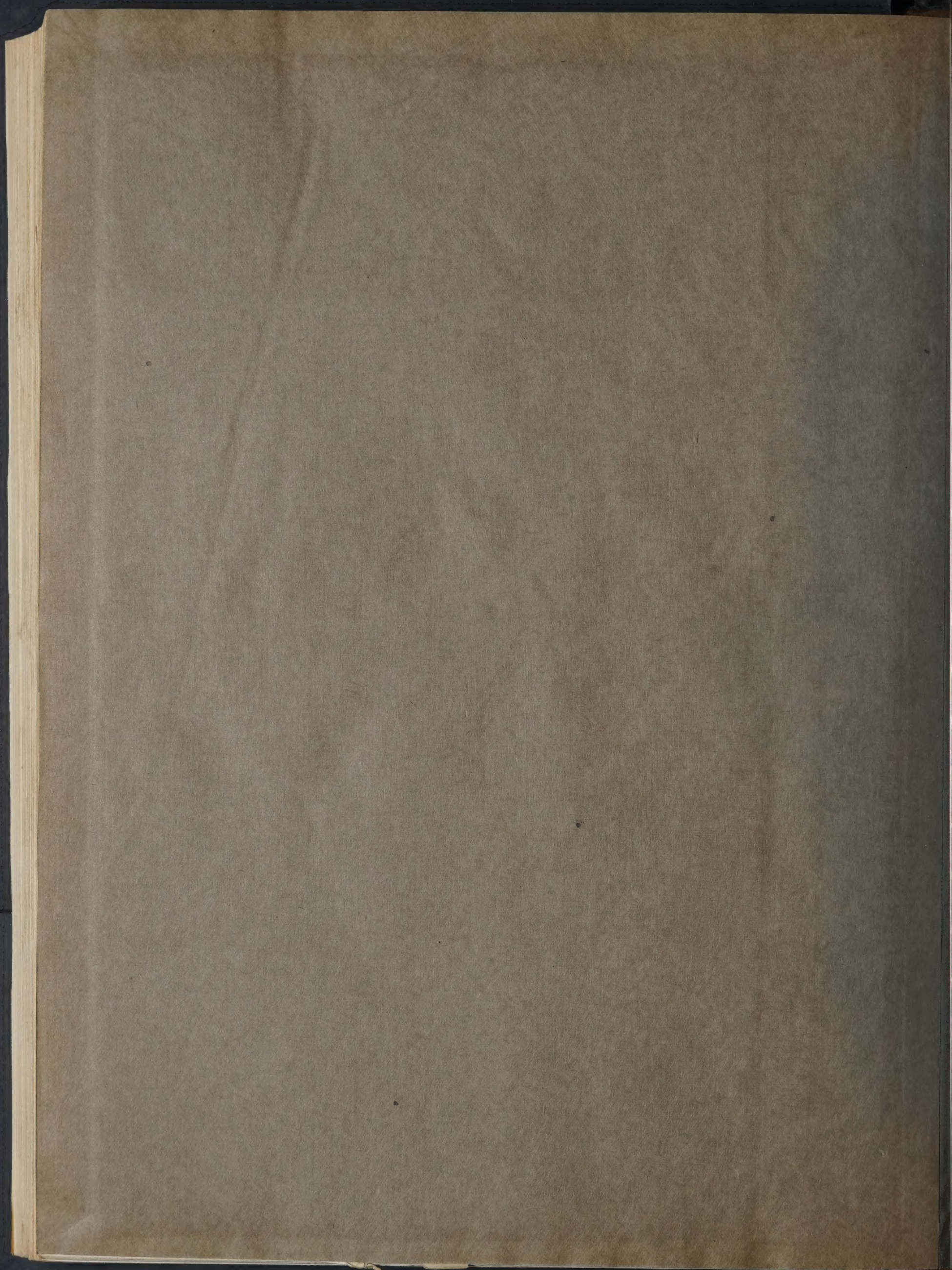
hull is usually swung out from the side by poles, acting as an outrigger.

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- Bolivia 1916, 2c: Sailing canoe on Lake Titicaca.
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- North Borneo 1894, 8c: Malay dhow.
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